

NZGS Committee Meeting 14th June 2016 – Main Points for circulation to members

NZGS Membership 1110

NZGS members with International Affiliations

Society	Members
IAEG	226
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ISRM	170
ISSMGE	685

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 Teresa (secretary@nzgs.org), if you have any queries.

1.	The revenue for the NZ Geomechanics News was the highest it's ever been this last issue. This will be Ross Roberts last issue as Editor. Marlene Villeneuve and Don McFarlane will now be Co-Editors. The committee thanked Ross for all his hard work over the last few years.	Ross Roberts
2.	Development of the new website is well underway and a draft is now being tested, this will include a calendar system. This is expected to go live by the end of July. Android and iPad versions of the Geo News which are currently not being used will cease as the cost of these is \$1200 per issue. Ross Roberts will now become Website Manager.	Ross Roberts
3.	The committee will bring Suzanne Lacasse's Rankin Lecture to Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. Dates are 9-15 th October	Eleni Gkeli
4.	Richard Jardine's Rankin Lecture on Soft Ground Engineering is to be presented in NZ in the last week of March 2017	Eleni Gkeli
5.	Tony Fairclough has attended the AS1726 meeting in Sydney to address over 700 comments submitted. The committee agreed Tony Fairclough should return for the last meeting on 4 th July to finalise the task.	Tony Fairclough
6.	1170.5 Another revision will be shortly. MBIE has asked for NZGS representatives to act on Standards. Laura Stockton (IPENZ) requested NZGS representatives to assist in a draft for a Practice Notice on Construction Monitoring. After a call for volunteers the committee selected Yan Chan and Philip Robins.	Tony Fairclough
7.	The committee hosted Hugo Acosta Martinez, AGS Chair. Their membership is 1800. Hugo presented his report to the committee. The AGS are still lobbying for the ICSMGE Sydney 2021 and are hopeful of winning. The NZ committee agreed to co-sponsor a delegate, with the AGS, from an underdeveloped nation to attend this conference. The NZGS are willing to help with the 2021	Hugo Acosta Martinez

	<p>vote.</p> <p>The AGS will run three courses this year. These are: Geotechnical Mapping (August) Geology for Engineers (November) and Unsaturated Soil Mechanics for Practicing Engineers (December).</p> <p>Hugo told the committee the AGS are now Incorporated and run their own website, database and accounts.</p>	
8.	<p>Rockfall Protection Structure Guidelines – Is under peer review in Switzerland and due to be issued hopefully in July.</p>	
9.	<p>Modules 2&4 – Main efforts are going towards this</p> <p>Module 5 – A well-developed draft is available</p> <p>Module 6 – Is on hold until Modules 2 and 4 are published</p> <p>Module 3 – A video roadshow is planned in September – Misko Cubrinovski and Kevin McManus to present.</p> <p>Professor Norm Abrahamson has been commissioned by MBIE to review seismic hazard methods used in New Zealand.</p> <p>MBIE to carry out research into properties that sustained SLS level shaking from the Valentine's Day earthquake in Christchurch. They are expected to provide evidence of the effectiveness of the new foundation design practices.</p> <p>Geotechnical Emergency Response Guidelines training sessions have been presented to more than 400 people who are now trained as lead assessors.</p>	
10.	<p>The NZSEE Seismic Assessment Guidelines (Red Book) are almost ready for release for public comment.</p> <p>Geoff Farquhar will be the NZGS Representative on the Practitioners Reference Group.</p>	Gavin Alexander
11.	<p>The committee has been asked to take over the Body of Knowledge and Skills (BoKS). The committee has agreed on Kevin Anderson leading this.</p>	Kevin Anderson
12.	<p>The committee agrees to increase the NZGS scholarship funding to \$20,000</p>	Sally Hargraves
13.	<p>Doug Johnson will take the lead role of Local Liaison Officer for IAEG</p>	Doug Johnson
14.	<p>The NZGS 20th Symposium (2017) arrangements are progressing well</p>	Pierre Malan
15.	<p>YGP 2016 – Frances Neeson and David Buxton are working to develop the conference. Sponsorship is going very well.</p> <p>Ten authors have been selected for the NZGS sponsorship awards on the basis of Abstracts submitted. These will be half funded by EQC.</p> <p>The committee agreed to provide a further five awards totalling \$5,000.</p>	Frances Neeson

	These will not be dependant on EQC and the topics will be unrestricted.	
16.	The committee thanked Tonkin & Taylor for donating a set of past conference proceedings which will be scanned and put onto the website.	Ross Roberts
17.	Hugo Acosta Martinez thanked NZGS for the allocation of papers to Australia for the ISSMGE conference in Seoul 2017	
18.	Next Management Meeting 20 th September 2016 at Opus, Christchurch.	