

# Minutes of the Thirty-Sixth Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2000

**Time:** 5:05pm to 6:25pm

**Venue:** GB LT 1, Victoria University of Wellington

**Minuted by:** Phil Neame

**Present:** Andrew Philpott (President), John George (Vice-President), Philip Neame (Treasurer), David Boland, Andrew Mason, Megan Thornley, Kevin Broad, Shane Dye, Nicola Petty, Terri Green, Chuda Basnet, Tiru Arthanari, Ross James, Yu Hayakawa, Alastair McNaughton, Graeme Everett, Kerry Mayes, John Buchanan, Adam Duckworth, Grant Read, John Davies.

## 1.0 Apologies

Apologies were received from Jay Sankaran, Golbon Zakeri, Les Foulds, Tapas Sarkar, Jim Corner and Vicky Mabin.

## 2.0 Minutes of Previous AGM

A. Philpott proposed that the minutes of the previous AGM (as sent out to all paid-up members) be accepted as true and correct. Grant Read suggested that his comment had been mis-transcribed – “a quorum of people in the same room is an outdated concept, not the quorum itself”. A. Philpott proposed that the minutes be accepted subject to this amendment. Seconded: J. Buchanan. Carried unopposed.

## 3.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

A. Philpott suggested a discussion of the scheduling of the 2001 conference, currently planned to be held in Canterbury. There are two issues – is December a good time, and should the conference be on a Friday and Saturday?

S. Dye: December is helpful with the student talks, since fourth years etc will have finished their projects.

D. Boland: It may be good for university people, but for the private sector it's a busy time of the year.

A. Philpott proposed a show of hands as to who was from the private sector (almost half were).

A. Mason suggested conference timing could vary from year to year.

G. Read: There's no particularly quiet time in business.

A. Philpott: Ultimately, it's the organisers' prerogative, but perhaps it should stay around Dec.

N. Petty: It will probably be late November actually.

G. Everett: Saturday is a bit of an imposition.

N. Petty: Didn't we go to Fri/Sat for industry?

J. Davies: I probably couldn't have got two days off.

J. Buchanan: Perhaps industry people could come for one day.

A. Philpott: So there should perhaps be a one day conference fee [there was general assent]. Perhaps we should leave it to the Council to consider the Saturday issue.

G. Read asked if others preferred weekdays – D. Boland, J. George, A. Philpott said they did.

K. Broad, M. Thornley said they preferred Fri/Sat.

J. Buchanan: Should ask the wider society.

A. Philpott: Can leave that to the Canterbury organisers.

N. Petty announced that there was a plan to hold a Canterbury re-union along with the conference next year.

## 4.0 President's Report

The President's report was sent out to all members with the notice of the AGM. A. Philpott summarized this to the meeting, emphasising the Hon. Auditor's comments that we should look to spend more money.

He encouraged social functions, suggested more money be made available to help students attend international conferences, encouraged people to suggest more visiting lecturers.

He then expressed formal thanks to John George, John Davies, Vicky Mabin and Tricia Lapham for their excellent work on the newsletter for the last few years. Vicky has expressed interest in the responsibility being passed on. Andy suggested possibly to Canterbury, but with a “gentle transition” given the responsibility of organising a conference there, and suggested the Wellington people could liaise with the Canterbury people directly about details.

Andy also mentioned the current postal referendum on council decisions via email, noting that it may exclude people without email from council positions, but would allow more council activity. The postal ballot will run until later in the year, but the “chads” are so far in favour of the amendment.

N. Petty: I have had someone working on a webpage to attract high school students to MS/OR. He is keen to update the ORSNZ page – perhaps “doing up” the graphics. Alternatively, could just have links backwards and forwards.

A. Philpott: Just put up links for now.

N. Petty: He has refused to take money so far, but would the society be willing to put up some money if required? [general assent]

A. Philpott: Can leave details to Council. Perhaps we should consider exactly what the function of our site should be?

N. Petty appealed for content for the site (the one aimed at high school students) – an Air NZ example perhaps?

There was some discussion of getting a suitable domain name. A. Philpott suggested council should investigate the cost.

K. Mayes proposed the society try to get orsnz.org

J. Buchanan seconded.

Carried unanimously.

