

ORSNZ Council Meeting November 2022

Monday 28 November 2022

Attendees:

Mike O'Sullivan, Andrea Raith, Andrew Mason, Andy Philpott, Sarah Marshall, Tom Adams, Tony Downward, Karl Zhu.

Apologies:

Grant Read

Meeting opened at 3:45pm

Proposal regarding Russian OR Society

Mike explains that IFORS is seeking the opinions of member organisations over whether the Russian OR Society should be expelled from IFORS. Andy, our IFORS representative, explained the options are to support or oppose the proposal, or the society can abstain.

Council members were given the option to vote for one of the three options, or they could personally abstain if they wished.

The vote was taken with a show of hands, **6** indicated that the ORSNZ should oppose the motion and **2** voted that the Society should abstain.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm

Meeting reopened at 5:15pm

Minutes of previous meeting

Within the minutes is a discussion about a communications refresh. Other options to promote ORSNZ, including via LinkedIn were discussed.

Mike moved that the minutes were a true and accurate reflection of the meeting. Andrew seconded minutes, subject to a correction of tense and adding a missing 'they'. [No corrections were made.]

ORSNZ website refresh

Mike discusses what Oomph will do in terms of upgrading the website. He notes that they won't transfer the existing content, but will set up the structure.

Tony notes that currently conferences are hosted as separate websites within Wordpress. Mike states that he would have to check how they would be transferred to the new site. Andrew says that ORSNZ have three types of conference sites, static sites, PHP sites and the Wordpress sites. There is a discussion about how to manage proceeding PDFs on the different conference sites.

History of ORSNZ

Mike raises the idea of recording ORSNZ's history. He suggests that the society could hire a graduate student in history. (He thinks that Bronwyn's daughter may be a good candidate). To do interviews, and collect documents from members and the library.

Mike is delegated the talk of defining the job, both in terms of collecting and presenting the information. Andrew suggests that interviews would be easier if they were recorded using Zoom, which has support for automatic transcription. It is suggested that the budget for this job might be \$5000 – \$6000.

Andrea comments that we need to make sure we have a plan to make final product. We may need to do post-processing in order to present all the gathered information in a way that's accessible.

Travel support for post-graduates

The idea from the AGM of conference travel support for post-graduates is raised. There is a discussion around whether the Society will receive value for money? What would be expected from the student when they return from the conference?

Is it suggested that Andy could talk to INFORMS to see if they could co-fund a travel grant. Sarah comments that the Society needn't offer this every year, and we could set up a process to get applicants and decide to support a travel grant based on the applicants each year.

Sarah asks whether there is a visiting scholar fund. It's stated that travel support for plenaries has been provided in previous years, funded from the conference earnings.

Tom asks whether we have run the conferences at a profit to fund more of these grants. Andrew says that we used to charge membership fees, but stopped that several years ago, so the conference is the only source of income. The treasurer should keep track of the profit (or loss) of this and future conferences.

Other business

Mike suggests that there should be more-regular catch ups of Council – in particular president, vice president, secretary, treasurer.

Andrew says that the spam warning message in Council emails are due to a DNS issue, and he's been looking into it.

Meeting closed at 5:46pm.