



PRESIDENT'S PIECE _____ OCTOBER 2021

As I reflect on my time as President of the society, it has been anything but dull! The committee has had to make a series of difficult decisions and has done a great job of embracing uncertainty and change. The ongoing COVID 19 pandemic means we are about to have our second online AGM. Thank goodness technology has made this change relatively easy.

Over the last two years, the committee has instigated changes to the running of the society. In particular, the increase in the terms of the vice president, president and past president to two years, which has provided additional continuity to the committee. I will step down as president at the joint physical conference with the New Zealand Grassland Association in Invercargill in early February (fingers crossed) at which time Kirsty Hammond will take charge. Kirsty has been a great support and her energy will be an asset to the society.

Sadly, the committee has received resignations from two of the committee members this year: the treasurer Chris Rogers and proceedings editor Sam Peterson. Chris will be greatly missed as he has provided clear guidance on the financial aspects of the society. Chris along with our executive secretary Pauline Penketh have greatly improved and streamlined the society's financial systems. Chris has kindly offered to guide and mentor whoever steps into this role.

Sam Peterson retired from Massey University this year. Sam began his second stint as editor in 2013 but last year Sam flagged his intention to retire as the NZSAP proceedings editor and thus his time on the committee has now come to an end. I would like to acknowledge Sam's dedication to this role.

The final departure from the committee will be our past president Rebecca Hickson. Rebecca has been on the committee since 2012. During her time on the committee Rebecca has held the roles of website manager, vice president and president. She has been a huge asset to the committee with her clear leadership and guidance. Rebecca's departure will leave a committee position available for nomination.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the current committee for all their help over the last two and a bit years. Although it has been challenging at times, the COVID pandemic has also provided the committee a chance to re-evaluate and plan for the future.

Rene Corner-Thomas

NZSAP President

REMINDERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF ANIMAL PRODUCTION

24TH NOVEMBER 2021 2:00 PM

VIRTUAL URL: <https://zoom.us/j/96307268044?pwd=cVdCZXhwVnl5QjFWa210bVdkYkltZz09>

NOMINATIONS FOR NZSAP AWARDS

DUE: **31ST JANUARY 2022**

--- McMeekan Memorial Award --- Sir Arthur Ward Award ---
75th Jubilee Technician Award -- Honorary Life Membership

APPLICATIONS FOR NZSAP ANIMAL SCIENCE TRAVEL AWARDS

DUE: **31ST JANUARY 2022**

Application details can be found here:

<http://www.nzsap.org/nzsap-animal-science-award>

2022 NZSAP MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

Keep an eye out in December 2021 for an email notification that subscriptions are due for payment. Prompt payment is appreciated.

NZSAP MEMEBRSHIP FEES 2022

Full membership	\$95
Student membership	\$47.50
Australian members	\$95
Rest of World members	\$125

NZSAP CONFERENCE 2021

The NZGA Executive, along with the Invercargill Local Organising Committee, have decided to postpone the Joint NZGA, NZSAP and NZAS conference until **February the 1st-3rd 2022**. This decision was supported by the conference partners, the Agronomy Society of NZ and the NZ Society of Animal Production.

With the current Covid restrictions and the rapidly changing guidelines it became obvious that we would need to move to our plan B. Running a conference right now would mean limiting numbers to be able to physically distance safely during presentations, field trips and

networking. In addition to this, attendees from certain regions may be unable to travel and some large organisations are restricting movement of their staff.

While we appreciate that this postponement will be disruptive with many people having to re-organise travel and accommodation, we believe we will be in a better position in three months' time to deliver an in-person conference that provides the experience and content that we all value.

Those attendees that have booked accommodation in advance, specifically at the Ascot Park Hotel, will need to reorganise their accommodation as it will not be automatically transferred to the new dates. Please contact Cheryl at Ascot Park and reschedule as soon as possible cheryl@ascotparkhotel.co.nz; ph 03 2199302. As noted with your registration this is now automatically transferred to the February 2022 date.

