



## Modelling and Simulation Society of Australia and New Zealand

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - AGENDA

(5.00pm, Thursday 22 November 2018)

Stellaria room in the Synergy Building, CSIRO Black Mountain

Attendees: Simon Watt, Susan Cuddy, David Post, Jai Vaze, Francis Chiew, Wendy Merritt, Sondoss El Sawah (online), Tony Jakeman (online), Jin Teng, Barry Croke, Alexey Voinov (online)

## 1 Apologies

Julia Piantadosi, Rob Argent, Arvind Chandran, Dushmanta Dutta, Tom Janoshalmi

## 2 Minutes of previous meeting

- COMPLETED ACTION: confirming our ranking and if we are C-ranked MSSANZ Office to scope strategies to improve this
  - o Executive's decision: This was considered by Executive on 18/07/2018 who decided that we are C ranking because we aim to be inclusive and work to get papers through unless they are seriously flawed; The high rated conferences have a high rejection rate; Being a C is not bad; we are ranked and standard is considered 'acceptable'; There is no need to take further action
  - o AGM discussion: Jai noted that we can insist authors convert sub-par papers to an extended abstract as a last resort
- ON-GOING ACTION: We should continue to encourage full papers but not prescribe
  - o This is consistent with MODSIM conference activities past and present
- INCOMPLETE ACTIONS
  - o ACTION: Update the relevant policy document to reflect society position on no-shows and papers
  - o ACTION: Update constitution based on accepted motions (Item 5 of 2017 AGM)

### Motion

*"that the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting held on 5 December 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record."*

*Moved: Tony Jakeman; Seconded: Sue Cuddy*

## 3 President's report

The main activity to report upon is the move from OCS to Ex Ordo. It has been tested over the last month and is largely working quite well. There are a few little bugs to work out and a bit of re-training our brains from the way the old system (OCS) operated. We have removed the EOI process.

### AGM discussion:

- The main issue at the moment is that the system generates too many emails at the moment
- ACTION: Wendy ask Karen Mobbs if we can do just corresponding author until acceptance and then; will stream leader get every email (just want access to the info); How can we cut back on emails.
- **Q.** Do we give session organisers authority to assign oral or papers? **A.** best left as per last conference ()
- We will have the same rule as last year of one oral per person unless we have spare timeslots; it is likely we will have to be stricter with larger numbers and may need to have two poster sessions
- We should consider as a back-up that we use Wednesday morning as we must give registrants at least one oral presentation regardless of numbers (it is a bad look otherwise); we will know if this is an issue about one month from the conference start
- ACTION: Sondoss will contact the AV company to them know we would like to have the option of the extra day and to negotiate the details

## 4 Treasurer's report

The audit for 2017/18 financial year has been completed and the summary of the MSSANZ financial position is tabled below. The profit for 2017-2018 was \$65,936.42. The total assets as of 22 November 2018 are sufficient to meet payments until late 2019 by which time we will be getting income from conference registrations.

Situation	as of 30/06/2018:	as of 22/11/2018:
Transaction account	\$87,387	\$74,404.60 <sup>2,3</sup>
Online saver	\$229,969.56	\$230,414.72
Term deposit	\$212,752.73 <sup>1</sup>	\$212,752.73
Total assets	\$530,109.36	\$517,572.05 (\$447,533.05) <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 2.45% pa, maturing on 18/01/2019 – 9 month term)

<sup>2</sup> Uncashed cheques: \$70,039.00 (\$60,793 for NCCC, \$3,960 to Karen Mobbs, \$4,956 to ASOR, \$330 for audit)

<sup>3</sup> Available: \$4,365.60

<sup>4</sup> Parentheses shows assets once uncashed cheques are processed

We are still trying to get COMMBIZ sorted so that the Executive can conduct business using electronic banking

**ACTION:** Sue and Barry to look into the new accounting rules required for not-for-profits in Victoria (where MSSANZ is incorporated).

AGM discussion:

- Why so much in online saver account?
- We need the flexibility this account offers otherwise we would need to set-up a staggered series of term deposits that mature when we expect to need the money
- Promoting MODSIM
  - We need to advertise heavily in Asia as it is easier to get visa to Australia
  - **Q.** Is MODSIM concerned of the reported risk of government scientists registering under assumed names to get into Australia? **A.** This is not something within our control and the risks/consequence are probably low for MODSIM
  - IEMs is running their first regional conference in Nanjing; MSSANZ should put a poster & think of how to best to communicate what MODSIM offers
- **ACTION:** David to work on getting CSIRO sponsorship ASAP

The 2017/18 financial year audited statements to be tabled by the Treasurer, Barry Croke

*Motion*

*“that the 2017/18 financial year statement, as tabled at the 2018 AGM, be accepted.”*

