

ORSNZ Council Meeting Minutes 2018

Meeting opens 12:18pm 29/11/2018

Attending

Mike O'Sullivan, Tony Downward, Andrea Raith, Andrew Mason, Grant Read, Andreas Kempa-Liehr, Sarah Marshall, Kevin Ross, Kim Frew.

Apologies

Paul Rouse, Andy Philpott.

Minutes from Feb 2018 Council Meeting.

Andreas spotted a typo in his name. Subject to that change the minutes are agreed be an accurate representation of the meeting.

Matters arising from Minutes

There were no new matters to discuss.

Future Conferences

For 2019, there was a general agreement that we should not follow NZSA to Dunedin; since this is not a region with many ORSNZ members, the joint conferences often impose constraints on pricing and scheduling etc. which would be good to avoid. Tony and Andrea note that if held in Auckland the event could be positioned as a workshop, since it will be small (avoiding the \$10,000 conference fee from UoA). Kevin says that the NZSA has contacted the Analytics Forum to do an event in Dunedin, and this will likely go ahead. There is also a suggestion that we should ensure that the ORSNZ conference doesn't overlap with the NZSA, if they are separate events.

We discuss setting up a survey / discussion forum for members to express their views on the next conference. Grant requests that all relevant information be provided, including duration and cost.

Plenary speakers are discussed: Vicky Mabin will be invited to present, and we may invite an international speaker.

Tony suggests that the YPP is dominating the scheduling, and Grant further suggests that the YPP one of the reasons that ORSNZ is not as relevant for those outside Auckland. Ideally sessions should be organised around themes (with both YPP and regular talks), to attract industry attendance (and even presenters). It is suggested that we could be more flexible about presentation lengths for different types of talks. In order to provide a schedule early enough for people to decide whether to attend, we could have an earlier date to abstracts / registration for speakers, or set up a session chair structure. Andrea suggested inviting back former YPP winners / participants who are now in industry.

To further engage with industry, Tony suggests that SIGs should aim to provide more content throughout the year with more multimedia (videos of presentations) and facilitation of discussions.

Options for the 2019 conference survey could be Auckland (either at UoA or elsewhere), Tauranga, Wellington or Christchurch.

Andrew discusses the 2020 conference, and suggests that ORSNZ link up with NZSA and the ASS. This is being held in July 2020, further discussion around this has been deferred while Andrew contacts ASOR about their 2020 plans.

Matters arising from AGM

The management of ORSNZ fund within term deposits is discussed, it is agreed that \$6,000 be available in a flexible account (interest bearing, if possible) and the remainder in being in medium-long-term deposits such that \$20,000 comes available in September for conference planning.

Meeting closed at 1:05pm