We are grateful to the Local Organizing Committee in Invercargill who have worked very hard to ensure that we have a plan 'B' in place.

For those were unable or uncertain about attending in November, conference early bird registration has been extended until **15 December 2021**.

We look forward to welcoming you all in Invercargill in February for our very first summer conference. In the meantime, stay safe, well and happy.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY _____

Topic: NZSAP AGM

Time: Nov 24, 2021 02:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96307268044?pwd=cVdCZXhwVnl5QjFWa210bVdkYkltZz09>

Meeting ID: 963 0726 8044

Passcode: p5b5U0

YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU . . .

It's that time of year again when we hold our Annual General Meeting and as is often the case, vacancies for positions on our Committee appear. This year we will need the following positions filled:

Treasurer - Our current Treasurer, Chris Rogers has tendered his resignation so we are in urgent need to replace him. Chris has provided exceptionally professional services, support and advice during his tenure and we are extremely sad to see him move on. In saying that, don't let that deter you from following in his footsteps. Chris has indicated that he is willing to ensure that his successor has access to this knowledge and experience until you reach the weanling stage. Please do not hesitate to contact Chris directly or email the Society if you wish to be considered or know more about the position. The bonus of the position is that the workload is not onerous and we only meet bimonthly.

Editor – This vacancy exists following the resignation of Sam Petersen. Sam has held this position for sometime and has a good handle on the requirements of an editor of a scientific

publication and a strong professional relationship with those whose skills and knowledge we draw upon when it comes times to assessing submitted abstracts for our publication. This position is currently supported by an Associate Editor who is responsible for ensuring all the submissions have been assessed and are ready for the Editor's final say. An Editor does not necessarily need to be from the animal production arena but should have a desire to ensure scientific publications are authentic and accurate and enhance the latest or best practice within a subscribed field. If you wish to still stay involved in the area of scientific publications and contribute to this important sphere within the scientific community then we would dearly like to hear from you also.

As always we willingly encourage people to consider serving on our Committee to ensure the valuable and sought after work we undertake is able to be maintained. Please consider contributing and make our cause your cause.

NZSAP PROCEEDINGS - FREE ONLINE

The proceedings of the NZSAP are available open access and can be accessed using the following link: www.nzsap.org/proceedings

NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS 2022

The Management Committee is seeking recommendations for the **McMeekan Memorial Award**, the **Sir Arthur Ward Award**, the **75th Jubilee Technician Award**, as well as conferment of **Honorary Life Membership**. The Honorary Life Members shall be persons who have rendered significant service to the cause of animal production.

The **McMeekan Memorial Award** recognises an outstanding individual contribution made to New Zealand animal production and/or the Society, during the previous five years. Nominations must be signed by two financial members of the Society and must contain documented evidence of the way or ways in which the nominee's efforts have made an outstanding contribution to New Zealand animal production and/or the Society during the five years before the nomination. A potential recipient need not be a current member of the Society. The Award is in honour of Dr C P McMeekan a foundation member, past president, life member and distinguished leader in animal production, research and administration in New Zealand and the world.

The **Sir Arthur Ward Award** recognises the successful application of scientific research or farmer experimentation through a series of trials or effective extension when applied to an aspect of animal production in New Zealand. The nominee may be an individual, a company or an organisation, and need not be a member of the Society. Nominations must be signed by two financial members of the Society and must contain documented evidence of how the nominee's efforts have made a substantial contribution towards the adoption of a practice(s) that has facilitated more efficient animal production in terms of output per animal, per labour unit or per farm. The phrase "adoption of a practice" is to be broadly interpreted and may relate to the development of a technique, a piece of equipment, or a husbandry practice; the effective encouragement of sound principles of animal production; or the development of a new aspect of animal production.

