



## Modelling and Simulation Society of Australia and New Zealand

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - AGENDA

(in conjunction with MODSIM2017)

6.00pm, Tuesday, 5 December 2017

Harbour View Room 1, Grand Chancellor Hotel, Hobart, Australia

**Attendees:** Steve Marvanek, Rob Argent, Helen Mayfield, Jo Owens, Karen Mobbs, Ab' Aburumman (Jordan), Jin Teng, Fei Ji, Jai Vaze, Sondoss El Sawah, Tony Weber, Heyang Li (Thomas), Chia-Lin Chang, Michael McAleer, Nick Marsh, Jason Evans, Jason Sharples, Fiona Johnson, Lucy Marshall, James Bennett, Val Snow, David Marlow, Barry Croke, Sergei Schreider, Keirnan Fowler, Charles Ling, Luigi Rocco, Adrian Grantham, Anthony Dekker, Jahangir Alam, Russell Crosbie, Greg Summerell, Fazlul Karim, Sunil Dutta, Jorge Penne, Jamie Vleeshouwer, Robert Tanton, Leorey Marquez, Dushmanta Dutta, Cherry May Mako, Arnaud Banos, Justin Hughes, Lynn Seo, Fateme Zare, Jim Ricketts, Malcolm McPhee, Pankaj Kumar, Edoardo Daly, Andrew Western, Rory Nathan, Joseph Guillaume, Willem Vervoort, Patrick Quaine, Fred Bowden, Yun Chen, John Gallant, Peter Whigham, Barbara Robson, Sandhya Samarasinghe, Don Kulasiri, Bob Anderssen, Julia Piantadosi, Susan Cuddy, Tony Jakeman, Freeman Cook, Francis Chiew, Pascal Perez, Shawn Laffan, Keith Matthews, Wendy Merritt

### 1 Apologies

Carmel Pollino

### 2 Minutes of previous meeting

[http://mssanz.org.au/documents/minutes/MSSANZ\\_AGM2016\\_Minutes\\_Unconfirmed.pdf](http://mssanz.org.au/documents/minutes/MSSANZ_AGM2016_Minutes_Unconfirmed.pdf)

*Motion*

*"that the minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting held on 25 November 2016 be accepted as a true and correct record."*

*Moved: Sue Cuddy; Seconded: Sondoss El Sawah*

### 3 President's report

Firstly, thanks to all involved in MODSIM 2017 especially the session organisers who were on the whole fantastic and are critical to the success of the conference.

The MODSIM 2017 survey is up and running and we request that all participants please do it – it will be open for 3 months. There are questions around OCS (our conference management system), the full paper vs extended abstract balance, the conference app, and the diversity of disciplines. We have not asked questions around child care costs as we consider it relatively insignificant (the cost of one registration).

The issues around declining full papers has been around since the inception of the extended abstract. However, this is the first year that full papers (290) were less numerous than extended abstracts (350). We need to think of options to encourage more full papers as we are likely to run into issues with Thomas Reuters soon. Some comments and suggestions raised in the AGM were

- We could have a 'best paper award' judged by session organisers ... would this increase full papers
- Students will continue to be eligible only if they be full papers (otherwise there are physically too many to evaluate)
- International registrants probably still interested in submitting full papers
- Can we get editors to endorse or state that it is OK to extend papers? Problematic ...
- Have people become busier or is the publishing issue the driver of this trend
- Two oral presentations for two full papers
- Higher registration fee for extended abstracts (general disagreement)
- Does it matter if we become abstract only?
  - The core ranking of MODSIM is C ... is it about the ranking or about the networking

## MSSANZ 2017 AGM

- **ACTION:** confirming our ranking and if we are C-ranked MSSANZ Office to scope strategies to improve this
- A C ranking conference is not where I want to publish
- The number of return vs 1st MODSIM attendees seems high & there is a whole heap of reasons why people attend
- “I have four students all who were told to produce papers and if the number of full papers reduces further in 2019 then I would not encourage students to attend”
- Can we extend the length of abstract ... but why when we allow short full papers (7 pages is the maximum) (general disagreement)
- In the long term 400:300 (full papers : extended abstracts) is OK.
  - We want to increase both
- **ACTION:** We should continue to encourage full papers but not prescribe

OCS is old and a bit clunky although it does work reasonably well. If anyone knows of other options we could investigate migrating to newer system.

