

NZGS Committee Meeting 2nd September 2014 – Main Points for circulation to members

NZGS Membership 1087

NZGS members with International Affiliations

Society	Members
IAEG	228
IAEG Student Rate	1
IAEGJrnl	162
IAEGJrnl Student Rate	1
ISRM	167
ISRM Student Rate	1
ISSMGE	630
ISSMGE Student Rate	6

The following lists some of the issues raised at the recent meeting and nominates a contact person. Please feel free to contact that person directly, or Amanda (secretary@nzgs.org), if you have any queries.

1.	The Society has signed an agreement with MBIE to jointly prepare and issue earthquake geotechnical engineering guidance.	Gavin Alexander
2.	IPENZ is establishing a new accounting system at start of new financial year (1 October 2014); a new membership system will come into effect next financial year (1 October 2015).	Charlie Price
3.	The Committee discussed the implementation of a Corporate Membership package, however it was voted not to pursue this at present.	Amanda
4.	A detailed draft of proposed NZGS Rule changes was worked through and agreed – to eventually be approved at next AGM.	David Burns
5.	John Scott (MBIE) reported that a draft business case is complete for a National Geotechnical Database – work continues to refine the scope and funding, and interested parties are consulting.	Ken Read
6.	Robert Finch (UCQC) informed the Committee that the outcomes from the SCIRT legacy programme will be set out on a website by the end of the year.	-
7.	As new Seismic Design Guidance documents are released, the Committee agreed that training should be offered. Both UCQC and MBIE representatives at the meeting showed interest in assisting NZGS with this.	Kevin Anderson
8.	Module 1 revision (Liquefaction) is complete and the final review is possibly to be undertaken by Professor Johnathon Bray (TBC)	Kevin Anderson
9.	Module 2 (Foundations) – no further progress. Alternatives to expedite to be considered.	Kevin Anderson

10.	Robert Finch (UCQC) informed the Committee that work associated with Module 3 (Retaining Walls) is underway. UCQC/EQC provided funding, and Auckland University the venue, for a 6 month secondment for Chin and one of his colleagues to undertake research that will inform the guideline.	Kevin Anderson
11.	Module 4 (Site Investigations) – a preliminary draft is almost complete. There was some discussed about making sure appropriate practice throughout the whole of NZ can be mirrored. A formal agreement is still to be developed.	Tony Fairclough
12.	Module 5A (Ground Improvement Specifications) – workshops complete, soon to be released to members for comment.	Tony Fairclough
13.	Another potential guidance document was mentioned – Module 5B (Standard Sample Drawings for Ground Improvement).	Tony Fairclough
14.	John Wood will be travelling the country in November to present the Geomechanics Lecture. Check Branch pages on website for details.	Amanda Blakey
15.	Graham Dilks (IPENZ Practice Manager) told the Committee that over 230 submissions were received on the Code of Ethics review and that they are currently being worked through.	Gavin Alexander
16.	David Burns has accepted the role as the next NZ IAEG Liaison (officially from October 2014 when Ann Williams passes over her IAEG VP role).	David Burns
17.	Over 350 abstracts were received for the ANZ2015 Conference; sponsorship and exhibition packages nearly all booked; there will be three Keynote speakers and two additional guest Lectures; and the Gala dinner is booked. Sounds like a great Conference!	Guy Cassidy
18.	6ICEGE have extended their abstract submission deadline – although already over 260 abstracts had been received. 15 mini-symposia have been confirmed; and guest speakers are being booked.	Charlie Price
19.	10 th YGP Conference in Noosa is on next week (9 th Sept) – two days of presentations and one day field trip.	Frances Neeson
20.	Past NZGS proceedings are being digitised and once complete will be available to members in the member's only area.	Amanda/Gavin/David Burns

Next NZGS Committee meeting: Tuesday 2nd December 2014, Auckland.