



## Minutes

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015  
**Time:** 12.10-13.00 p.m.  
**Venue:** Animal Physiology Meeting Room, AgResearch, Ruakura

**Present:** Dr Chris McMahon, Dr Frank Jeanplong, Dr Ryan Paul. The regional representatives were invited using a teleconference facility: Dr Kathy Mountjoy (Auckland), Dr Greg Anderson (Dunedin), Dr Owais Chaudhri (Palmerston North), Dr John Wilson (Wellington) and Dr Marianne Elston (Waikato).

**Apologies:** Dr Christine Couldrey, Dr Rita Lee, Dr Chris Pemberton (Christchurch)

**Approve Minutes of previous meeting:** proposed to be an accurate record of the meeting (CM), seconded (KM)

**Matters arising from Minutes dated 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015:** None

## **Incoming Correspondence:**

1. THE LINK: RSNZ Membership news May 2015 (<http://us4.campaign-archive2.com/?u=aeb1040afb4474ec7a22ca8da&id=ace69d7461&e=75a0718d77>) passed on to all members of NZSE. (26-5-15)
2. The New Zealand Society of Endocrinology was invited to join the International Osteoporosis Foundation as a member of the Committee of National Societies (CNS). IOF would be honoured to have NZSE as part of IOF's network of 230 national organizations in 98 countries. In addition to national osteoporosis societies, the IOF CNS network includes the endocrine, rheumatic, orthopaedic and other associations for related bone, muscle and joint diseases. For more information visit <http://www.iofbonehealth.org/join-cns-community> . (27-5-15)

IOF activities include:

- Working groups (Bone & Diabetes, Menopausal Hormonal Therapy etc.) with specific objectives focusing on current clinical or research topic which would benefit international consensus, guidelines or further research
- IOF Scientific Meetings which feature plenaries covering different disciplines related to osteoporosis by various experts (orthopaedics, endocrinology etc.)
- IOF Worldwide Conference of Osteoporosis Patient Societies (WWC)

- IOF Audits containing the region’s epidemiological data on osteoporosis and related health indicators
- Communication and outreach via World Osteoporosis Day and Capture the Fracture campaigns

Greg Anderson and John Wilson commented that there wouldn’t be much benefit for NZSE and the membership fee would be too high if we join this organization. Kathy Mountjoy commented that Ian Reed should be asked about it. Chris McMahon suggested this is not something NZSE should follow-up.

3. ESA-SRB 2015. The abstract submission and early bird deadline is now **2 weeks away!**  
<https://members.asnevents.com.au/register/event/1378> (3-6-15)
4. RSNZ Alert Newsletter 863 was received and passed on to all NZSE members. (5-6-15)
5. The following letter was received from the RSNZ:

Dear Constituent Organisation (CO) Officers

The Royal Society Council met on 4 June and considered the proposals we have been discussing with you for some time. They also considered how these could be implemented under the Society Rules. There was strong endorsement of the move away from small advisory panels chaired by the Society Vice-Presidents to an inclusive Forum structure. Setting aside the transitional arrangements, the long term proposal is that twice a year there would be “Forum days”. Every CO would be entitled to send a representative to each Forum day. During the course of the day there might be time spent in three types of Forum:

- General Forum (at which representatives of Organisational Members include branches as well as COs may participate).
- Constituents’ Forum (at which representatives of all Constituent Organisations may participate).
- Discipline-based Forum (at which representatives of the Constituent Organisations within a particular discipline-based grouping may participate).

There would be three Discipline-based Forums run in parallel:

- Biological and Life Sciences;
- Physical Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Technology and Engineering;
- Humanities and Social Sciences

Each Forum would provide the opportunity for Constituent Organisations to be briefed on Society activities, to provide advice to the Society Council on opportunities or issues of collective concern, and to raise ideas for new activities that might involve the Society working with the Constituent Organisations.

Additionally the Council agreed that COs should be invited to propose experts who could contribute to the expert advice work of the Society. A separate email provides information on the first such opportunity.

**Attached are draft Rules seeking your comments by 10 July** so a finalised set can go to the Council on 28 July. We want to be certain there are no inadvertent snags or lack of clarity. The relevant sections are highlighted.

The goal is to hold the first Forum Day in October 2015. The date will be set by the end of July and all COs informed. We propose to offer travel assistance to a maximum of \$100 per CO per Forum Day, to assist with costs. In practice not all COs may need this grant in aid.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Cleland  
Chief Executive

Liz Gordon  
Councillor representing COs

The RSNZ is seeking the comments/feedback of NZSE on the proposed new rules of Constituent Organizations of RSNZ. Please find a copy of the rules attached.

6. The RSNZ calls NZSE for suggestions for membership of an expert panel. Find letter below (11-6-15):

Dear Constituent Organisation Officers,

An important function of the Royal Society of New Zealand is the forming of expert panels to consider issues of public importance. Past and current topics are listed [here](#). As we noted in a recent email to you, Constituent Organisations will be consulted on potential panel members.

