



New Zealand Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (Inc.)

Minutes of the NZARES Annual General Meeting
Thursday 30 August 2018, 5pm
Rutherford House, Victoria University of Wellington

Present: Phil Journeaux, Tony Schischka, Darran Austin, Graeme Doole, Femi Olubode, Katie Bicknell, Caroline Saunders, Richard Yao, Yvonne Matthews, Patrick Walsh, Rob Davidson, Frank Scrimgeour (for items 4 to 8 only), Santiago Bermeo

Apologies: Allan Rae, Anita Wreford, Joan Smith and Andrew Burt

1. Minutes of the 2017 AGM

Minutes were accepted as a true and correct record. *(Moved by CS, Seconded by RD).*

2. Matters arising from 2017 minutes

No matters arising.

3. Life membership nomination

A Life membership nomination for Professor Frank Scrimgeour, submitted by Professor Graeme Doole, was considered and carried. *(Moved by GD, Seconded by CS).*

4. President's Report

Darran Austin's President's report was considered and accepted. *(Moved by DA, Seconded by PJ).*

It was noted that the 3-year sponsorship agreement with the Ministry for Primary Industries concluded this year.

5. Treasurer's Report

Phil Journeaux's Treasurer's report was considered and accepted. *(Moved by PJ, Seconded by CS).*

It was noted that the Society is in a sound financial position. There was a general discussion about possible ways of increasing expenditure in light of this, as summarised below.

- Prizes, awards and grants:
 - o increasing the value and/or number of them,
 - o provide awards for attendance to other conferences (e.g. US or UK),
 - o making general members eligible, not just students (e.g. through Early Career or Young Professional awards),

- reviewing eligibility criteria with a view to awarding the maximum number of prizes each year,
- allowing universities to nominate more than one candidate,
- allowing students to self-nominate,
- publicising awards directly to students (e.g. through Facebook, posters, scholarship registers) to increase interest and participation,
- considering awarding prizes earlier in the year and advertising them for longer to increase participation;
- subsidising conference costs;
- subsidising student registrations (if not presenting papers);
- organising other events throughout the year.

It was suggested the incoming committee could consider and progress these ideas.

6. Election of Officers and Committee for 2018/19

After some deliberation, the Officers and Committee for 2018/19 are:

- President: Graeme Doole
- Immediate Past President: Darran Austin
- President Elect: Tony Schischka (*Nominated by CS, Seconded by GD?*)
- Treasurer: Phil Journeaux (who advised this will be his last year as Treasurer) (*Nominated by CS, Seconded by GD*)
- Secretary: TO BE CONFIRMED
- Committee members: Yvonne Matthews, Anita Wreford, Femi Olubode, Rachel Davidson

Yvonne noted she would be happy to act as the deputy Treasurer given previous experience in such a role.

Emma Moran, Peter Tozer, Alan Renwick, Carla Muller, Richard Yao and Santiago Bermeo stand down from the Committee.

7. Secretariat and Auditor

Agreed to continue with current arrangements. (*Moved by PJ, Seconded by CS*)

8. General Business

It was agreed that the next Conference will be in Hamilton.