

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the NZIP
Held at 4:00pm PLT2 lecture Theatre, University of Auckland
On Friday, 15 July 2005

Present: Geoff Austin (President), Denis Burchill (Vice-President), Mark Conway (Secretary), Marilyn Carter (Treasurer), Faye Booker, David Krofcheck, Geoffrey Barnes, Michael Reid, David Housden, Howell Round, Alistair Steyn Ross, John Campbell, Sjanal Vi Das, Chris Tindle, Tony Henderson, Dave Thrasher, Des Duthie, Terry Scott, Barry Brennan, Gary Bold, Allison Barrett, Keith Barrett, Johann Fourie.

1) President's Report

The President's report was presented.

1. - International Year of Physics report:

(i) $E=mc^2$ website. Now complete and well visited. Encourage teachers to use the resources – particularly the school and practicing scientist videos. University of Auckland Physics department will keep it running and summer student will be working on relating the site to the curriculum.

(ii) School Video competition in association with web site many high quality entries.

(iii) Space Challenge – Randy Caton brought over from NASA to motivate. Several good entries scheduled for 2 NZ, 2 Canadian and 2 US teams for an international run off by video link. Geoff Austin moved that \$10,000 be given to the winners of the Space Challenge as a prize. Tony Henderson seconded.

Carried unanimously

2. Physics Teacher Awards. The Fred Orange Awards for outstanding high school teachers. Awards to be presented at the Royal society in Wellington in November. We need regional groups to nominate candidates.

3. Education Section : David Housden presented the financial statement from the Education Section (have almost \$78000 in bank due to writing NCEA exams).

4 NZIP Finances Marilyn Carter (Treasurer) presented the financial statement from the Executive section which showed the Institute to be in sound financial state.

Geoff suggested that the next executive should consider spending more money to support Physics in the country e.g. start Physics Olympiad again etc.

4. Hand over of the executive. Executive passed to Otago. After Otago should be Waikato and if they still don't want it then it should go to Canterbury.

5. Any other competent business. Tony Henderson commented that there should be a travelling Roadshow that does all the demos that can't be done in schools. Could be staffed by graduate students.

Otago executive to look into this and into restarting the Physics Olympiad.

Meeting closed at 4:50 pm.