The **75th Jubilee Technician Award** recognises outstanding contribution by an individual technician to the facilitation of quality research in New Zealand animal production and/or the Society. To be eligible for consideration the position description or job title of the nominee must reflect a technical position. Nominations must be signed by two current financial members of the Society and must contain documented evidence of the way in which the nominee has fulfilled the objectives of the Award and made an outstanding contribution to New Zealand animal production and/or the Society. A potential recipient need not be a current member of the Society. The Award is in recognition of the 75th Anniversary of NZSAP.

To nominate somebody for an award, please send the following to the Executive Secretary:

P.O Box 955, Cambridge 3450, NEW ZEALAND. Email: nzsap.inc@gmail.com

- Position
- Name of Nominee (Printed) and signature of Nominee
- Proposer (Print name) and Proposer's signature
- Secunder (Print name) and signature of Secunder
- Date

NEW MEMBERS

The NZSAP would like to welcome our new members:

Ajmal Khan
Yuxin Fu

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Any contributions to the Newsletter should be forwarded to: **Omar Al-Marashdeh, SS building, Faculty of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Lincoln University, Lincoln 7647** Email: Omar.Al-Marashdeh@lincoln.ac.nz

New Zealand Society of Animal Production

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date : 2nd July 2020

Meeting Time : 14:00 h

Meeting Place Zoom

President Rene Corner-Thomas declared the meeting open at 2pm on the 2nd July 2020.

In attendance: 30 members.

1. Apologies

Neville Jopson, Mark Illston

Apologies received and accepted.

Moved: Rene Corner-Thomas. Seconded: Jamie Ward.

2. Approval of Minutes

No errors were identified in the previous minutes.

Motion that the minutes of the AGM held on the 2nd of July 2020, as circulated in the newsletter, are accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Rene Corner-Thomas. Second: Jamie Ward. Carried.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

None.

4. President's Report

Move that the President's report be accepted. Moved: Rene Corner-Thomas. Seconded: Kirsty Hammond. Carried.

5. Treasurer's report

Presented by Chris Rogers.

Moved: Chris Rogers. Seconded: Jamie Ward. Carried.

Move that the AGM give leave to the Management Committee to appoint Auditors for the Society accounts in the 2019 financial year.

Moved: Chris Rogers. Seconded: Nick Sneddon. Carried.

6. Journal Editor's report

Presented by Sam Peterson.

- Journal Editor Sam Peterson
- Associate editor Emma Pettigrew
- Emma's job is communication

- My job is to:
 - Make your paper read well and correctly
 - Maintain the style and standard of the Journal
 - Publish the Journal
 - Follow society guidelines
 - If you don't like red ink, don't submit a paper
 - If you don't follow the editor's instructions/suggestions please tell the editor and say why. I'm not infallible!
 - 44 abstracts submitted
 - 1 rejected by committee
 - 1 papers rejected by reviewers
 - 7 withdrawn
 - Finally 31 papers plus living legend
 - The Journal costs the Society about \$10,000 per year (variable from year to year)
 - For editorial matters always use the editor's email address (so it does not get lost in the Massey spam detector or my email inbox)
 - Associate Editor: Emma Pettigrew handles the email unless it is controversial or contains messages for me
 - My thanks to reviewers – especially those who were prompt
 - The Society depends upon the generosity of reviewers to give their time
 - Reviewers are suggested by the committee
 - Best reviewers provide positive and negative feedback
 - Most do an excellent job
 - If you are likely to do little or nothing and do it late please decline the request EARLY and perhaps suggest an alternative
 - Next year, members of the committee (editorial board) will quickly pre-review all papers
 - If you use “track changes”
 - your identity can be determined
 - we can remove your visible details but never erase your actions completely.
 - It would help us if reviewers removed their ID from files, but computer experts can still ID you.
 - If you write your report in a word document or in an email, we can lift the text into a new “clean” file.
 - We can then send your anonymous report to the authors
 - To annoy the editor
 - Format your paper for another journal. These papers will be identified early and returned or rejected
 - It not the reviewers or editor job to correct all your format errors
- This cost some YM a lot of marks!
- Ignore my corrections and suggestions (I can see errors in some papers that I corrected on the galleys
 - Make the same errors in new text and corrections (and on conference slides)
 - Submit so late that you can't get though the reviews and do corrections in time
- Should not assume that they have correctly identified the reviewer
 - Average and range of number of pages in 2019
 - Full papers: 5.2 (4-7)
 - Brief Communications: 3.0 (2-5)
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 - Current word limits are:
 - Full paper: 3000
 - BC: 1650

