

ORSNZ Council Meeting

Council meeting starts at 5:35pm, 12 December 2017

Attendees

Mike O'Sullivan, Cameron Walker, Geoff Pritchard, Grant Read, Tony Downward, Andy Philpott, Danny Tsai, Andrew Mason, Sarah Marshall

Apologies

Andrea Raith; Kevin Ross; Golbon Zakeri; Rosie Read; John Créquer; Kim Frew; Paul Rouse.

Minutes from previous meeting are discussed; Mike puts motion that the minutes be declared valid, Andy seconded, passed unanimously.

Special Interest Groups

The procedure for special interest groups is discussed by Mike.

Andy asks whether we need to put so much effort into the process of establishing a special interest group (SIG) if there may not be any interest. Andrew agrees that the process is overkill.

Mike and Tony say that people need to know the process to be able to come forward to set up a SIG, and that the process need not be complicated, but we need Council to grant authority to specific members to approve the creation of new SIGs and authorise funds to be dispersed for events. Grant says money should be a secondary, and the first goal ought to be creating the group to facilitate communication; Grant asks who should be approached. Mike suggests that the president or secretary should be contacted.

Mike moved that a SIG can be approved if it has 3 members of ORSNZ in the group, at least one of which is a 1 council member. Seconded by Cam. Passed unanimously.

After a brief discussion about the website, Cam moved that Golbon can get 3 quotes for website upgrades, based on the document that had been circulated at the AGM; seconded by Mike. Passed unanimously.

Grant discusses the permanent prize panel for the Hans Daellenbach prize. The requirement that one member is a past winner is now balanced between Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch (Andy, Vicky and Grant). He suggests that they get together annually to discuss possible winners, rather than have a call.

Conference

The location for the next three NZSA conferences are discussed (Palmerston North, Dunedin, and the Gold Coast).

Andy suggests that for the next conference we should get people invited early (for any plenaries), 8 months beforehand.

It is agreed that a Council meeting will be held at the beginning of 2018 to determine the location of the 2018 conference.

Council meeting adjourns at 5:57pm.