

**Minutes of the NZARES Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday 29 August 2019, 5-6pm**

**Wintec House, Hamilton**

**Present:** Phil Journeaux, Tony Schischka, Darran Austin, Femi Olubode, Yvonne Matthews, Rob Davidson, Frank Scrimgeour, Brian Bell, Ivan Luketina, Alan Renwick, John Rolfe, Anita Wreford, Paul Dalziel, Sayeeda Bano, Zach Dorner, Harold Mayaba, Shannon McLeigh, Patricia Samani, Macaulay Jones

**Apologies:** Emma Moran, Joan Smith and Andrew Burtt

1. **Minutes of the 2018 AGM**

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

1. **Matters arising from 2018 minutes**

No matters arising.

1. **President’s Report**

This year there was a mostly new committee. Phil had signalled he would step down and Yvonne was mentored by Phil as treasurer. Graeme had to step down from the president position. Tony stepped in to be the president with Anita as president-elect and Rachael as secretary. Hamilton was chosen as the location for the conference and roles were delegated using an activity calendar to spread the load. We held 8 committee meetings and an AARES webinar at the end of June. The webinar was a presentation by Jeff Kerr, the best paper award winner from 2018. Rob McInnes is keen for more webinars throughout the year.

Frank is interested in webinars through the universities to bring people into NZARES, and it would be good to have a professional lens for webinars as well. Frank to look into opportunities around this.

Darren nominated for AARES representative (*Moved by Tony, Seconded by Phil*).

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Phil Journeaux’s Treasurer’s report was considered and accepted. *(Moved by Phil, Seconded by Alan).*

It was noted that the Society is in a sound financial position with net income of $5,700, a cheque account of $25,000 and term deposit of $45,000.

No AARES grant has been received yet, it is likely NZARES will receive two grants in the coming year. Yvonne and Rachael to be signatories on the NZARES account, Alan to stay on as a signatory, Phil and Sandra will be removed.

**Election of Officers and Committee for 2018/19**

Officers and Committee for 2019/20 are:

* President: Anita Wreford
* Immediate Past President: Tony Schischka
* President Elect: None (*Emma and Ramilan to be asked*)
* Treasurer: Yvonne Matthews (*Moved by Phil, Seconded by Femi*)
* Secretary: Rachael Davidson (*Moved by Phil, Seconded by Anita*)
* Committee members: Femi Olubode, Emma Moran, Ivan Luketina, Zach Dorner

Phil Journeaux stood down from the Committee.

1. **Secretariat and Auditor**

Agreed to continue with current arrangements.*(Moved by Tony, Seconded by Phil)*

Phil and Yvonne to check with Susan that she is happy to continue and identify a possible succession plan.

Auditor maintained, organised through Susan.

1. **AARES**

John Rolfe noted Annie had left a few years ago and AARES had been working on a new website for the next conference. This website will:

* Give reminders to members more communications
* Builds on other services
* Have a members directory on the searchable by specialisation, supervisors for students and subject matter experts
* Have a link to AgEcon on the new website.

Darren happy to continue as NZARES representative on the federal council for AARES, this will be a separate role from the president going forward.

AARES confirmed to be held in New Zealand in 2022. Local organising committee (LOC) members: Darran, Rachael, Carla, Alan, Anita, Femi. Location: Christchurch? -> Convention Centre? Lincoln?

2020 AARES Conference will be held by The University of Western Australia in Perth where the new AARES systems will be running and there will be automatic screening of papers.

NZARES LOC to be put forward at next conference.

1. **Life membership nomination**

A Life membership nomination for Phil Journeaux, submitted by Tony, was considered and carried.*(Moved by Rob, Seconded by Alan)*

1. **General Business**

Lincoln University happy to host NZARES next year.