

Council Meeting Minutes – July 19 2019

In attendance:

Tony Downward, Andrea Raith, Kim Frew, Kevin Ross, Robyn Moore, Grant Read, Sarah Marshall, Michelle Gosse, Paul Rouse.

Apologies:

Mike O'Sullivan, Andreas Kempa-Liehr, Andy Philpott.

Meeting begins at 12:01

Previous minutes were accepted as true and correct

ORSNZ Conference 2019

Given ORSNZ is hosting their conference alone this year, we will have more control of the program, and be able to set up stream that align with our SIGs (Energy / Health).

Grant comments that we should make the ENR SIG different from EPOC, the Energy Centre and the EPECentre. If we have an ENR plenary, we could invite Steve Batstone.

It is agreed that a health session would also be a good idea.

An overarching theme could be “Evidence-based policy for a sustainable future”.

Vicky Mabin will be giving the Hans Daellenbach plenary, and she can speak to this theme.

It is generally agreed that we should run a 2-day symposium, but we need to determine a venue. The fallback position will be University of Auckland. We want to have low registration costs.

Tony reluctantly agrees to organize the conference.

ORSNZ Conference 2020

Tied to Stats? Gold coast?

Tied to ASOR? Andrew to follow up with Simon Dunstall.

Could we have satellite conferences with video links? (Majority would prefer not to do this.)

ORSNZ Society Connections

It is suggested that ORSNZ should consider its connections to other societies.

APORS

Tony and Andreas met with the vice-president of APORS, about a possible meeting organized by the ORSNZ. Andy Philpott had conveyed to Tony that there might not be a high value for ORSNZ members. Grant was disappointed with APORS in Melbourne. Robyn Moore was more interested in getting IFORS to come to New Zealand. Our competition for APORS would be China, who had previously hosted it.

If we were to host an international conference, the analytics forum could be involved.

Website issues

With the removal of SSL, some sites are no longer working due to the .htaccess file. Discussion between Andrew, Tony and Michelle was deferred to after the meeting.

Analytics Forum

There is the potential to run an Analytics Forum event in conjunction ORSNZ (in addition to the one with NZSA). Kevin Ross will investigate options perhaps with Anna Ferguson or Geoff Leyland as speakers.

The Analytics Forum is considering becoming a Society, and is looking for an OR nominee, Mike O'Sullivan was nominated in absentia.

Meeting closed 13:25