



34th POPULATION ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the 34th Population Association of New Zealand Annual General Meeting

31 July 2008

Statistics New Zealand, Statistics House, Harbour Quays, Wellington
Statistics New Zealand, Dollan House, Madras Street, Christchurch

Chair: Cyril Mako

Minutes: Denise McGregor

Present 21 Members:

Wellington

Cyril Mako
Denise McGregor
Anne Henderson
Peter Himona
James Newell
Arvind Zodgekar
Sarah Voon
Richard Speirs
Denise Brown

Christchurch

Adele Quinn
Andrew Hancock
Mansoor Khawaja
Kirsten Nissen
Christine Bycroft
Rosemary Goodyear
Nick Thomson
Robert Didham
Megan Murphy
Susan Hollows
Bill Boddington

Auckland via phone

Alison Reid

Meeting started at 1.00pm

The President opened the meeting by welcoming all those present. He noted the passing of foundation member Jeremy Lowe. A tribute to Jeremy and his significant contribution to the Association is being prepared for the next newsletter. Members were asked to observe one minute silence in memory of Jeremy.

1. APOLOGIES

Ward Friesen, Len Cook, Richard Bedford.

Moved C Mako that apologies be accepted. CARRIED

2. MINUTES FROM 2007 AGM

There were no amendments required. It was moved by Cyril Mako / seconded Anne Henderson that the minutes from the 33rd AGM be accepted.

CARRIED

3. MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising from previous minutes.

4. ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

No items were added for General Business although discussion of GST status was referred to the Treasurers report.

5. PRESIDENTIAL REPORT OF COUNCIL

President Cyril Mako noted the success of the 2007 Conference and thanked all those involved. The 2007 Conference sponsors (Statistics NZ, Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry of Social Development, Department of Labour and Ministry of Education) were acknowledged.

It was noted that Life Membership had been given to Ian Poole at the 2007 AGM. The contributions of Lesley Baddon and Michael Rich, who both stood down from council at the 2007 AGM, were noted. The President also acknowledged the contribution of Ward Friesen who stood down as president at the 2007 AGM.

The 2007-08 council has included three new members, Len Cook, Sarah Voon and Dick Bedford. Thanks to Anne Henderson for two issues of the newsletter published during the year and to those responsible for two volumes of the NZ Population Journal. It was also noted that Catherine Schroder was awarded the Jacoby prize at the 2007 Conference.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

Tabled by Peter Himona, Treasurer. Full details appended.

It was noted that the in-coming council should ensure that memberships via the 2007 Conference are followed up in 2008-09.

It was moved by Cyril Mako /seconded by Mansoor Khawaja that the financial report be accepted. CARRIED

Some discussion was held over our status with respect to any requirements on us to pay GST. It was moved Peter Himona/ seconded Sarah Voon that the Association seek clarification directly from the IRD in respect of registration for GST and filing of tax returns and that this visit be instigated by Peter Himona and James Newell who should report back to the in-coming council. CARRIED

7. 2007/08 SUBSCRIPTIONS

It was moved Peter Himona/ seconded James Newell that subscriptions remain at current levels for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 financial years but that GST be added to subscriptions for 2009-10 if necessary. CARRIED

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was moved by Cyril Mako / seconded Anne Henderson that nominees for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer be appointed for the 2008-09 financial year. CARRIED

It was moved Cyril Mako/ seconded Peter Himona that all 8 nominees for positions on the council be appointed to the council for the 2008-09 financial year. CARRIED

2007/08 PANZ council:

President: Cyril Mako

Vice President: Denise McGregor

Secretary: Alison Reid

Treasurer: Peter Himona

Council Members:

Wardlow Friesen

Anne Henderson

Arvind Zodgekar

James Newell

Len Cook

Sarah Voon

Richard Bedford

Mansoor Khawaja

9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

It was moved Peter Himona/ seconded Arvind Zodgekar that we retain the services of current auditor Graham McCreedy of the New Zealand Small Business Association for the 2008/09 financial year. CARRIED.

10. 2009 CONFERENCE

There was general agreement to continue to alternate the location of the biennial PANZ conferences in order to share the responsibility of conference organising. The 2003 conference was held in Christchurch, 2005 in Auckland and 2007 in Wellington. It was moved Cyril Mako/ seconded Anne Henderson that the 2009 PANZ Conference be held in Hamilton, subject to sufficient resources being available to organise it. If this is not appropriate the PANZ council is to use its discretion to find an alternative conference location. CARRIED

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. APA/PANZ Joint Meeting

It was noted that a successful joint meeting was held following the 2008 APA Conference in Alice Springs. It was agreed that an article on the joint APA/PANZ meeting be written for the next newsletter – James Newell to coordinate.

