

**THE STATISTICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA**  
**New South Wales Branch Inc.**  
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*Minutes of the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Statistical Society of Australia, New South Wales Branch Inc., held in the Arcade Room, University of N.S.W. on Thursday 17 March, 2005. The President, Dr Alun Pope, chaired the meeting.*

The meeting commenced at 6.35pm.

**Present:** 18 members

**1. Apologies:** John Best, Murray Cameron, Nick Fisher, Chris Howden, Inge Koch, Margaret Mackisack, Fred Osman, John Robinson

**2. Minutes** of the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the NSW Branch held on 30 March, 2004 were presented by the President. They were accepted as a true record of the meeting. (Moved John Rayner, seconded Alun Pope).

**3. 2004 Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.** The Secretary presented the Annual Report. He noted the work of Caro Badcock and Ian Nivison-Smith and thanked them for organizing the seminar program for the year. He also thanked Fred Osman and Caro Badcock for the preparatory work for the SAS and Senn workshops for 2005. In 2004 the Branch's web site was redesigned and moved from the old geocities site. The Secretary thanked Scott Sisson for his ongoing commitment to this project. The Branch is grateful to Shelton Peiris 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 Dennis Reid, for their prompt and careful review of the accounts. He also thanked the sponsors who supported the postgraduate awards day as this sponsorship enabled the Branch to finish the year with an excess of receipts over payments of \$1402.29.

The reports were accepted. (Moved Ken Russell, seconded Alun Pope).

**4. Council for 2005.** Alun Pope announced the incoming council for 2005:

President: Alun Pope

Immediate Past President: John Rayner

Continuing Councilors: Caro Badcock, Jos Beunen, Frankie Chan, Petra Graham, Chris Howden, Fred Osman, Shelton Peiris, Scott Sisson, Neville Weber.

There is currently one vacant position on council. The President thanked outgoing councilor, Ian Nivison-Smith for his work on the program in 2004 and for enabling the Branch to reduce the mailing costs by taking over responsibility for hard copy mail outs.

**5. Election of Auditors.** Brian Coote and Rodger Robertson were appointed as auditors for 2005. (Moved Ken Russell, seconded John Rayner). Retiring auditor Dennis Reid was thanked for his many years of service to the Branch in this role.

**6. H.O. Lancaster Lecture** Professor William Dunsmuir delivered the H.O. Lancaster lecture. His talk was entitled *Modelling Dependence in Time Series Counts*.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

Neville Weber,  
Hon Secretary.