

NZGS Committee Meeting 11th December 2012

- NZGS to review funding, resources and policies to enable the Society to assist IPENZ, and other groups as necessary, with guideline development.
- Some updates to the NZGS Scholarship for post-graduate study or research are due and will be reviewed and amended by Committee members.
- Amanda to remind NZGS members, and other relevant groups, about the abstract deadline for 19th Symposium on 31st January 2013.
- Committee agreed to mark the joining of the 1000th NZGS member in next Geo News with a small profile article.
- The Committee agreed on a draft budget for the 2012-2013 financial year, and this will be formally presented at the forthcoming AGM (5th March 2013).
- Committee agreed to continue reviews of both the Canterbury EQ and Pike River Royal Commission recommendations – how might they assist members?
- The Committee agreed to seek comments from the membership about possible design and functionality improvements to NZGS website.
- Committee noted that the 2013 Management Committee requires 3 new members to be elected, and that the Call for Nominations will be made before the Christmas Break.
- Simon Woodward is to stand down next year, but Tony Fairclough has decided to re-stand for election as a Committee member for 2013.
- Luke Storie, the YGP representative, is to look into a liaison group for NZGS YGPs, and to think about some YGP themed ideas for the 19th Symposium.
- The Student Award text on the website requires updating.
- Professor Davies indicated that if the AGS bid to host the 2017 ICSMGE conference was successful, there was the potential for satellite conferences (before or after) to be held in NZ.
- The Committee discussed the ANZ 2015, regarding an organising committee and mentor role, and a number of people have expressed interest in assisting. Gavin Alexander (VP, Treasurer) to follow up. This joint conference is to be held in Wellington in February 2015.
- Gavin Alexander attended an AGS National meeting in Brisbane in October and his report was tabled.
- A progress update on the 6th ICEGE will be sought for the next Committee meeting.
- Further review of the first Seismic Design Guidelines is still underway, and a short course outline was discussed by the Committee. It is planned to deliver this short course in the main centres early in the New Year.
- The preparation of the Seismic Design Guideline, Module 3, Retaining Walls, is well advanced, but work on deconvolution is required prior to further finalisation of the document.
- David Burns, Chair, agreed to complete the annual IPENZ user survey (for Collaborating Technical Groups).
- Professor Sloan has agreed to deliver the 51st Rankine Lecture entitled Geotechnical Stability Analysis. Members are advised to save the following dates: Auckland on the evening of Tuesday Feb 12th, and Christchurch on Wednesday Feb 13th.

Next meeting, 5th March 2013, followed by AGM and an evening lecture in Christchurch, venue to be advised.