MODELLING AND SIMULATION SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6pm, 11 December 2001
Lecture Theatre 1, Marcus Clarke Centre,
The Australian National University

Present:

Robert Argent, Simon Woodward, Chris Palliser, Frank Scrimgeour, Vince Bidwell, Les Oxley, Michael McAleer, Christine Lim, Tom Chapman, Wolfgang Flügel, David White, David Mayer, Malcolm McPhee, John Ludwig, Jagadish Timsina, Fred Ghassemi, Rod Bell, William Chivers, Ric Herbert, Fred Bell, Jan Herbert, Tad Soroczynski, David Post, Andrew Zerger, Jason Evans, Alan Clift, Mark Tingay, Peter Brooker, Lal Wadhwa, M. Sivapalan, Tony Jakeman, Susan Cuddy, Juliet Gilmour, Andrea Rizzoli.

1. **Apologies:**

2. **Minutes of the 2000 AGM held on 15 February 2001 at the Centre for Resource and Environmental Studies, the Australian National University**

   Motion: "that the minutes be approved without modification."
   Moved - Fred Ghassemi, Seconded: David White

   Motion Carried

   Action Items.
   (1) The President, Treasurer and Secretary had investigated the use of online subscription as requested. They had determined that the overheads of managing such a scheme did not warrant a change from the present 'manual' method of fax/mail.

   (2) The web site had been redesigned as requested. A Society domain name has been obtained (mssanz.org.au). However, CRES are hosting the site through the address http://mssanz.cres.anu.edu.au/

3. **President's Report**
   The President, Tony Jakeman, gave a verbal report.

4. **Vice President's Report**
   The Vice-President, Michael McAleer, gave a verbal report.

5. **Treasurer's Report**
   A statement of receipts and expenditures, and balance sheet, for the financial year 1 July 2000 – 30 June 2001 was tabled by the Treasurer. These showed cash in the bank plus term deposit as at 30 June 2001 was $69,622.37.

There was some discussion about the inclusion of MODSIM costs in the statement. In reply, the Public Officer stated that, as MODSIM 2001 was run through the MSSANZ account, it was mandatory that all MODSIM expenses and income be included.

Motion: "that the financial report be accepted".
Moved – Juliet Gilmour, Seconded Robert Argent

Motion Carried

6. **Election of Office Bearers**
   Nominations for all positions had been received prior to the meeting. These nominations were endorsed by the meeting.

President:	Tony Jakeman
Vice President:	Michael McAleer
Secretary:	Susan Cuddy
Treasurer:	Juliet Gilmour
Public Officer:	Robert Argent
Committee:	Andre Zerger
	David White
	David Post
	Vince Bidwell
	Christine Lim
	Peter Brooker
	Les Oxley

7. **Other Business**

The meeting passed a vote of thanks to Fred for his work as organizer of MODSIM 2001. The vote was carried by acclamation.

Conference Content
- A new session explicitly on the IMPACT of modelling would be useful.
- A 3rd class of papers (in addition to keynote and short/sharp), eg synthesis papers which would be twice as long as standard papers. These may compare approaches, encompass several themes, etc.
  - Fred Ghassemi, MODSIM 2001 convenor, noted that MODSIM 2001 did have some focused sessions.
  - David Post, MODSIM 2003 convenor, indicated that 20 minutes were locked in so that participants could move between papers. However, a few panel/discussion sessions could be accommodated.
- A new session on not what the models were, but the problems encountered would be useful. (David indicated that would simply need another session organizer!)

Conference Publicity
- For someone for whom modeling is not a core activity (and therefore MODSIM is not their 'regular' conference, more targeted publicity is required, say directed towards disciplines such as geomorphology, faculties, newsletters.
- Action: The President asked members to email him of other societies/groups so that MSSANZ could expand the MODSIM mailing list.

Conference Proceedings
There was extensive discussion on whether proceedings should be on CD – only, as alternative to paper, or in addition to paper. MODSIM 2003 convenor, David Post, indicated that registrants would be invited to indicate on registration brochure, and via the website, whether they want CD or paper proceedings. Individual papers will definitely be posted to the website in pdf format 3 weeks before the conference. Participants would then have option of getting proceedings or not.

8.   **Close of meeting**
The meeting closed at 7.00pm