



**Operational Research Society of New Zealand (Inc)**

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## **MINUTES OF ORSNZ COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date:** 29 November 2007

**Time:** 17:40

**Place:** Conference Centre Theatre  
The University of Auckland  
22 Symonds St, Auckland

### **Attending:**

Andrew Mason (Chair), Fernando Beltran, Mark Johnston, Alastair McNaughton, John Paynter, Andy Philpott, David Ryan, Hamish Waterer, Golbon Zakeri

### **Apologies:**

Stefanka Chuknova, Matthias Ehrhott, Ross James

### **A. Minutes of the Council Meeting on 30 November 2006**

Andrew Mason moved that the minutes be accepted as true and correct. Seconded Andy Philpott. Carried unanimously.

### **B. Minutes of the Council Meeting via email in February 2007**

Andrew Mason moved that the minutes be accepted as true and correct. Seconded Andy Philpott. Carried unanimously.

### **C. Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 30 November 2006**

#### **1. Hans Dallenbach Prize – Rules & Documentation**

##### **Background**

Firstly, rules governing the processes associated with the Hans Daellenbach Prize need be drafted, as they do not appear to be documented, and passed by Council. These rules would be separate from the existing information contained in the Call for Nominations.

Secondly, the Treasurer drew the Council's attention to the need to ensure any tax implications associated with awarding this prize are understood. Matthias Erghott has suggested that this be discussed with Paul Rouse.

This matter was referred to a latter council meeting to determine new rules and a new call for nominations.

## **2. Visiting Lecturer – Rules and Selection**

### **Background**

The Treasurer has requested that clear guidance be given on the rules for payments to visiting lecturers to ensure these are consistent with our status as a charity, and to ensure all other tax requirements are met. The following new wording was proposed.

ORSNZ invites nominations for ORSNZ honorary visiting lecturers for visits to New Zealand between September 2007 and June 2008. Each visiting lecturer must give a talk on some topic likely to be of general interest to ORSNZ members at least three of Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, and Christchurch. Each visiting lecturer will be invited to write a guest editorial for the society newsletter. The ORSNZ contributes to the costs up to a maximum of \$1000 plus GST per visitor. Each candidate must be nominated by a current member of ORSNZ, "the champion". The nomination must include the CV of the nominated visiting lecturer, the date and location of the hosts of the visit, the name of the champion and an undertaking by the champion to coordinate a visit by the nominee to three or more of the above named centres. Enquiries concerning, or nominations for, lectureships should be sent to the President, Operational Research Society of New Zealand, PO Box 6544, Wellesley Street, Auckland, New Zealand.

Moved Andrew Mason. Seconded Golbon Zakeri. Carried unanimously.

### **Selection**

The closing date for nominations is to be the end of April. The President will consult Council before forming a subcommittee. The subcommittee is to determine the options that are to be presented to Council. Multiple visiting lecturers in any one year are permissible if the circumstances permit.

Moved Andrew Mason. Seconded David Ryan. Carried unanimously.

## **3. ORSSA journal ORiON**

The Editor of the ORSSA journal ORiON, Jan van Vuuren, had enquired whether the Australian, NZ and Chilean OR Societies would, in principle, be interested in investigating the possibility of establishing a joint OR journal for the southern hemisphere. At the Council Meeting held on 30 November following the AGM, Council expressed definite interest, but wanted more information regarding process, obligation and liability, as well as access to view the journal in its current form.

David Ryan reported that there had been a change of direction by ORSSA. The journal will remain the journal of ORSSA, but they now have Associate Editors from the southern hemisphere region on the board. No further action is needed by the Society.

#### **4. Automation of ORSNZ processes**

At the AGM held on 30 November 2006, Andrew Mason asked for agreement in principle for \$4000 to fund the automation of the Society's processes, including the migration of the existing ORSNZ website to a content management system. This was moved by Andrew Mason, seconded by John Raffensperger, and carried unanimously in 2006.

A detailed proposition is to be brought before Council.

#### **5. Recent graduate student conference registration**

David Ryan reiterated the need to have more student members, and to keep them. Recent graduates that are student members of the Society, but are no longer full-time students, should be entitled to a discounted student registration for the conference. Prize winners from past conferences should be emailed and invited to attend each conference.

Moved David Ryan. Seconded John Paynter. Carried unanimously.

#### **6. Two-year and paid life membership subscriptions**

Life memberships are honorary.

The meeting decided to keep the status quo and not introduce two year or paid life membership subscriptions.

### **D. Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting via email in February 2007**

#### **7. Promotion of OR in schools**

David Ryan reported that the NZIMA MathsReach had progressed, although it's not targeted at OR, but rather NZIMA interests. RSNZ Teacher Fellowships need to be used to convert teachers to OR.

John Paynter suggested that the Society have a presence at the Teacher's Day at the National Advisory Committee on Computing Qualifications conference, although the focus is more IT.

The meeting decided to return to this matter in six months time.

### **E. General Business**

#### **1. Registration of ORSNZ under the new Charities Act**

Andrew Mason is to investigate and report back to Council.

The meeting closed at 18:24.