An expert panel is likely to be formed on the topic of the future of the science technician workforce. Potential questions include:

1. What are the implications of the demise of the old NZ Certificate of Science, and the changing nature of technician roles in both research and industry, for the role of science technician?
2. Are science graduates being employed as science technicians, and is that a sustainable and equitable pathway?
3. Is there a need to develop new career paths and qualification structures to support at least some technician roles?

If you have views or insights in regard to this piece of work, please let me know. In particular, I am interested in identifying people able to contribute at a strategic level on the topic – we expect the panel will want to think about the changing role of technicians with new types of instrumentation, what makes satisfying careers for technicians, and what is the broad nature of the skills and knowledge of a technician leaving tertiary education.

The expert panel will need to consider the role of technician in a wide range of science environments across industry, the universities and research institutes, and for pure to applied science areas, including the primary sector but also high technology producers. It is important that the panel be made up of people who can consider strategic solutions to the area. There is no formal nomination process. I would like COs to consider whether anyone in their organisation might have strategic expertise to bring to the topic, and inform me of those possibilities by 30 June.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Cleland  
Chief Executive

Chris McMahan commented that NZSE has little interest in participating in such a panel.

7. The Japan Endocrine Society is offering free booklets (50-100 copies) of the Endocrine Journal (their own publication) to delegates of MedSci 2015. Peter Shepherd has endorsed it. Greg Anderson volunteered to manage the distribution of the booklets (12-6-15)
8. RSNZ Alert Newsletter 864 was received and passed on to all NZSE members. (12-6-15)
9. Chris McMahan reported that twenty members of NZSE supported the proposal of online voting for changes to the NZSE Constitution that enables to establish a new Management Committee using a secret ballot. (26-6-15)

## **Outgoing Correspondence:**

1. MedSci 2015 Registration and abstract submission now open! Emailed to all members on 22 May 2015.
2. Chris McMahon sent out an all members email on the proposal of online voting for changes to the NZSE Constitution that enables to establish a new Management Committee using a secret ballot. (22-5-15)

## **Items:**

1. Online voting for changes in the Constitution of NZSE and positions of the next NZSE Management Committee.  
Chris McMahon announced that now the NZSE Constitution has changed by a majority vote of the current members. Therefore, he is sending out a request for nominations for President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer and three basic scientists and three clinicians to serve on the new NZSE committee that is to take office from October 1 this year.
2. Queenstown Research Week/MedSci 2015 update.  
Greg Anderson reported that five student presentations are expected to take place in the NZSE session at MedSci 2015. He need to organize judges and certificates. Chris McMahon will provide judging forms and blank certificates as well.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Current bank balance: \$17,684.12

PayPal account balance: \$

Term deposit #1 \$40,000.00

Term deposit #2 \$11,475.57

Term deposit #3 \$20,000.00

Find account balances since our last meeting (21 May 2015) in the Appendix.

**New Member applications:** Dr Mohammad Ishraq Zafar (full membership), a research student from Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China. Kathy Mountjoy suggested to get more information about the applicant before approving his application. Frank Jeanplong will send out a request to the applicant to clarify his situation.

**Full members:** 42

**Student members:** 4

**Life Members:** 5

## Other Business:

1. Kathy Mountjoy commented that NZSE should send a report on its finances to the Charities Commission as soon as possible. Chris Couldrey who was not present at the meeting will be notified by Chris McMahon. She might have sorted this out already.
2. Chris McMahon proposed to have a Management Committee meeting before MedSci 2015 Conference to sort out travel award and new membership applications. He also commented that the AGM of NZSE has been scheduled at 4-6 p.m. on 1<sup>st</sup> September at MedSci 2015.

**Meeting closed:** 12.37 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** 12.10 p.m. 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Appendix - Account statement (from 15 May 2015 to 1 July 2015)

**!** Account fees and interest are processed on the last business day of the month. They will be displayed the next day. [View a full list of account fees charged.](#)

**Your accounts**

<b>Business Current Account</b>	
Available:	\$17,684.12
Balance:	\$17,684.12

◀ Previous Account 06-0577-0096721-00 : Business Current Account \$17,684.12 ▶ Next Account ▶

**Business Current Account** create account nickname **\$17,684.12** **\$17,684.12**  
06-0577-0096721-00 Available funds Account balance

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Transactions Account details Statements

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Transactions Between: 15/05/2015 and 01/07/2015

Date	Type	Details	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance
18 May 2015	Payment	Young, Simon C Simonyoung Sub G7A7S4	\$70.00		\$17,230.92
29 May 2015	Bank Fee	Auto Txn Fee		\$0.50	\$17,230.42
19 Jun 2015	Term Deposit Interest	70232913-1004 Int	\$453.70		\$17,684.12
<b>Totals for period</b>					
Deposits:					\$523.70
Withdrawals:					\$0.50
Difference:					\$523.20

◀ Previous Account 06-0577-0096721-00 : Business Current Account \$17,684.12 ▶ Next Account ▶

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