## 5.0 Treasurer’s Report

The financial report for the 1999-2000 financial year was sent out to all members with the notice of the AGM. A summary of incomings and outgoings from the 1999 conference was also presented:

### Profit/Loss Statement for the 34th Annual Conference of the ORSNZ

#### *Income*

Conference Fee - Member	23 @	\$	190.00	\$4,370.00
Conference Fee - Non-Member	11 @	\$	220.00	\$2,420.00
Conference Fee + Membership	2 @	\$	235.00	\$ 470.00
Conference Fee - Student Member	3 @	\$	85.00	\$ 255.00
Conference Fee - Student Non-Member	6 @	\$	95.00	\$ 570.00
Late Fees	24 @	\$	25.00	\$ 600.00
Dinner Guests	4 @	\$	50.00	\$ 200.00
Other (Late cancellation)				\$ 150.00
Accommodation				\$1,739.00
<i>Sponsorship:</i>				
PHB Asia Pacific Sponsorship		\$	2,812.50	
Dynamis Sponsorship		\$	562.50	
Viago Sponsorship		\$	281.25	
Hoare Res. Soft. Sponsorship		\$	56.25	
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			<i>Total Sponsorship</i>	<u>\$3,712.50</u>

Total Income \$14,486.50

*Expenses*

Dinner	\$2,651.52
Entertainment at Dinner	\$ 270.00
Accommodation	\$1,600.30
Printing – Proceedings	\$ -
Lunches	\$1,457.70
Brkfast, Morn & Aft Tea, Cocktail Party	\$1,696.80
Photo	\$ 75.00
YPP Prize	\$1,000.00
Call for papers/publicity	\$ 980.07
Refunds	\$ 406.00
Misc	<u>\$ 72.65</u>

Total Expenses \$10,210.04

Profit/Loss \$ 4,276.46

*Conference Related Items Not Included in the Above Proceedings*

\$3,943.60

*Notes*

Annual Report Lists	\$ 8,063.67
Paid back from petty cash	\$ (177.35)
From 98/99	\$ 980.07
Paid in 00/01	\$ 4,287.25
Subtracting proceedings	\$ (3,943.60)
Student Prize *	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>

Total \$10,210.04

\* listed separately on Annual Report

The financial statement was accepted without dissent.

J. Davies: What plans are there for spending more money?

A. Philpott: The Hans Daellenbach prize will be offered. Perhaps visiting lecturer fees could be increased.

Further discussion was deferred.

**6.0 Election of Officers**

Position	Nominee
President	Les Foulds
Vice-President	John Davies
Secretary	Chuda Basnet
Treasurer	Kevin Broad
Council	Andy Philpott
	John Buchanan
	Kerry Mayes

	Shane Dye
	Nicola Petty
	Graeme Everett
	Jim Corner
	Andrew Mason

The following were also nominated as branch chairs:

Auckland	Tiru Arthanari
Christchurch	Fritz Raffensperger
Wellington	David Boland

A. Philpott proposed that all nominees be elected to those positions. Carried unopposed.

### **7.0 Subscription Rates**

A. Philpott suggested that subscription rates should be held at the same level as for the previous year. Much discussion resulted, as is summarised below:

G. Read: It should be free for students.

A. Mason: Need to be sure that they're still there, and we're not sending newsletters into the void.

A. Duckworth: Even as a student, \$15 isn't much, but there needs to be more info given on what ORSNZ offers.

A. Mason: Maybe we could offer one year free.

J. George: Need to encourage more participation in Young Practitioner's Prize – spend more money on this.

N. Petty: Council can subsidise student members.

A. Philpott: Should meet concerns about accumulating money by providing more services to members.

A. Philpott moved that fees remain the same. Seconded by A. Mason.

J. George: Shouldn't be running a surplus. Maybe students \$10, others \$40.

J. Buchanan: Much of profit last year from conference...I support \$10 students, but not \$40 for others.

T. Arthanari: Should waive all fees for students – even if a lot join, some will become full members.

S. Dye: Lowering student conference fees might be better.

J. George expressed strong disapproval of the society's build-up of money.

T. Green: Should look for more ways to spend – perhaps OR consulting for people who can't afford consultants?

G. Read: Council should look for ways to spend money.

A. Philpott: That has been minuted and is incumbent on Council.

A. Philpott asked for a show of hands on maintaining fees at the same level. Motion passed 17-4.

### **8.0 Other Business**

John Buchanan told the meeting that IFORS had asked him as their rep for an opinion on whether the 2005 IFORS conference should be in Hawaii or Israel. There was a show of hands, resulting in 16-5 support for Hawaii, which John will pass on to IFORS.

John Davies gave notice that he will probably seek money from the society for a visiting academic. Andy Philpott encouraged people to do so.

Kerry Mayes asked that a vote of thanks for Andy Philpott's service as President be minuted, which was widely approved.

Meeting closed at 6:25pm.