



# NEWSLETTER

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In an effort to combat rising prices, the Newsletter has a new format. Emphasis will be on short notes of general interest - news of members, meetings, books of interest to members, etc.

The problem of rising costs is a very real one to the Society, and reluctantly a further increase in subscriptions has been made. These are detailed below.

Best wishes for the New Year.

### AGM -- 17 November 1976

#### Subscriptions: -

The following subscriptions and associated rules were adopted:

Full	\$14	(\$12)
Associate	\$12	(\$10)
Student	\$ 4.50	(\$3.50).

The figures in brackets are for those members who are not near a branch.

- (i) Due date for subscriptions is 1 March 1977;
- (ii) Discount of \$1.50 if subs paid within one month of billing (full and associate members only);
- (iii) Reductions for members joining late in the year to be determined by the Treasurer;
- (iv) Annual subscription to the Journal for Non-members \$6.00.

### ELECTIONS

- President: Dr H. Barr
- Vice-President: Dr K.R. Hall
- Hon. Treasurer: Mr M. Murray
- Hon. Auditor: Mr P. Hasselberg
- Hon. Secretary: to be co-opted (no nomination)
- Council Members: Mr R. Finnerty  
Mr P. Bearsley  
Mr W.P. Foster  
Mr J.L. Scott  
Mr A.G. Smith  
Mr J.H. Collins.

### COUNCIL MEETING - 26.11.76

Secretary: Until a suitable (or willing!) person was found, Peter Bearsley would be acting secretary and John Collins minutes secretary.

Role of the Society: Each council member to present his views on:  
(i) what the Society should be doing,  
(ii) how it should be done, at the next meeting of the Council.

Subscriptions: All unpaid members have now been deleted from the mailing list and a letter has been sent informing them of this action.

#### Council Subcommittees:

- Constitutional: Dr H. Barr
- Educational: Mr J.L. Scott
- International: Mr A.G. Smith
- Membership: Mr W.P. Forster
- Public Issues: Mr R. Finnerty
- Publications: Dr K. Hall
- Editor NZOR: Dr H.G. Daellenbach
- Royal Society: Dr K. Hall.

### 1977 O.R. CONFERENCE

22 - 23 August, Wellington.

#### Tentative Deadlines:

- Abstracts: 30 April
- Full Papers: 31 July

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN MATHEMATICS

A few copies of the Mathematical Society's brochure: Employment Opportunities in Mathematics, are available from our Education Subcommittee Convenor, John Scott. The brochure is a "guide to the range of jobs available to graduates or near-graduates in mathematics and related subjects", and includes comments on the job-seeking process along with personal commentaries from graduates in the work place.

The brochure is a trial run with an improved version intended for next year.

INTERNATIONAL ABSTRACTS IN  
OPERATIONS RESEARCH

Attention: current and potential  
IAOR subscribers.

Distribution to members who subscribe is a service provided by the Society which enables members to take advantage of the cheaper subscription rate available to them.

Due to rising costs and exchange rate changes IAOR, for 1977, will now cost \$10.00. The Society must know the number required to order by 10 January 1977 and cannot afford to carry excess copies at this price. All members who wish to receive IAOR in 1977 are requested to please notify the Society before 1 January of their intentions. Members who order late, or pay later without ordering, will not have 1977 copies ordered for them. This includes regular subscribers, as some may not wish to subscribe at the new rate.

The Society's annual subscription notices will be distributed shortly, and current IAOR subscribers will be billed for IAOR as usual on these notices. New subscribers may remit their additional \$10.00 with their Society subscription. However, the Society must be notified in advance of the correct number to order.

Your cooperation is sought in reducing the costs to the Society (and hence the members) of providing this valuable service.

Note for non-subscribers:

IAOR contains abstracts of all significant papers published anywhere in the world in the areas of OL and MS. This means that subscribing members in New Zealand have available to them abstracts of papers published in different countries and different languages, no matter how obscure the Journal. The IAOR are published quarterly (4 issues per annual volume) and are indexed for reference to particular applications or methodology.

As a result of cancelled orders, a limited number of copies of Vol. 16 (1976) are now available. Issue 4 of Vol. 16 has not yet been received and will be distributed when it arrives.

Members wishing to purchase a copy of Vol. 16 (4 issues) can do so by forwarding \$7.00 to IAOR, P.O. Box 904, Wellington, with their request.

Questionnaire Returns  
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If you haven't sent in John Scott's Questionnaire, sent out with his Survey of O.R. Work in Wellington, please do so now!!

**VACANCY**  
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