

# **THE STATISTICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA**

## **New South Wales Branch Inc.**

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*Minutes of the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Statistical Society of Australia, New South Wales Branch Inc., held via the access grid room at the University of Technology and University of Wollongong on Wednesday 21 March, 2007. The President, Dr Caro Badcock, chaired the meeting.*

The meeting commenced at 6.48pm.

**Present:** 35 members and guests (UTS) and 12 (UOW). Total – 42 attendees

**1. Apologies:** John Rayner, William Dunsmuir, Diane Hindmarsh, Doug Shaw, Jim Douglas, Matt Wand, David Steel

**2. Minutes** of the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the NSW Branch held on 21 March, 2006 were presented by the President. They were accepted as a true record of the meeting. (Moved Chris Howden, seconded Ann Eyland).

**3. 2006 Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.** The Secretary presented the Annual Report. He noted that the attendance at the monthly meetings has been consistently poor during 2006, and that the overall membership of the branch is also declining. He also noted the outstanding success of the oncology workshop held in October and thanked Caro Badcock for her efforts. The secretary also thanked the AusCan scholar, Dr Mu Zhu, for providing a seminar in September. Thanks were also given to Scott Sisson for his efforts in maintaining the branches webpage for the year. The Secretary thanked outgoing councilor Chris Howden for his contribution to the council over the years including his role as Young Stats delegate, and welcomed incoming councilor and Young Stats representative Simon Bartlett to the council.

Treasurer, Shelton Peiris presented the audited financial statement. He thanked the auditors, Brian Coote and Rodger Robertson, for their prompt and careful review of the accounts. He also thanked the sponsors who supported the postgraduate awards day. It was noted that the accounts do not yet include approximately \$10000 from the October oncology workshop. The Treasurer noted that the Branches funds total approximately \$42000 with the Jim Douglas Postgraduate Awards and Annual Dinner expenses fully paid.

In her address to the meeting delegates, the President described the draft program for 2007 and noted that since the Branch is in a healthy financial position it can fly in good quality speakers Australian and international speakers for the monthly meetings. The President also pointed out that Branch members are also free to make constructive suggestions regarding potential speakers.

**4. Council for 2007.** Caro Badcock announced the incoming council for 2007:

President: Caro Badcock

Immediate Past President: Alun Pope

Councilors: Simon Bartlett, Eric Beh, Jennifer Chan, Boris Choy, Richard Gerlach, Chris Howden, Nino Kordzakhia, Maree O'Sullivan, Than Pe, Scott Sisson.

The President thanked the 2006 Council.

**5. Election of Auditors.** It was agreed that Brian Coote and Rodger Robertson continue as auditors for 2007.

**5. Announcements.** Simon Bartlett briefly discussed the Young Statisticians conference to be held in Canberra.

**7. H.O. Lancaster Lecture** Professor Chris Heyde, delivered the H.O. Lancaster lecture. His talk was entitled *On Fractal Scaling Issues in Climate Change and Risky Asset Modelling*.

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm.

Eric Beh,  
Hon Secretary.