

International Biometric Society Australasian Region
Minutes of Biennial General Meeting – 5 December 2007

Held in the Jetty Room, Novotel Pacific Bay Resort, Coffs Harbour
10:15 am, 5th December 2007

- 1. Present :** M. Dobbie (Chair), W. Müller, D. Saville, G. Hepworth, D. Baird, R. Cunningham, M. D’Antuono, R. Forrester, S. Foster, P. Geelan-Small, H. Hockey, N. Horton, G. Jones, R. Kopittke, O. Kravchuk, A. Lisle, A. McLachlan, U. Naumann, M. O’Donnell, A. Pettitt, C. Playford, K. Russell, A. Smith, A. Swain, P. Thomson, A. Verbyla, K. Wang, D. Warton, A. Welsh, J. Wilcock, E. Williams, J. Wood, A. Yalu, H. Yoon, I. Zeng and M. Zhu.

Apologies: K. Basford, B. Cullis, R. Littlejohn and B. Niven.

- 2. Minutes of the SGM held on 10th February 2005 at IBS/GenStat Thredbo**
Acceptance proposed D. Saville, seconded D. Warton, carried.

3. Treasurer’s Report

Warren Müller presented his treasurer’s report. He mentioned there was a loss of \$1300 last year and a surplus of about \$1800 this year, with about \$14,700 in total assets currently. Acceptance of his report proposed A. Welsh, seconded R. Forrester, carried.

4. Membership

Warren mentioned that membership has basically been static at 170-180 members for the last eight years. David Warton suggested free membership for students. Warren mentioned that students who attend the regional conference get free membership for one year. No action was decided upon.

5. 2007 Regional Elections

Only one nomination was obtained for each position, so the nominees were elected unopposed. The new regional office-bearers are:

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Second
Vice President	Graham Hepworth	Warren Muller	Melissa Dobbie
Secretary	Patrick Graham	Dave Saville	Alistair Stewart
Treasurer	Warren Muller	Alan Welsh	Ross Cunningham
Bulletin Correspondent	Duncan Hedderley	Dave Saville	Kaye Basford

With regard to out-going office-bearers, Melissa expressed special thanks to Ann Cowling for her involvement in organising the last three conferences, and to Dave Saville.

6. Presidential Report

Melissa Dobbie gave her report, firstly covering the 2005 Thredbo conference and then giving a summary of awards and scholarships. She congratulated Alan Welsh on being elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science. Her husband Dave was thanked for setting up the regional website (biometrics.org.au) and Kevin Wang was thanked for maintaining it. She then gave an update on IBS matters world-wide, and thanked all the people who helped with organising the regional conference at Coffs Harbour. Acceptance

of her report proposed K Russell, seconded R. Cunningham, carried. (Note that a comprehensive Presidential report has been prepared separately to these minutes).

7. Next Conference

Possible locations for the next conference (in December 2009?) were discussed. Somewhere in the North Island of New Zealand seemed to be the most likely possibility.

8. Membership fees for 2008

The Treasurer, Warren Müller, presented three options, involving either no increase or a decrease in fees. Given the volatility of the Australian dollar, and the fact that the central IBS fees have not gone up for some years, so may soon rise, the meeting was in favour of no change in the fees from 2007 to 2008. The latter was formally proposed by J. Wood, seconded M. D'Antuono, carried.

9. Incorporation

There being little time to discuss this topic, Warren mentioned that there were no financial implications, but an office and street address in ACT would be required. He stated that he will prepare a discussion document for the AR committee, and when agreement is reached the proposal can be put to the members.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.06 am.

Dave Saville

24 January 2008