

# ORSNZ AGM 2021

Wednesday 23 March 2022.

## In attendance

Tony Downward, Michael O'Sullivan, Andrew Mason, Cam Bradley, Vicky Mabin, Paul Rouse, Yi Mei, Andy Philpott, Thomas Adams, Andrea Raith.

## Apologies

Grant Read.

*Meeting opened at 3:14pm*

The meeting began with a round of introductions; two attendees new to the society were:

- Cam Bradley, who works in the transportation sector, and
- Yi Mei, who is a Senior Lecture in Computer Science at Victoria University of Wellington.

## Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were briefly discussed. Michael moved that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record of the previous meeting this was seconded by Tony and passed without objection.

## President's report

Michael presented the President's report in which he acknowledged the passing of Hugh Barr at the end of 2021, a former president of this society. Vicky Mabin detailed some of his contributions to the field, and recalled that DSIR in Wellington was at one point was the main organization for OR in New Zealand. Mike comments on the need to acknowledge the history of ORSNZ in Wellington and Christchurch.

## SIGs

There was a brief discussion of the ORSNZ special interest groups. The potential of a SIG focused on transportation was raised. Vicky mentioned that Tava Olsen and David Robb had recently been in the news for their work on supply chain disruption due to Covid-19. No decision about a new SIG was made, but the society welcomes members to apply to establish new SIGs ([https://orsnz.org.nz/Documents/ORSNZ\\_SIG\\_Processes.pdf](https://orsnz.org.nz/Documents/ORSNZ_SIG_Processes.pdf)). Paul mentioned that there is also work on pavement that may be relevant for a transportation OR group.

Mike comments that SIGs can use webinars or small workshops to showcase research in their field. We also would welcome SIG themed sessions at the annual conference.

## Treasurer's report

Andreas presented a preliminary treasurer's report, showing a balance of \$66,832.77 at the end of June 2021. There was very little income or expenses due to the Covid-19 restrictions. There was some discussion about the stated net income of \$138.39, as it appeared to be a loss. Andreas stated he would double-check the figures, and get the accounts audited.

## Council Membership for 2022

Tony stated that Kim Frew stepped down from Council earlier in the year, so we don't have anyone in the industry representative spot.

Andreas would like to step down, and Thomas Adams has offered to take on the treasurer role.

Kevin Ross also stated that he cannot continue in his role on the Council.

Mike asked Vicky whether Robyn would like to continue in her current role as Wellington contact.

Mike proposed that Cam Bradley be appointed to Council as industry representative, and Thomas Adams be appointed as treasurer, while continuing in his current communications role.

This was seconded by Tony, and unanimously approved by those present.

*Meeting closed at 4:15pm*