



## Modelling and Simulation Society of Australia and New Zealand

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES

(6.00pm, Tuesday 7 December 2021)

Room 101, New Law Building, The University of Sydney; Online participants joined through EventsAir platform

Attendees: See Appendix

#### 1 Conduct of meeting including:

- recording of attendance (those attending in person and attending virtually) – all attendees were asked to check-in using the EventsAir Online portal or the EventsAir phone app
- voting on motions – all attendees were asked to vote using live polls in EventsAir

#### 2 Apologies

#### 3 Minutes of previous meeting

- Tabling of minutes from the 2020 AGM – as 2020 was a non-conference year there was no quorum and no decisions were made (the Chair)

Motion (live poll):

*“that the minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting held on 26 November 2020 be accepted as a true and correct record.”*

*Moved: Lucy Marshall; Seconded: Karen Mobbs  
ACCEPTED*

#### 4 President’s report

- The President, David Post, thanked Committee members, congress convenors and stream and session organisers and members for their support and attendance at MODSIM2021
- MSSANZ survey will be sent out for feedback; particularly interested in opinions regarding hybrid conference
- Upcoming 11th iEMSs Congress, 4–8 July 2022, Brussels
- Partnering with Winter Simulation Society, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore, 11–14 December 2022

#### 5 Treasurer’s report

The 2020/21 financial year audited statements were presented by the Treasurer, Barry Croke

Motion

*“that the 2020/21 financial year statement, as tabled at the 2021 AGM, be accepted.”*

*Moved: Barry Croke; Seconded: Tony Jakeman  
ACCEPTED*

#### 6 Tabling of 2020 Fellows Awards

For ‘unselfish dedication to promoting the aims of the Society, and for significant contributions to modelling and simulation’

A round of applause was given for:

- Dr Sondoss Elsawah, University of New South Wales Canberra, Australia
- Prof Jason Evans, University of New South Wales Sydney, Australia
- Dr Tim Peterson, Monash University, Australia
- Assoc Prof Willem Vervoort, University of Sydney, Australia

## 7 Tabling of 2021 Early Career Research Excellence Awards

For 'emerging international profile and an impressive contribution to the advancement of modelling and simulation in research and/or industry; and attended at least 2 MODSIM conferences'

A round of applause was given for:

- Dr Anna Lintern, Monash University
- Dr Seokhyeon Kim, UNSW Sydney
- Dr Enayat Moallemi, Deakin University
- Dr Kiernan Fowler, University of Melbourne
- Dr Avril Horne, University of Melbourne

## 8 Tabling of 2021 Biennial Medallists

For 'exceptional research contributions to modelling and simulation, and for promoting the aims of the Society'

A round of applause was given for:

- Prof Tony Jakeman, ANU
- Prof Holger Maier, University of Adelaide
- Prof Jason Evans, UNSW

## 9 Management Committee nominations

Nominations opened on 5/11 and closed on 30/11. Nominations were received as follows:

Position	Nominee
Management Committee	
President	David Post, CSIRO (returning)
Vice-President	Sondoss Elsawah, UNSW Canberra (returning)
Treasurer	Barry Croke, ANU (returning)
Association Secretary	Susan Cuddy, CSIRO
Committee Secretary	Willem Vervoort, Sydney University
Ordinary member (10)	Amir Gandomi, UTS
	Tony Weber, Alluvium
	Stefan Reis, CEH UK (iEMSs President)
	Leorey Marquez, CSIRO
	Jo Owens, USQ
	Georgy Sofronov, Macquarie Uni
	Nikita Slinko, UNSW Canberra
	Jai Vaze, CSIRO
	David Marlow, DSTG
	Min Chen, Nanjing Normal University, China
Awards Committee (MSSANZ Fellows)	
	Francis Chiew, CSIRO
	Val Snow, Ag Research, NZ
	Chialin Chang, Taiwan University
	Tony Weber, Alluvium
	Tony Jakeman, ANU
	Sondoss Elsawah, UNSW Canberra

- MSSANZ took the opportunity to pay respects to the memory of Michael McAleer, who served for many years on the Awards Committee

Motions (live polls):

