



New Zealand Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (Inc.)

Agenda 2025 NZARES AGM

28 August 2025

Attendants: Kathryn Bicknell, Phil Journeaux, Stefania Mattea, Ben Marmont, Femi Olubode, Alan Renwick, Wei Yang, Maksym Polyakov, Meike Rombach, Meike Guenther, Frank Scrimgeour, Peter Tait, Darryl Jones, David Evison, Zhenzhen Liu, Xianhui Geng, Parmindar Singh, Thiagarajah Ramilan, Yvonne Matthews (on Teams)

Apologies: Darran Austin, Rob Davision, Andrew Burt

Chair: Phil Journeaux

Notes: Stefania Mattea

1. Minutes of the 2024 AGM

No corrections.

Moved and accepted

2. Matters Arising

No issues.

3. President's Report

- **Early Career Researcher (ECR):** Some interesting papers, such as the one by Bernardo Cantone. Several papers were refused as they had no reference to agriculture, economics, resource management, or the environment.
- **Committee Meetings:** Regular meetings were held; the conference in Nelson had almost 60 registrations and attracted cross-sectional/new members.
- **Acknowledgements:** Thanks to the NZARES committee and Maksym for organising the contributed paper sessions, and Meike G. for logistics. Thanks to

Yvonne as Treasurer and Stefania as Secretary. Tim Driver and Zack Dorner stepped down from the committee.

- **Financial position:** Good financial standing.
- **Policy papers:** Concern that policy papers have disappeared — possibly reflecting little policy development in the country or an unwillingness to present at the conference. Few attendees from CRIs, government, and regional councils.

Moved by Katie; All in favour.

4. Treasurer's Report

Summary:

- The committee is in a very healthy financial position following previous years of net profit and cash reserve growth.
- Slight decrease in AARES members. Expenditure slightly lower (no postgraduate awards). Profit of \$300. Statement of financial position: \$76,000. Auditor as usual.
- Sponsorships by MPI and DairyNZ made a significant difference.

Moved by Phil; All in favour.

5. Election of Officers and Committee for 2025-26

Summary:

- **President-elect:** Wei Yang (nominated by Phil; seconded by Ramilan).
- **Secretary:** Stefania Mattea (nominated by Phil; seconded by Alan).
- **Treasurer:** Yvonne Matthews (nominated by Phil; seconded by Meike G. and Alan).
- **Committee Members:** Darran Austin, Maksym Polyakov, Ben Marmont, Meike Guenther, Darryl Jones, Meike Rombach.

Accepted.

6. Approval of Secretariat and Auditor

No changes recommended; continuation endorsed.

Approved by: Phil, seconded by: Alan

7. General Business

- **Conference registration cut-off:** Participants are not registering for the conference until they receive confirmation that their abstract has been accepted for presentation. Currently, registration is open until the start of the conference (late fee starts 12 August). Suggest a cut-off date (e.g., all participants wanting to be in the programme must register by 31 July).
- **Student registration fee:** Consider charging students a nominal fee (\$5–\$50) to avoid abnormal registrations and potentially cover food. To be decided by the incoming committee.
- **Laptop for presentations:** USB presentations pose security issues for those providing their own laptops. Hiring laptops was not an option. Bringing laptops from Lincoln did not work. Alternative: all presentations uploaded to Google Drive for chair to download. Yvonne confirmed Google Drive is set up.
- **Paper guidelines:** Reminder needed for Best Paper Award guidelines, especially for ECRs. Guidelines need updating.
- **Definitions (ECR, First Time Presenter):** Define first-time presenters (e.g., someone who has recently completed postgraduate studies or has been in industry for a maximum of 2 years) and ECR. Add definition to application form for ECR and First Time Presenter.
- **AARES representation:** Confirm whether the representative must be a member. Check with Katie for more info.
- **Dietary requirements:** Include a dietary requirements question in the registration form.
- **Banner:** with Darren Austin.

Feedback & Suggestions:

- Alan asked about the relationship with AARES. Phil said Peter Tozer had handled it previously. Need to find an AARES representative who is a member.

Meeting Closed at 5:41 PM.