



MODELLING AND SIMULATION SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10.30am, 25 November 2004

Project Room, iCAM, Building 48A, the Australian National University, Canberra

PRESENT

Tony Jakeman, David Post, Rebecca Letcher, Lachlan Newham, Susan Cuddy, Andre Zerger, Barry Croke, Pascal Perez

1. Apologies

Robert Argent, Michael McAleer

2. Minutes of the 2003 AGM held on 15 July 2003 at MODSIM 2003, Townsville, were approved.

Moved: David Post; Seconded Lachlan Newham.

Business arising from the Minutes was discussed under MODSIM 2005 and Other Business.

3. President's Report

The President, Tony Jakeman, spoke to his written report (available from the Society's website).

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer distributed financial statements for the financial year 1 July 2003 – 30 June 2004. He reported that the Society was moving to on-line payment of conference registration and membership. This would be cheaper in terms of merchant fees presently paid on credit card transactions, and reduce the administrative workload. This would require some changes to WCMT.

The financial statements were accepted.

Moved: Lachlan Newham, Seconded – Susan Cuddy.

RECOMMENDATION: a working group (Andre Zerger, Lachlan Newham, Susan Cuddy) be established to specify the e-commerce needs of the Society and how they may best be provided

5. Election of Office Bearers

All nominations were received prior to the meeting in accordance with the Constitution. The following 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 Zerger
	A David McDonald
	Vince Bidwell
	David Post
	Dora Marinova

6. MODSIM 2005

6.1 Student Prizes

The Society recognized the huge load on reviewers for student awards at MODSIM (well expressed by Vince Bidwell in 2003 AGM minutes). Andre Zerger proposed that the student assessment start at paper review stage. At this point, reviewers know who students are. Reviewers could filter and flag candidates (this would require a change to the WCMT software).

Recommendation: MODSIM 2005 Student Awards Committee respond to these initiatives

6.2 Publication and Selection of Papers

The current process of selecting papers can be improved. Some suggestions:

- use the paper review process to recommend papers for publication
- use paper review process to elicit from author's whether they even want to publish
- session organizers to rank/recommend their sessions' papers directly after the Conference.

This would require a change to the WCMT software.

Recommendation: The Management Committee respond to these initiatives and make recommendations to the MODISM 2005 Committee

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Newsletter

It was agreed that the Society would distribute a newsletter with the MODSIM 05 poster & brochure mailout in early January 05.

7.2 MODSIM 2005

Andre Zerger spoke to the comments in the Presidents Report. The Organizing Committee is on schedule, and ahead of previous schedules. This is a strength and a weakness, ie they are ahead of everyone else! The key is now marketing the Conference over the next 4 months and the convenors seek strong member support.

7.3 WCMT Software

The WCMT software is shared by MSSANZ and iEMSs and is now critical to the paper submission and review phase. It is time to plan its future as there will continue to be ad hoc requests for change that may not be in the long term interests of the package.

Recommendation: The Management Committee consider the future development and maintenance of WCMT and how the Societies will service that.

Meeting closed 11.45am.