*"that the nominations for the Management Committee as received be accepted."*

*Moved: Tony Jakeman; Seconded: Karen Mobbs*

**ACCEPTED**

*“that the nominations for the Awards Committee as received be accepted.”*

*Moved: Susan Cuddy; Seconded: Barry Croke*

*ACCEPTED*

## 10 MODSIM2021 summary

Report from Convenor, Willem Vervoort

- Thanked everyone who helped make MODSIM2021 happen; acknowledged challenges faced due to COVID-19
- Registrants – 719
  - o In-person - ~187 (64 students)
  - o Virtual - ~532
- # presentations 2017, 2019, 2021
  - o A breakdown of the numbers of orals/posters and full papers/extended abstracts for the past 3 MODSIMs was displayed in graph form; numbers were down for 2021
  - o Water Resources dominant stream
  - o Good to see growth in ASOR–DORS stream
- Diversity
  - o 105 session organisers Female:Male 35:65
- Will gather statistics from EventsAir to help assess success of virtual platform

## 11 MODSIM2023 planning

- MODSIM2023 will be held at the Darwin Convention Centre from Sunday 9 to Thursday 13 July 2023
- Congress Convenors will be Dr Chris Chilcott and Dr Jai Vaze, CSIRO
- Looking to co-convene with Charles Darwin University
- Good support from the Northern Territory Government, which should help keep registration cost from increasing

## 12 General business

- The Society’s goals for addressing diversity and inclusion; past achievements and future plans (Lucy Marshall)
- Society growth – attracting Early Career researchers and industry professionals
- Relationships with journals and other societies (Tony Jakeman and Willem Vervoort)
  - o First society MSSANZ associated with was the International Association for Mathematics and Computers in Simulation
  - o Has a strong relationship with iEMSs – 2 journals – Environmental Modelling and Software and Socio-Environmental Systems Modelling (SESMO)
  - o Which areas would MSSANZ like to expand into? Which streams should be focused on in future?
  - o Look at greater strengthening links with Defence stream
  - o Should consider how many other societies MSSANZ might like to work with; feedback welcome
- Discussion of spread across disciplines over time – how has it changed?
- Idea of holding smaller conferences on particular topics suggested

Meeting closed 6:55pm

Authorised by

Susan Cuddy

MSSANZ Committee Secretary

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President (David Post)

Association Secretary (Anthony Jakeman)

## Appendix

### Meeting attendees

Jose	Rodriguez
Susan	Cuddy
Tony	Jakeman
Jo	Owens
Ankur	Srivastava
Dongryeol	Ryu
Francis	Chiew
Jonathan	Gray
Marcela	Silva
Youngil	Kim
Aixi	Zhang
Simon	Dunstall
Nigel	Maxted
Avril	Horne
Sarah	McMahon
Edoardo	Daly
Oscar	Cacho
Lisa	Blumson
Junqi	Zhu
Patricia	Saco
Jason	Evans
Lucy	Marshall
Clare	Stephens
Philippa	Higgins
Yacob	Beletse
Muhammadhn	Khalid
Caroline	Rosello
Karen	Mobbs
David	Robertson
Andrew	John
Fiona	Johnson
Sunail	Hasnain
Yilun	Liu
Hui	Zou
Dang Quan	Nguyen
Jean-Michel	Perraud
Almoaid	Owaidah
Hui	Yao
Tim	Peterson
Keirnan	Fowler

Alexander	Buber
Chris	Chen
Michelle	Ho
Samuel	Hutchinson
Conrad	Wasko
Angela	Gormley
Georgy	Sofronov
Shawn	Laffan
Anthony	Dekker
Andrew	Western
Wenyan	Wu
Mukta	Sapkota
Martin	Masek
Joseph	Guillaume
Nan	Ye
David	Marlow
Willem	Vervoort
Shamus	Smith
Sanath	Darshana
Methma	Rajamuni
Takuya	Iwanaga
Prasanna	Venkatraman
Jai	Vaze
Sergei	Schreider
Irene	Hudson
Min	Chen
Rupendra	Shrestha
Michael	Foley
Melanie	Roberts
Julien	Lerat
Tony	Weber
David	Hamilton
Leorey	Marquez
Ze	Jiang
Matt	Gibbs
Val	Snow
Robert	Niven
Fateme	Zare
Lesley	Kosowski
Freeman	Cook
Muhammad Abrar	Faiz
Fei	Ji

Helen	Mayfield
Ashkan	Shokri
Shamima	Moazzem
Fred	Bowden
Sahar	Masoudian
Ian	Enting
Malcolm	McPhee
Martijn	vanderMerwe
Frederick	Bennett
Callum	Sharp
David	Post
Nicholas	Hutley
Stefan	Reis
Geoffrey	Adams
Brandon	Pincombe
Barry	Croke
Alena	Bartosova
Dermot	Blumson
April	Tieu
Katayoon (Katy)	Bahramian

Unconfirmed Minutes