ORSNZ Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2025

Thursday 20th November 2025

Attendees:

Apologies:

Thomas Adams, Andreas Kempa-Liehr, David Robb, Cameron Walker

Meeting opened at 1:05pm

Minutes of last AGM are briefly reviewed. Andrea moves to accept, Oscar seconds.

Matters arising from previous minutes

Looking for volunteers to take the lead on the history of ORSNZ. Mike will lead if funds are available.

The possible industry event did not take place. This is a priority for next year.

Website/LinkedIn need updating. Possible volunteers to help have been identified.

Mailing list has been updated.

President's report

Particularly of note

- Mike Saunders awarded the President's Lifetime Achievement Award at ORSNZ Conference
- APORS

Treasurer's Report

ORSNZ increased funds from last year, largely from interest and 2024 conference fees.

Conference sponsorship has been consistent in recent years, so we can look at decreasing reducing registration fees for future conferences.

While we can increase are spending, we need to hold approximately $20,000 in order to fund the conference.

Incorporated Societies Act 2022

We need to re-register if we would like to remain an incorporated society under the new act. Currently, ORSNZ is both a society and a charity. In order to remain a charity, we also need to remain a society.

Key pros of remaining a society are existing as a legal entity separate from the current members, and maintaining access to our current funds. Key cons of remaining a society are the administrative burden.

If ORSNZ were to dissolve, then the funds would need to be donated to an alternative charity with a similar philosophy. Oscar suggests JuMP-dev as a possibility.

The requirements for re-registration are discussed.

- Update constitution
- Review processes
    - Membership process needs the most work
- Vote as a society whether or not we would like to continue
- Special meeting to approve new constitution (aim for Feb 2026)
- Apply to re-register

Updating the constitution will be the most work. Andrea has drafted a new constitution using the constitution builder. Grant is in support of reregistration, and recommends cutting down the constitution from what the constitution builder generates. Tricky things to be aware of are the changed definition of officers, and the size of a quorum.

The question of whether or not we should remain a charity. Advantages are tax deductions for sponsors, and GST admin reductions for ORSNZ. No major disadvantages were identified.

Andy points out that we can always dissolve as a society later, but it would be a lot of work to dissolve and then reform.

Lisa raises the possibility of proxy voting for the constitution vote. This will be considered by the council before the special meeting.

<u>Future conferences</u>

There is support from the society for continued conferences. We are looking for an alternative organising committee for next year.

<u>Council membership</u>

Jannik and Robyn are (presumably) stepping down.

Andrea proposes Rebecca Peer replaces Jannik, Ryan Delany joins as industry representative, and Oscar stays on as regular council member. Andrea and Mike both volunteer to step down, but their offers are not taken. Binyamin Oz volunteers to join council.

Proposed Council Members for election:

President	Andrea Raith
Vice-President	Sarah Marshall
Secretary	Lisa Hillas
Treasurer	Thomas Adams

General Council Members: Andy Philpott, Andreas Kempa-Liehr, Ryan Delaney, Andrew Mason, Mike O'Sullivan, Binyamin Oz, Rebecca Peer, Oscar Dowson, Paul Rouse, Grant Read, Yi Mei

Ryan seconds, vote passes unanimously.

Meeting closed