MSSANZ has been approached by Winter Simulation Society requesting that MODSIM partner with them at Singapore 2022. There is no financial risk; we would be a co-convenor and provide access to the mailing list for advertising and we are not competing with ours 2019 or 2023 congresses. One person at the AGM noted that this is the pinnacle of simulation societies and it would be great to be involved. Along similar lines we used to have SimMod relationship which would be good to reinvigorate and Singapore 2022 seems a good opportunity to do so. The next iEMSS conference will be held over 24-28 June 2018, Fort Collins, Colorado, USA.

## 4 Treasurer's report

The 2016/17 report does not include the big expenses incurred during MODSIM 2017, although registration had started and so the budget looks healthy. Our current financial position is a better measure of how the Society finances are going (... a mass balance approach!). The MODSIM 2017 should provide a modest budget although is not yet finalised; we had a good number of registrations and sponsorship, and were able to cut some expenses (e.g. conference program), although this has been balanced by some expenses increasing from previous years (namely food and beverage).

The 2016/17 financial year audited statements to be tabled by the Treasurer, Sondoss El Sawah

*Motion*

*“that the 2016/17 financial year statement, as tabled at the 2017 AGM, be accepted.”*

*Moved: Sue Cuddy; Seconded: Tony Weber*

## 5 Constitutional changes

Three motions are recommended by the Executive for endorsement by members. A separate document with background is available at

[http://mssanz.org.au/documents/minutes/2017AGM\\_MotionsToChangeConstitution.pdf](http://mssanz.org.au/documents/minutes/2017AGM_MotionsToChangeConstitution.pdf)

The background for Motion 1 and 2 is that since MODSIM 2011 AGM we have now realised 4 years (2 terms) may lead to organisation/institutional instability and could restrict successional planning.

**Motion 1: ‘that Clause 30 be changed to read:**

30. The term of the President cannot exceed **five (5)** terms of the Committee, except if the position is vacant.’

One concern was raised whether the clause sets up a potential to leave it open for the President not vacating the position. It was clarified that it will automatically vacate after five terms, and only if there was not an endorsed nominant, could the outgoing President re-nominate.

*Moved: Sue Cuddy; Seconded: Bob Anderssen*

*Motion was accepted unanimously*

**Motion 2: ‘that Clause 31 be changed to read:**

31(a) The term of the Secretary cannot exceed **five (5)** terms of the Committee, except if the position is vacant.

31(b) The term and location of the Office is as determined by the Executive.'

This is a similar issue to Motion 1 although this position also has the office attached to it.

*Moved: Sue Cuddy; Seconded: Jai Vaze  
Motion was accepted unanimously*

**Motion 3: 'that sub-clause 36.1 be added to read:**

36.1 A member is eligible to be elected or appointed as a committee member if the member—  
(a) Is 18 years or over; and  
(b) is entitled to vote at a general meeting.'

*Moved: Sue Cuddy; Seconded: Freeman Cook  
Motion was accepted unanimously*

**6 Election of Committee members**

Nominations received before the AGM.

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## 9 General business

### 9.1 MODSIM issues

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**ACTION:** Remove relevant papers from MODSIM2017 website

**ACTION:** Update the relevant policy document to reflect society position

### 9.2 Partnering

Tony Jakeman outlined some progress with formation of Australian chapter of TIAS Society. It is not a big Society and it may be too early to partner with them.

## 10 Tabling of 2017 Biennial Medallists and Early Career Research Excellence Recipients

Medallists and Early Career Researchers were nominated by members, assessed by the Awards Committee with recommendation to the Executive for approval.

### 2017 Biennial Medallists

- Dr Beth Fulton, CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere, Australia
- Professor Craig Simmons, Flinders University, Australia
- Dr Lu Zhang, CSIRO Land and Water, Australia

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- Dr Joseph Guillaume, Aalto University, Finland
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## 11 Tabling of 2016 Fellows Awards

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- Professor Sejong Bae, University of Alabama, Birmingham, USA
- Professor Wai-Sum Chan, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- Associate Professor Barry Croke, Australian National University, Australia
- Professor Holger Maier, University of Adelaide, Australia
- Dr Malcolm McPhee, New South Wales Department of Primary Industries, Australia
- Professor Pascal Perez, University of Wollongong, Australia
- Professor Sandhya Samarasinghe, Lincoln University, New Zealand
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- Associate Professor Jason Sharples, University of New South Wales Canberra, Australia

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Malcolm offered a vote of thanks to the committee, conference organiser and office support.

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On behalf of President (David Post)



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