



New Zealand Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (Inc.)

Agenda 2024 NZARES AGM

29 August 2024

Attendants: Darran Austin, Kathryn Bicknell, Pike Brown, Ross Collum, Phil Journeaux, Ben Marmont, Stefania Mattea, Femi Olubode, Nazmun Ratna, Alan Renwick, Caroline Sanders, Nicola Thomas, Peter Tozer, Wei Yang, Yvonne Matthews

Chair: Peter Tozer

Notes: Wei Yang

1. Minutes of the 2023 AGM

Corrections: Any grammar issues to be addressed by Peter.

Moved by: Yvonne.

Seconded by: Darran.

2. Matters arising from 2023 minutes

No issues

3. President's Report

Key Updates:

- **Early Career Researcher (ECR):** Events last year well-received; this year proceeding well.
- **Committee Meetings:** Regular meetings held; conference in Wellington had over 60 registrations and attracted cross-sectional/new members.
- **Leadership Transitions:**
 - Phil volunteered as president, bringing strong industry expertise.
 - Wei stepped down, acknowledged for significant contributions.

- Yvonne praised for successfully booking the conference venue.
- Nazmun managed both last year's and this year's conferences but plans to step down.
- Maksym commended for organizing the contributed program.
- Femi and Darran provided last-minute support; Femi plans to step down.

General Remarks:

- The conference maintained a good vibe with relevant and interesting papers.

Moved by: Peter.

Seconded by: Alan.

4. Treasurer's Report

Summary:

- A small financial loss noted due to the absence of a conference last year.
- 3 postgraduate awards granted.
- Branch grant not secured.
- Funds remain stable in the bank.

Accepted.

5. Election of Officers and Committee for 2024-25

Summary:

- President-elect: Kathryn Bicknell (nominated by Phil).
- Secretary: Stefania Mattea (seconded by Nazmun).
- Committee Members:
 - Darran Austin, Maksym Polyakov, Zack Donor, Ben Marmont, Meike, and Tim.

Accepted.

6. Secretariat and Auditor

No changes recommended; continuation endorsed.

7. NZARES constitution (Nazmun Ratna)

Proposed Clarifications:

- Reflect name change for AARES.

- Ensure executive committee includes a president-elect.
- Update language for gender inclusivity ("his/her" to "their").

Moved by: Phil.

Seconded by: Alan.

8. General Business

NZARES Correspondence Email Accessibility: Discussion deferred to the next committee meeting.

Formalized Annual Conference Procedures:

- Establish key dates, submission platforms, and fee structures.
- Submission deadlines to be finalized by the incoming committee.

Feedback & Suggestions:

- Caroline congratulated the committee on a successful conference.
- Katie noted ECRs appreciated the event, with some receiving postdoc opportunities.
- Discussions around session structures raised by Pike and Peter; acknowledged constraints depend on the number of papers and speakers.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:38 PM.