

THE STATISTICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

New South Wales Branch Inc.

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Minutes of the 58th Annual General Meeting of the Statistical Society of Australia, New South Wales Branch Inc., held at the Darlington Centre, University of Sydney on Tuesday 21 March, 2006. The President, Dr Alun Pope, chaired the meeting.

The meeting commenced at 6.40pm.

Present: 31 members

1. Apologies: Jos Beunen, Inge Koch, Margaret Mackisack, Robert Mellor, Fred Osman, Rodger Robertson, John Robinson, Annelies Tjetjep, Megan Valentine, Graham Wood

2. Minutes of the 57th Annual General Meeting of the NSW Branch held on 17 March, 2005 were presented by the President. They were accepted as a true record of the meeting. (Moved Caro Badcock, seconded Shelton Peiris).

3. 2005 Annual Report and Statement of Accounts. The Secretary presented the Annual Report. He noted the outstanding work of Caro Badcock in relation to the Senn workshop held in March 2005. In 2005 the Branch's web site was redesigned and moved to the Central Council site. The Secretary thanked Scott Sisson for his ongoing commitment to this project. The Branch is grateful to Petra Graham for organizing another very successful J.B. Douglas Postgraduate Awards Day and for securing substantial external sponsorship for this function. The activities of the Illawarra Statistics group and the Young Statisticians group were also acknowledged.

The 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. There was a brief discussion of the small proportion of the subscriptions returned to the Branch this year because of a misunderstanding with Central Council over the payment of the GST on subscriptions.

The reports were accepted and a motion put congratulating the Council on its prudent management of funds in 2005. (Moved Ann Eyland, seconded Mick O'Neill).

4. Council for 2006. Alun Pope announced the incoming council for 2006:

President: Caro Badcock

Immediate Past President: Alun Pope

Councilors: Eric Beh, Boris Choy, Richard Gerlach, Petra Graham, Chris Howden, Fred Osman, Than Pe, Shelton Peiris, Scott Sisson, Annelies Tjetjep.

The President thanked the 2005 Council. He made special mention of retiring Past President John Rayner and thanked him for his support and wise counsel. He also thanked Neville Weber (Secretary) and Jos Beunen (Membership Secretary) for their work over many years.

5. Election of Auditors. Brian Coote and Rodger Robertson were appointed as auditors for 2006. (Moved Caro Badcock, seconded Neville Weber).

6. H.O. Lancaster Lecture The incoming President, Caro Badcock, delivered the H.O. Lancaster lecture. Her talk was entitled *Challenges of Working with Administrative Databases*.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Neville Weber,
Hon Secretary.