2. NZ Population Journal - Arvind noted difficulties in getting the journal done and encouraged members to submit articles as well as undertake reviews.

The AGM ended at 1.13 pm.

Appended:

2007 Presidential Report

Treasurers report (under separate cover).

APPENDIX 1 – PRESIDENTIAL REPORT

PANZ Annual Presidential report

31 July 2008

Cyril Mako, President

Tena koutou katoa

Those of you who weren't fortunate enough to attend the PANZ conference last year missed out on one of the best conferences we have had. The conference committee did a wonderful job getting everything together, and having the conference run very smoothly. There are certainly challenges in front of the next conference committee to pull something together that can match, or even better, this conference.

From the conference opening by the Rt Rev. and Hon. Sir Paul Reeves, the international guest speakers Prof. Miles Corak, Dr Gerald Haberkorn and Assoc. Prof. Natalie Jackson, to the after dinner guest speaker, Len Cook, and all of the sessional speakers, participants were exposed to a range of thought provoking and in some cases, slightly irreverent, presentations. We expect to see many of these presentations appearing as papers in the Journal in coming months.

Running conferences like this is a costly business, and I would like to thank the conference sponsors Statistics New Zealand, Te Puni Kokiri, the Ministry of Social Development, the Department of Labour and the Ministry of Education for the support they gave to us. Their contributions allowed us to bring in the high quality speakers mentioned earlier and meant we could keep registration fees at a very affordable level.

We look forward to continuing these relations in the future.

The next biennial conference is just 12 months away, and is to be held in early July 2009. Background preparations for this two-yearly event are underway.

One of the highlights from this year's AGM was the successful nomination of Professor Ian Pool for Life Membership of the Population Association of New Zealand. I'm sure you will agree that Ian has made a very significant contribution to New Zealand and international demography and the Population Association of New Zealand over many years and that the awarding of this life membership is well deserved.

A copy of the Life membership nomination outlining some of Ian's achievements over the past 40 years has been published in the newsletter. Ian suffered some health problems last year, which slowed him down a little, but is on his way to recovery and he is back tormenting/educating decision makers the world over. He was up to his usual tricks at the recent Australian Population Association conference in Alice Springs, Australia.

At the last AGM, Lesley Baddon and Michael Rich stood down from the Council. Both have played important roles as secretary and treasurer respectively and had made significant contributions to the smooth running of the council over recent years. I wish to acknowledge their contributions. Also at the last AGM Ward Friesen stood down as president. While he hasn't been lost to council, I none-the-less want to acknowledge the sterling work that Ward has done over the past two years in keeping our band of merry men and women on the straight and narrow.

We were very fortunate to be able to welcome three new members onto the Council. Former Government Statistician, Len Cook, was elected on to the council and we are very pleased to have him on board. Professor Dick Bedford, who needs no introduction, has returned to the Council and maintains an important link between PANZ and Waikato University. Last, but not least, we welcomed Sarah Voon, who some of you will have met at the 2007 PANZ conference. Sarah works for Statistics New Zealand, and was responsible for a lot of the organisation at the recent conference.

Publications produced during the year

- Newsletters

Anne Henderson works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure 2 copies of the newsletter appear in your mail box each year.

- Journals

Two copies of the Journal were produced during the year.

There have been a number of factors which have resulted in delays in releasing the Journal. The timely receipt of quality material has been one of the major factors. We have also experienced some delays with the refereeing process which also haven't helped.

Bev Campbell from the Population Studies Centre at Waikato University has been responsible for laying out the Journal for many years. Unfortunately she is not able to continue this work for us. Her skills and experience have been invaluable and her contribution to the Journal is being missed already.

Members may be aware that our current editor Arvind Zodgekar has retired from his position at Victoria University, and while he is still actively involved in the editing, we are exploring other options as we move forward. Ward Friesen is currently assisting Arvind, however we have some work to do in this area.

Awards

- Student Essay Competition.

The Statistics New Zealand Jacoby Prize is awarded annually by PANZ for the best essay on a population topic written during a course of university study. The competition is open to university students throughout New Zealand and the essays are submitted in the form they were presented during the course of study.

The 2006/07 Jacoby Prize was awarded to Catherine Schroder from the School of Geography and Earth Sciences at Victoria University, for her paper titled 'Place Attachment in New Zealand'.

- PANZ Schools Essay Competition on Population Issues

We tried to introduce a schools essay competition to coincide with the conference last year. Unfortunately, our promotional activities appeared to have missed the mark. While we did receive some entries, none of the entries were considered suitable to award a prize to.

Cyril Mako
PRESIDENT