

MODELLING AND SIMULATION SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND INC.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5pm, 5 December 2002
iCAM Project Room, Level 4, Building 43,
The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia

Present:

Tony Jakeman, David White, Lachlan Newham, Rebecca Letcher, John Norton, Susan Cuddy.

1. Apologies

Fred Ghassemi, Michael McAleer

2. Minutes of the 2001 AGM held on 11 December 2001 at the Australian National University were put with the following amendment:

add 'and term deposit' after 'cash in the bank' under Treasurer's Report to read "These showed cash in the bank and term deposit as at 30 June 2001 was \$69,622.37."

Motion: "that the minutes as amended be approved."
Moved - Susan Cuddy, Seconded - David White.

Motion Carried

Business from the Minutes

Web Site.

** ACTION. Conference List to be updated, to particularly include conferences of MSSANZ affiliates. President to liaise with Conference List Manager, David White.

** ACTION. Further agreed that conference list (and registration form) should sit on web site server. Conference List Manager to liaise with WebSite Manager, Susan Cuddy.

3. President's Report

The President, Tony Jakeman, gave a verbal report.

Membership

- Currently 362 financial members, with 600-700 people on mailing list

MODSIM 2001

- About ¼ of papers being published in journal special issues including:
 - Special issue of *MatCom* (ed Les Oxley)
 - Special issue of *Applied Numerical Mathematics* (ed Michael McAleer)
 - Special issue of *Hydrological Processes* (ed Murugesu Sivapalan & Rodger Grayson)
 - Double issue 'The Modelling of Hydrologic Systems' in *EMS* (eds Post & Newham)

MSSANZ 2002 Fellows

- Announced on 24 August 2002:

- Natural Systems - Professor Karan Singh (University of North Texas Health Science Center)
- Socioeconomic Systems - Professor Dora Marinova (Murdoch University)
- General Systems - Dr Peter Brooker (University of Adelaide)

2003 Awards of Biennial Medallists

- Nominations called in October to be submitted to President by end March 2003

2003 Awards of Early Career Research Excellence

- Nominations called in October to be submitted to President by end March 2003

Society Newsletter

- One newsletter was published in 2002, which was distributed with MODSIM 2003 brochures. This newsletter reported on medalists and student prizes. The President noted that the use of the website and emails has reduced the need for the newsletter.

**** ACTION:** Website Manager, Susan Cuddy, to make all newsletters available through the website.

MODSIM 2003

- progressing well with over 50 sessions and over 250 abstracts submitted to date
- Website looking great & convenor, David Post, in control.
- The President, Tony Jakeman, thanked the Committee and the 2001 and 2003 conference convenors, Fred Ghassemi and David Post, for their dedication to the Society.
- The President thanked Andrea Rizzoli for his work on developing the Web-based Conference Management Tool (WCMT) which is being used to handle MODSIM 2003 abstract & paper submissions and Frances Marston for her work on the design and management of the MODSIM 2003 website.

**** ACTION:** Tony Jakeman to prepare plan (by 20 December) for desirable special issues from MODSIM 2003 to streamline selection of editors and papers.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

A statement of receipts and expenditures, and balance sheet, for the financial year 1 July 2001 - 30 June 2002 was tabled. These showed cash & term deposit assets of \$48,525.38 @ 30 June 2002.

Motion: "that the financial statements be accepted." Moved - Susan Cuddy, Seconded - David White.	Motion Carried
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Motion: "that the Society's books be audited." Moved - David White, Seconded - Susan Cuddy.	Motion Carried
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Motion: "that the Society's Treasurer be authorised to appoint a Society Auditor." Moved - David White, Seconded - Susan Cuddy.	Motion Carried
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5. **Election of Office Bearers**

Nominations for all positions were received prior to the meeting in accordance with the Constitution. These nominations were endorsed by the meeting.

President:	Tony Jakeman
Vice President:	Michael McAleer
Secretary:	Susan Cuddy
Treasurer:	Lachlan Newham
Public Officer:	Robert Argent
Committee:	Les Oxley
	Andre Zenger
	Christine Lim
	David White
	David Post
	Vince Bidwell
	Peter Brooker

6. Other Business

Reciprocal Arrangements with Affiliated Societies

The President reported that he has held discussions with affiliated societies such as iEMs who have agreed to provide reciprocal membership rights.

Motion: "that MSSANZ offer (the discounted) member registration rate to Society conferences to members of affiliated societies"

Moved - Tony Jakeman, Seconded - Rebecca Letcher.

Motion Carried

This will require a change to the MODSIM 2003 registration form.

** ACTION. President to notify Conference convenor, David Post.

Thanks

The President thanked Sue Kelo, iCAM Administrative Officer, for her hard work and dedication to the Society, particularly in handling membership and banking.

2003 AGM

It was agreed that it would be most desirable to hold 2003 AGM during MODSIM 2003, in spite of short time between end of financial year and the holding of such meeting.

** ACTION. President to liaise with Conference convenor, David Post, re holding AGM on Tuesday evening of Conference.

Society Promotion at MODSIM 2003

** ACTION. Lachlan Newham charged with preparing Society poster with up-to-date list of Society medallists, etc.

Student Prizes at MODSIM 2003

The AGM determined that the tradition of awarding cash student prizes of \$500 would continue. It was further agreed that these awards could be financially sponsored by a 3rd party.

** ACTION. President to liaise with Convenor on student prizes, including assessment procedure.

7. Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 5.50pm.

MINUTES APPROVED AT 2003 AGM, 15 July 2003