



MODELLING AND SIMULATION SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4.30pm, 4 December 2008

MSSANZ office, iCAM Projects Room,
Building 48A, Linneaus Way, The Australian National University,
Canberra, Australia

PRESENT

Susan Cuddy, Tony Jakeman, Lachlan Newham, Barry Croke, David Post, Bob Anderssen, Wendy Merrit

APOLOGIES

Tony Weber, Michael McAleer, Robert Argent, David Mayer, Neil Gribble, Roger Braddock, Christine Lim, Dora Marinova, Felix Chan, Andre Zerger

MINUTES OF THE 2007 AGM

held on 11 December 2007 were approved.

Moved: Lachlan Newham, Seconded David Post
Motion Carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Some key points from the President, Tony Jakeman

- The society's main publishing organ, *Environmental Modelling and Software* journal, has monotonically increased its impact factor over the past 6 years, and now sits at 2.099. This is thanks to strong collegiate membership from MSSANZ and iEMSS (International Environmental Modelling and Simulation Society), the body of which acts as faithful reviewers.
- Corporate membership of the Society will be investigated.
- The Society is meeting with the Simulation Industry of Australia in mid-December to discuss collaboration.
- An expression of interest for hosting MODSIM 2011 from Edith Cowan and Curtin Universities (Felix Chan and Dora Marinova) was tabled. The decision will be made in early June, continuing with the approach started in 2005 of separating the conference management from the scientific program. The office and Management Committee will commence discussions to progress the proposal.

Tony thanked office staff members for their contributions to the running of the Society over the past year, in particular: Stephanie Bennett and Lachlan Newham for the 2008 Society Newsletter; Lachlan Newham, Peter Manger and Simon Johnson for enhanced development of the Society's web conference management tool (WCMT); Will Francis for establishment and maintenance of the MODSIM09 website; and Susan Cuddy, Lachlan Newham and Tim Petersen for dutifully carrying out their secretary, treasurer and public officer duties.

Tony also thanked members, David Mayer and Neil Gribble, for getting MODSIM09 organised, and to Tony Weber and Barry Croke for providing their support.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lachlan Newham distributed statements of income & expenditure, balance sheet, and auditor's report for the financial year 1 July 2007 – 30 June 2008, and gave a verbal report, highlights being:

- The Society continues to be in a strong financial position in 2006-07 with no liabilities and all funds in secure bank accounts or term deposits.

- Income has come mostly from interest on fixed term deposits and early registrations for MODSIM07.
- Major expenses have been WCMT development and advertising/deposits for MODSIM09.

Motion: “that the financial statements be accepted.”

Moved – Lachlan Newham, Seconded – Robert Argent
Motion Carried

The meeting discussed the need to protect the Society’s funds which have been built over the years to support underwriting the running of future MODSIM conferences, with a suggestion that corporate members may be interested in supporting MSSANZ through such a fund, giving them listing on all Society material.

Motion: “that the Treasurer, Lachlan Newham, prepare a proposal for the establishment and management of a sinking fund to protect the Society’s funds for submission to the Management Committee and subsequent submission to the 2009 AGM”.

Moved – Tony Jakeman; seconded – Bob Anderssen
Motion Carried

AWARDS

The 2007-2008 awards were tabled for the record.

2007 Student Award winners

- Sander Janssen, Wageningen Uni, Netherlands
- Eve McDonald-Madden, Uni of Qld, Australia
- Jakin Ravalico, Uni of Adelaide, Australia

2007 Student Award commendations

- Nicholas Car, Uni of Melbourne & CSIRO Land & Water, Australia
- Nicklas Forsell, Swedish Uni of Agricultural Sciences & French National Institute for Agricultural Research
- Ling Li, Macquarie Uni, Australia
- Maki Matsuka, Griffith Uni, Australia
- Daniel Pagendam, Uni of Qld, Australia
- Robert Pipunic, Uni of Melbourne, Australia
- Paraskevi Thomas, Uni of South Australia

2008 Fellows (to be presented at MODSIM 09)

- Dr David Mayer, Department of Primary Industries & Fisheries, Queensland Australia
- Prof Masahito Kobayashi, Yokohama National University, Japan
- Dr Frank Scrimgeour, University of Waikato, Christchurch, New Zealand

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Nominations 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:	Tim Peterson	
Committee:	Les Oxley	Andre Zerger
	Christine Lim	David Mayer
	Tony Weber	David Post
	Dora Marinova	Robert Argent

Awards Committee: Tony Jakeman (chair), Dora Marinova, Les Oxley.

MODSIM 2009 STATUS

The President, Tony Jakeman, and Scientific Program Co-chair, Bob Anderssen, gave verbal reports. Preparations are going well with more than 480 abstracts received.

The initiative to have 2 Program chairs has proved very useful, making the programming and planning more efficient and transparent, and also generating new ideas.

GENERAL BUSINESS

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

To ease registration management, MODSIM07 removed the reduced member registration fee (membership being determined by participation in previous MODSIM).

David Post foreshadowed putting a motion to 2009 AGM (at MODSIM09) to formally adopt this convention.

MEMBERSHIP OF MAILING LIST

Membership of the society's mailing list (mssanz@iemss.org) has been restricted to people who have attended MODSIM conferences. The monthly reminder re passwords/unsubscribe is not currently activated; removal from the list is usually by an email to the secretary which appears to be a satisfactory arrangement.

Susan Cuddy foreshadowed putting a motion to 2009 AGM that people can join the mailing list (and thus extend the network) if they are proposed and seconded by members who have published in MODSIM proceedings.

As previously flagged, the Society needs an online database for members to update their details (email, organisation and postal address). This is to be progressed by the secretary.

Meeting closed 5.30p

Minutes confirmed at 2009 Annual General Meeting, 14 July 2009
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