*Moved: Francis Chiew; Seconded: Jai Vaze*

## 5 Tabling of 2017 Student awards

- Student awards
  - Anna Cresswell, CSIRO  
*A functional-structural coral model*
  - Jonas Schwaab, ETH Zurich  
*How to choose the right planning horizon? Using multiobjective optimization to support urban planning*
  - Hamish Stevens-Bullmore, Lincoln University  
*A local sensitivity analysis of Ca<sup>2+</sup>-calmodulin binding and its influence over PP1 activity*
  - Elizabeth Trevenen, university of Western Australia  
*A simulation model for exploring the effects of plant-soil feedbacks on the resilience of plant communities*
  - Jordan Pitt, The Australian National University  
*Importance of Dispersion for Shoaling Waves*

Congratulation to all students and thanks given to Willem Vervoot

## 6 Election of Committee members

Motion:

*“that the current members of the Executive and Ordinary Committees serve until the 2019 AGM”*

Moved: Francis Chiew; Seconded: Jai Vaze

The current Committee is:

- President – David Post
- Vice-President – Julia Piantidosa
- Association Secretary – Tony Jakeman
- Treasurer – Barry Croke
- Committee Secretary – Susan Cuddy
- (Normal) Committee members - Val Snow, Yun Chen, Chia-Lin Chang, Tony Weber, Leorey Marquez, Ala' (Jordan) Aburumman, Heyang (Thomas) Li, Willem Vervoort, Dushmanta Dutta, David Marlow

Bob Anderssen stood down out of session and Francis Chiew took on role of Chair of awards committee. Wendy Merritt was an Executive appointment to fill a casual vacancy.

Motion:

*“to ratify Wendy Merritt’s appointment to the current Awards Committee”*

Moved: David Post; Seconded: Jin Teng

Current members are Society Fellows –Michael McAleer, Francis Chiew, Jai Vaze, Wendy Merritt.

Motion:

*“that the current Awards Committee serve until the 2019 AGM”*

Moved: Barry Croke ; Seconded: Simon Watt

ACTION: President to call for 2018 MSSANZ Fellows nominations ASAP

ACTION: Awards committee to make their consideration and recommendation in February 2019

Awards details are available from <https://mssanz.org.au/awards/index.html>

## 7 MODSIM 2019 – planning

All is on track although online connection with Sondoss El Sawah failed so a detailed report was not possible. It has been raised with David Post that the society needs to encourage more female session organisers as there were not many at the last congress.

## 8 MODSIM 2021 – planning

Alexey Voinov gave a short update of the progress for MODSIM 2021. The three partner universities have been talking with the convention centre as the conference numbers are larger than any partner can handle. However, they are concerned that the convention centre venue hire seems expensive (~184K).

AGM Discussion:

- May not be much more expensive
- ACTION: Wend, Barry and Sondoss to help Alexey with budget comparison between Canberra and Sydney.
- **Q.** is there an option to hold somewhere else with the Sydney university’s as convenors (even interstate (Cairns, Gold Coast Darwin)
- There is no obvious competing venue in Sydney but Willem will look into it
- We have to be at a convention centre due to our size, but the interest from interstate venues can be used as leverage

- ACTION: David Post (President) to negotiate with the Sydney Convention Centre when needed to bring down costs
- Need to look into NSW government support
- Being in Sydney could reasonably translate to an extra 150 registrations

## 9 General business

### 9.1 Change in copyright and IP

For the record we are sharing copyright with authors but need to revise our written statement for EU purposes

ACTION: Sue Cuddy and Wendy Merritt to revise our statements

### 9.2 DOI of papers

Sue Cuddy and Nick Carr have been close to getting the DOIs minted for our papers but we need to make sure we have a good process. Epublika people is good in linking off to the conference website but we want to make sure we are 'good' publishers. DOI are now the expected, professional, approach and the DOI identifier will never change (we can't guarantee the same for our website)

### 9.3 Special issues

EMS does not take special issues from conference. Tony has found the process for MatCom to be frustrating as many authors have not wanted to take on advice about how to extend or change their papers. Elsevier is starting to get quite particular about self-plagiarism and, for example, the present editor of MatCom is trying to keep conference material to <30% of the total paper. The special issue has also not had the effect of attracting people to the conference and does not seem to be worth the investment.

### 9.4 QWMN

Tony had been attending the QWMN and reported that Paul Lawrence was advertising MODSIM in the session. Tony thinks Paul would like to see a good level of participation from the Queensland departments. NSW also have a modelling and monitoring knowledge hub and so MODSIM could be a good opportunity to bring states together.

#### AGM Discussion

- How can we reach out to QWMN to bring them to MODSIM?
- We should target the states; there is talk the old Victorian modelling network will be reformed
- NSW are meeting early next year & CSIRO will have a big presence; MSSANZ members from CSIRO will promote MODSIM
- A surprisingly high number of presenters at recent eWater conference also plan
- Do we allow clustering vs encourage cross-fertilisation? We don't want the states to separate the core science; up to Stream leaders to manage sessions
- We could have a workshop on Wednesday with each of the states presenting on what they are doing on the policy side

Meeting closed 6:09pm

Authorised by

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