

2002 AGM Minutes

New Zealand Society of Plant Physiologists

The Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Society of Plant Physiologists Inc. was held at the University of Canterbury, Commerce Room 101, Christchurch at 5:35 pm on Thursday 28 November 2002.

1. Michael McManus welcomed the 19 members to the meeting (Ian Ferguson, Andy Allan, Mike Clearwater, Marian McKenzie, Matthew Turnbull, Kevin Davies, Shenning Du, Yongjin Shang, Richard Scott, Balance Chen, Tony Conner, John Clemens, Adrian Walcroft, Debbie Care, Julian Heyes, Jim Crush, David Lewis, Michael McManus, Jocelyn Eason). Apologies were presented for David Whitehead, Ian Wardlaw, Erin O'Donoghue, Jacqueline Rowarth, Ian McIvor, Margaret barbour, Paula Jameson, John Hunt.
2. The **minutes** of the 2001 AGM were accepted (**moved**: Jim Crush, seconded Mike Clearwater; carried).
3. **Matters arising.**
 - (a) NZSPP Web site: Andy Allan encouraged members to give him information (e.g. links, visitor details and future conferences) so that the website will contain all details relevant to our members. Adrian Walcroft noted that the Soil Society put abstracts of newly published papers from current members onto their website and this might be something NZSPP wish to encourage.
 - (b) The NZSPP share of Combio2000 was \$8810, largely as a result of the many registrants at the conference from NZSPP. The money will enable NZSPP to have a larger student award scheme for 2003 to assist students members to travel to Melbourne. An early email reminder (February 2003) will be sent to members giving details of travel subsidies and enabling students to take advantage of cheap airfares.
4. Michael McManus presented the **President's report** (attached) Michael closed by **moving** adoption of his report (carried unanimously).
5. Michael McManus outlined the purpose and guidelines of a **President's Symposium** for future conferences (attached). The Presidents's Symposium guidelines were accepted by the meeting (**moved** Debbie Care, seconded Ian Ferguson, carried).
6. The **Treasurer's report** was presented by Jocelyn Eason (attached). Jocelyn closed by **moving** adoption of her report (seconded Michael McManus, carried).
7. **Election of officers.** Michael McManus nominated Julian Heyes for President of the Society; Matthew Turnbull for Vice-President (seconded Adrian Walcroft); Jocelyn Eason nominated Mike Clearwater for Secretary/Treasurer (seconded Michael McManus). For Council, Michael McManus nominated Andy Allan (seconded Ian Ferguson) and John Clemens (seconded Mathew Turnbull), Jocelyn Eason nominated Marian McKenzie (seconded Andy Allan), and Jim Crush nominated Debbie Care (seconded Julian Heyes). Michael McManus **moved** that nominations be closed and declared all the above elected. Michael McManus continues in his role as Immediate Past President.
8. **Conference Venues 2002 and beyond.** Julian Heyes reported that organisation for the 2003 conference joint conference with ASPP in Melbourne is underway. Michael outlined a three year cycle for conferences where NZSPP meets with NZSHS/NZIAS, ASPP, NZSBMB. Andy

Allan suggested NZSPP should also consider including the Queenstown meeting in the cycle. Julian Heyes **moved** that NZSPP meet with NZSHS in 2004 (seconded Matthew Turnbull; carried). Discussions were held regarding the timing of the 2004 conference and the new Council were asked to signal NZSHS that we would prefer to meet early July rather than the last week of June.

9. **NZSPP Outstanding Physiologist Award.** Michael McManus outlined the rules of this award and explained that this year the candidates shall have been employed in science for no more than ten cumulative years since the year of submission of their doctoral thesis. The recipient for 2002 is Dr. Andy Allan. Andy will present his NZSPP Outstanding Physiologist Award Lecture on Friday 29th November, where the award medal will be presented to him.
10. **Annals of Botany.** Nominations are being sought for the 2003 Annals of Botany Lecturer. Michael McManus suggested that we be proactive in nominating the speaker, which will be shared between NZSPP and ASPP in 2003 as the societies are meeting together. Nominations should be forwarded to Julian Heyes within the next fortnight and he will forward then to the Australian organizing committee. Andy Allan reminded the meeting that the Lecturer is required to write a review and should be made aware of this from the outset.
11. **Any other business**
 - (a) Julian Heyes moved a vote of thanks for Michael McManus's skillful management of NZSPP over the last 2 years and his initiative and hard work as an advocate for Plant Physiologists in New Zealand (seconded Jocelyn Eason, carried).

The meeting closed at 6:06 pm.