

## **Minutes of 2008 AGM**

**Note:** Due to unfortunate circumstances, the notes taken for the 2008 AGM and the membership book that records the names of those in attendance at meetings (including the AGM) have been gone missing and concerted efforts to find them have been unsuccessful. Therefore the minutes recorded here should only be considered in draft form but have been put together based on the information from those on council who attended the AGM. If you can provide us with the information concerning those who moved and seconded the Minutes of the 2007 AGM, and concerning the changes in Branch rules, we would greatly appreciate your input at the 2008 AGM. We sincerely apologize for the loss of documentation and are keen to make sure the discussions surrounding each point at the 2008 AGM are properly recorded.

*Draft Minutes of the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Statistical Society of Australia, New South Wales Branch Inc., held at the Darlington Centre University of Sydney on Wednesday 19 March, 2008. The President, Dr Caro Badcock, chaired the meeting.*

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

**Present:** There were approximately 40 people in attendance.

**1. Apologies:** ??

**2. Minutes** of the 60<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 ??, seconded ??).

**3. 2006 Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.** The President presented the Annual Report. She discussed reservations at the success of using the Access Grid Room technology to hold branch meetings. However, she indicated further trials of the technology should continue keeping in mind constraints imposed by the small venues, lack of personal feedback at remote locations and stability of sound and visual systems.

The President noted the success at the continuing monthly events highlighting that the Branch undertook its first “double-header” at UNSW. She also noted the success of the 2007 J.B. Douglas awards in terms of the quality and depth of student talks. She thanked the sponsors for their continued support of the event.

The President described the outstanding success of the Workshop on Bayesian Statistical Methodology and thanked Kerrie Mengersen for holding it. She also described the success at the “Integrating Statistical Ideas into Mathematics” workshop and thanked all those who participated for their involvement and healthy discussions. She also thanked the APBG and Professor Doug Altman (University of Oxford) for their involvement with the Branch seminar held in September. He gave an 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

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maintaining the branches webpage for the year. The President thanked outgoing councillors Scott Sisson and Simon Bartlett for their contributions to the council over the years.

The President also presented the audited financial statement. She thanked the auditors, Brian Coote and Rodger Robertson, for their prompt and careful review of the accounts. It was noted that the excess of income over expenses for the year were \$1583.22.

#### **4. Council for 2008.** Caro Badcock announced the incoming council for 2008:

President: Eric Beh

Immediate Past President: Caro Badcock

Councillors: Boris Choy, Jennifer Chan, Than Pe, Ayse Bilgin, Stephen Bush, Richard Gerlach, Tania Prvan, Maree O'Sullivan, Kevin Wang.

The President thanked the 2007 Council. Eric thanked, on behalf of the council, Caro Badcock for her contributions to the branch as President and welcomed the new members of council.

**5. Election of Auditors.** It was agreed that Brian Coote and Rodger Robertson continue as auditors for 2008.

#### **6. Announcements.**

The Special Resolution specifying the proposed amendment of Rule 12 of the NSW Branch of the SSAI was unanimously accepted.

Ken Russell expressed concerns at the increasing cost of attending the Australian Statistics Conference and requested that the branch raise this issue with Central Council.

**7. H.O. Lancaster Lecture** Dr Eric Beh, delivered the H.O. Lancaster lecture. His talk was entitled "*The age old mystery of ageing – Some simple measures and plots to (help) unlock its secrets*".

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

Eric Beh,  
Hon Secretary.