

NZARES 2015 AGM MINUTES

28 August. AGM opened 3.30pm

Present:

Frank Scrimgeour, Tony Schischka, Phil Journeaux, Daniel Gregg, Dan Marsh, Matt Newman, Brian Bell, Blair Keenan, Simon Harris, Sue Cassels, Rod Forbes, Rob Davidson, Darran Austin, Sarah Wheeler.

2014 AGM Minutes confirmed

Moved: Rob Davidson

Seconded: Phil Journeaux

No matters arising.

Presidents Report

Frank provided copies of the report and read through it.

Frank encourages nominations for the next president, and noted he continues in the role for the next 12 months.

Acceptance of the Presidents report

Moved: Frank Scrimgeour

Seconded: Brian Bell

Discussion:

Brian noted that the symposium format today was very successful, and worked well, congratulations to the organisers – and should consider doing the same format on 1 of the days in Nelson.

Dan noted the incoming president usually sits on the committee. To be considered during elections.

All in favour of accepting the presidents report.

Treasurers Report

Phil provided copies of his report and financial accounts.

Income of \$11,482 from hosting AARES conference in February 2015 (Rotorua).

Total funds \$52,737.

There is a tax bill but unsure why – Phil is following this up. It was in the accounts when received from accountant and secretariat. NZARES is a non-profit, but there may be something associated with the income earned from hosting AARES.

Acceptance of the Treasurers report

Moved: Phil Journeaux

Seconded: Rob Davidson

It was noted the NZARES secretary resigned during the year. Members are very appreciative of Charlotte Cudby's contribution over 3-4 years.

Moved: Frank Scrimgeour

Seconded: Matt Newman

Election of officers

President elect – to be determined by the executive during the year.

Action: Frank to liaise with South Island colleagues to identify suitable person. Names floated included Peter Tait, Caroline Saunders, Glen Greer, John Greer, Stu Ford.

Treasurer

Nominated: Phil Journeaux

Moved: Brian Bell

Seconded: Matt Newman

Secretary

Nominated: Sandra Barns (conditional on formal acceptance)

Moved: Phil Journeaux

Seconded: Matt Newman

Committee members

Nominated: Matt Newman, Tony Schischka, Darran Austin, Richard Yao

Moved Phil Journeaux

Seconded: Dan Marsh

Motion to elect all nominated people. Carried by all.

Secretariat

To continue with status quo

Moved: Phil Journeaux

Seconded: Rob Davidson

General Business

NZARES post-graduate awards

- Phil updated members on the amendments made during the year, and Tony explained the award panel's interpretation of 'relevant to NZ'.

- Dan did not like the phrase 'relevance to NZ' and suggested the awards are about encouraging students to study, and/or about the profession in NZ irrelevant of the topic studied. Suggested it should be about direct relevance to the profession and/or the conference theme.
- Dan proposed the wording 'relevance of the work to the objective of the society.'
- Rob suggested it focus on the relevance and use of their work
- Daniel suggested to remove 'relevance', but could insert a sub-clause that work relevant to NZ will be given extra weighting.
- Dan suggested the letter from Universities should be changed to a 'statement' of support.

Motion was put to adopt the wording 'relevance of the work to the objective of the society', and for Universities to provide a 'statement of support'.

All were in favour, none against. Motion carried.

NZARES subscription

It was suggested that for 2015 everyone on the email distribution gets sent an invoice, excluding those people that attended AARES.

Matt questioned the need to undertake such an activity, given NZARES does not need more subscriptions in 2015 as the finances are healthy.

Motion was put to not charge a subscription fee for 2015.

All were in favour, none against. Motion carried.

Phil noted the cost of the 2015 symposium, such as the facility and catering, was sponsored by MPI. There was a round of applause to acknowledge MPI's support for NZARES.

AGM closed at 4.23pm.