

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Statistical Society of Australia, Inc., held at the Sofitel Hotel, Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria on Monday 30th June, 2008. The meeting commenced at 5:30pm, chaired by the President of the Society, Prof William Dunsmuir. President.

1. Attendance, apologies and proxies.

As per the attendance book. 42 members were present.

2. Confirmation of the minutes.

The minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting held on July 31st, 2007, were tabled. The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
(Neville Bartlett/Kerrie Mengersen)

3. Matters Arising.

There were none.

4. Presentation of Reports.

4.1 Annual Report

The Annual Report (April 2007 – March 2008) was circulated for consideration.

The Annual Report was accepted.

(Kaye Basford/Geoff Lee)

4.2 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer circulated the audited Financial Accounts for consideration.

The Treasurer drew attention to the Balance Sheet and the statement of nett assets. The financial situation appears to have stabilised. There is, however, a pressing need to recruit members.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

(Kerrie Mengersen/Richard Hutchinson)

4.3 Other Reports

The President advised that reports from Branches, from Sections and from the Accreditation Committee had been received by Central Council.

5. Conferences

For ASC 2008, Neville Bartlett is to prepare a report.

For ASC 2010, Brenton Clarke reported that all was going well for the conference to be held in December, 2010

6. Election of Section Chairs.

The meeting agreed to appoint the following as Section Chairs:

Fiona Beer/Kevin Wang (Co-Chairs) - Young Statisticians' Section
Petra Kuhnert – Environmental Statistics Section
Michele Haynes – Social Sciences Section
Kerrie Mengersen – Bayesian Statistics
Michael Martin/Peter Howley (Co-Chairs) – Statistical Education
Veronica Rodriguez – Survey and Management

(Doug Shaw/Stephen Horn)

7. Appointment of account signatories.

Stephen Horn, Eden Brinkley, Michael Adena and Brent Henderson were confirmed as SSAI account signatories.

(Doug Shaw/Stephen Horn)

10. Any other business.

The President warmly thanked Marie-Louise Rankin for her work in preparing for the Annual General Meetings.

11. Date and place of next meeting.

To be advised.

The meeting closed at 5:43pm.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Statistical Publishing Association Inc., held at the Sofitel Hotel, Collins Street, Melbourne Victoria on Monday 30th June, 2008. The meeting commenced at 5:44pm, chaired by the President of the Society, Prof William Dunsmuir.

1. Attendance, apologies and proxies.

As per the attendance book. 42 Members were present.

2. Confirmation of the minutes.

The minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting held on July 31st, 2007, were tabled. The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

(Kerrie Mengersen/Stephen Horn)

3. Matters Arising

There were none.

4. Presentation of the 2008 Annual Report of the Editor of ANZJS.

The Annual Report was circulated to the meeting and taken as read.

The President thanked Kaye Basford for standing in for him on the Journal Management Committee, and the Editor for all her hard work over the past year.

The Editor's Report was accepted by the meeting.

(Neville Bartlett/Tony Pakes)

5. Presentation of the Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer circulated the audited Financial Accounts for consideration, and drew attention to the balance sheet on page 9. He commented that ASPAI operated on a break-even basis, and had been successful in this..

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

(Murray Cameron/Stephen Horn)

6. Appointment of account signatories.

Stephen Horn, Eden Brinkley, Michael Adena and Brent Henderson were confirmed as ASPAI account signatories.

(Doug Shaw/Neville Bartlett)

7. Any other business

Kaye Basford spoke to a note she had circulated regarding an appropriate structure for the publication of the Journal. She noted that ASPAI publishes ANZJS; ASPAI has its own accounts, identity, etc. The publishing contract, however, is with SSAI, while SSAI and NZSA jointly own the copyright. The Journal Management Committee is seeking a more formal arrangement with NZSA, so that the New Zealand society is properly represented. Legal advice has been sought (NZSA is happy to accept this), and the advice recommended a Joint Venture. The meeting agreed to the following motion:

ASPAI approves in principle that SSAI and NZSA enter into negotiations to establish a Joint Venture with the sole purpose of publishing ANZJS. The Management Committee of ANZJS will report back to SSAI/ASPAI and NZSA with detailed recommendations in the next six to twelve months.

(Kaye Basford/William Dunsmuir)

8. Date and place of next meeting.

To be advised.

The meeting closed at 6:05 pm.