

# ORSNZ Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2024

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

## **Attendees:**

Andrea Raith, Jannik Haas, Grant Read, Thomas Adams, Basile Blayac, Andreas Kempa-Liehr, Cameron Walker, Oliver Weide, Paul Rouse, Kevin Jia, Oscar Dowson, Dominic Keehan, Sarah Marshall, Lisa Hillas, Andrew Mason, Ziming Guan, Zainab Rizvi, Ahmed Abdelhadi

## **Apologies:**

None

## **Meeting opened at 1:05pm**

Minutes of last AGM were circulated prior to the meeting. Andrea moves to accept, Sarah and Oscar second.

## History of ORSNZ

It would be good if someone could lead this. The website documents are currently behind a firewall. Andrea and Andrew will discuss making these documents accessible.

## President's report

### Events:

Last year the council discussed possibly holding a career fair. This did not happen, but the annual conference had an industry session.

Michael Ferris gave a seminar. Someone asked for a remote option, but it was too late to organise one. It would be good to consider remote options for similar events in the future,

### Engagement with other organisations:

INFORMS Student chapter – no interest from current students.

SigmaOpt – Andrea is currently the ORSNZ member of the executive, but is happy to step down if someone else is interested in the role.

### Careers fair:

Kevin suggests sponsoring the Engineering Science careers evening instead of hosting a separate event.

Andrea suggests alternatively hosting an event to provide space for people in industry to connect with each other.

### Website:

Mike was not present to talk about it. The mock-up is there, but migration needs to happen. Andrea suggests new content should be a higher priority than making all of the old content available. Paul suggests visibility is very important. Andrea will shoulder tap people to provide content. Jannik suggests having a good landing page, and then linking to LinkedIn, instead of posting content to ORSNZ directly. Grant supports this, saying that a lot of things are happening in the university, but

linking to other content would be easier and more convenient than having to write up new content for the ORSNZ website. Oscar says the OR content gets good engagement on LinkedIn,

Potential plan moving forward: be more active on LinkedIn, link to LinkedIn from the ORSNZ website. The ORSNZ LinkedIn is currently private, but Sarah will make it public. Jannik is happy to support the LinkedIn efforts. Andrew notes that the NZ Analytics Forum has 2000 members, but only 5 LinkedIn posts.

### SIGs

Not much happening in the Health SIG. Energy has been more active, with the University of Canterbury Hydrogen Symposium in 2025, and the University of Auckland New Zealand Energy Conference in 2025 that we should help promote.

### ORSNZ prizes

YPP has different rules on different pages. Rules should be clarified. Rules were last updated in 2003. Andrea questions the necessity of the paper, but Dominic, Oscar, and Ahmed say that the paper requirement is useful motivation for students.

JAG – need to clarify rules, criteria, how to enter, and who is eligible.

Grant suggests that we have a prize committee to manage all the prizes.

Paul suggests that description could be reworded to be about improving “well-being” instead of improving “lives”, as “well-being” is the more commonly used term and may be better for visibility.

### ORSNZ logo

Andrea thinks this should not be an important priority. Andrew says the top of the “R” isn’t quite right.

### Treasurer’s Report

Expenditure slightly greater than income, largely due to conference spending. Other expenses were mostly website redesign and housing guests. Income was due to term deposits. This year, we will probably have more income due to conference sponsors.

Paul recommends that we spend more money. Andrea suggests that more events could be hosted. Cameron suggests the money could be spent on office cats, that could live under the Engineering Science building. There are no objections. The conference fees were reduced this year, but we had more sponsorship to make up for it. It is suggested that we continue to lower fees to spend more of the ORSNZ funds.

### Future conferences

Attendance was good this year, so it would be good to continue the Annual Conference. Next year, we could align with JumpDev in November. Oscar is expecting 50-60 attendees. Andrew suggests that we spend funds to increase our profile with JumpDev attendees. Andrew will discuss details with Oscar.

Cameron suggests we could do day rates for the conference. Aligning with JumpDev would mean we would overlap with the Australasian Transport Research event.

It is recommended that we talk with Gurobi about making the collaboration around the Annual Conference consistent going forward.

### Mailing List

Currently a mess, and needs updating.

### Council membership

Jannik joins as a member. Cameron steps down as communications officer. Based on current Constitution and charity rules, ORSNZ doesn't need an honorary auditor.

**Meeting closed at 1:45pm**