

ORSNZ AGM 2019

Wednesday December 4 2019.

In attendance

Andy Philpott, Tony Downward, Mike O'Sullivan, Vicky Mabin, Grant Read, Sarah Marshall, Caroline Jagtenberg, Andrew Mason.

Apologies

Kevin Ross, Andreas Kempa-Liehr, David Robb.

Meeting opened at 1:15

Previous AGM's minutes

Andrew requested a minor change to the previous year's minutes: "his" > "his own".

Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

President's report

OSHA (ORSNZ SIG for Healthcare Analytics) launched this year and that Caroline Jagtenberg have a workshop planned for Feb 17-19 2020: International Workshop on Planning of Emergency Services.

Website is evolving and Michelle has done a good job fixing up some legacy issues.

Mike is considering what we are doing with ORSNZ in the regional interest groups: Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and suggestions perhaps co-funding projects to foster collaboration between the regions.

Next president outside of Engineering Science, possibly Kim Frew.

Comments:

Vicky commented that the Wellington-based members of the society were involved with the Risk and Decision-making Conference, which was organised by the Australasian Bayesian Network Modelling Society and the Society for Risk Analysis Australia New Zealand. This was a possible conference pairing this year, but it conflicted with the exam period for Semester 2.

Discussion about the 2019 Conference

Vicky commented that Margaret Brandeau's workshop and her plenary were good.

Grant think this year's format was better (without being tied to NZSA).

Bob commented that the ENR session wasn't accessible enough, and there was insufficient time for questions and discussion about the issues that were being raised. Tony and Grant conceded that this was an issue. Tony suggested that scheduling constraints and the single-stream, two-day format reduced the discussion time. This should be considered when planning future sessions.

Bob notes that ENR and OSHA have been quite prominent at this year's conference. It is stated that these groups have strong links with industry, and that other groups, should try to develop these links. Anyone is able to establish a SIG in an area they feel would benefit their research and the society. The process is outlined here: http://orsnz.org.nz/Documents/ORSNZ_SIG_Processes.pdf

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer did not finalise the accounts or prepare a report in time for the AGM. He has stated that these will be completed in the next few weeks.

2020 Conference

Vicky thinks that could try focused 1-day events in future years.

Sarah suggests: Maths Colloquium in 2020 at AUT.

An email will be circulated to Council to consider possible conference pairings.

Other business

Sarah would like to resign from communications to council.

There was some confusion about who was the regional chair in Wellington. Rosie Read has left New Zealand, and we believe that Robyn Moore should be the contact.

Caroline requests Wellington / Christchurch advertises her upcoming conference.

Vicky vote of thanks for the conference committee.

Meeting closed at 13:51