- Limits be increased to:
- Full paper: 4000 (equivalent to 5.7 pages of printed text)
- BC: 2100 (equivalent to 3 pages of printed text)

Move that the Editor's report be accepted. Moved Sam Peterson: Seconded: Omar Al-Marashdeh Carried.

AP for committee - Jamie ward would like to see a review of the table and figure limits along with the increase in word count

7. Publication manager's report

Presented by Kathryn Hutchinson.

Move that the publication manager's report be accepted. Moved: Sue McCoard. Seconded: Sam Peterson. Carried.

8. Election of officers (2019-2020)

Nominations for the following positions were received:

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| • Past-president | Rebecca Hickson (Massey University) |
| • President | René Corner-Thomas (Massey University) |
| • Vice President | Kirsty Hammond (AgR/BakerAg) |
| • Treasurer | Chris Rogers (Massey University) |
| • Minutes Secretary | Nick Sneddon (Fonterra) |
| • Newsletter | Omar Al-Marashdeh (LU) |
| • Publication Manager | Sue McCoard |
| • Website Manager | Paul Cheng (Melbourne Uni) |
| • Conference Organiser | Jamie Ward |
| • Co-opted member | John Booker (farmer liaison) |
| • Co-opted member | Mark Illston (farmer liaison) |
| • Student Rep | Michaela Gibson |
| • Executive Secretary | Pauline Penkith |
| • Journal Editor | Sam Peterson (Massey University) |

8.1 Succession planning for treasurer

8.2 Nominations for Minutes Secretary

8.3 Nominations for Publications Manager

8.4 Nominations for Student Representative

Michaela Gibson was nominated for the student representative.

Moved: Rene Corner-Thomas. Seconded: Rebecca Hickson

Move that the above officers are declared elected.

Moved: Rene Corner-Thomas. Seconded: Nicola Schreurs. Carried by acclamation.

Conference organisers report:

Moved: Nicola Scheurs Seconded: *Omar Al-Marashdeh*

9. General Business

Motion for Erratum: Moved: Sam Peterson. Seconded: Nick Sneddon. Carried

Motion to extend the elected committee member tenure to 2 years. Moved: Kirsty Hammond. Seconded: Jamie Ward.. Motion Carried

Proposed that NZSAP removes the current provision for free student attendance at NZSAP conferences, replaces it with a 50% subsidy and also actively encourages students to apply for both the young members and travel awards: Moved: Jamie Ward. Seconded: Sam Peterson. Carried

Moved: Seconded:

10. Awards

- Awards in 2019:
 - McMeekan Memorial Award - Nicolas Lopez-Villalobos
 - Sir Arthur Ward Award – LIC
 - Young Member Award – Megan Scholtens
 - Lincoln University Centennial Award – not awarded
 - NZSAP Jubilee University Awards - Massey (Lily Hare), Lincoln (Andrew Milsom)
 - NZSAP Innovation Award (Science and Technology) – not awarded
 - Living Legend Address – Andrew Sykes
 - Life Member Award – Ian Brookes
 - Technician Award – not awarded

- Murray Woolford Young Dairy Scientist Award to be awarded for the first time in 2019.
 - Applications close 31 July.

Meeting finished at 3:18pm, 2nd July 2020.

Minutes submitted by:

Signed:

Date:

Nick Sneddon, Minutes Secretary

Approved by:

Signed:

Date:

Rene Corner-Thomas, President