



New Zealand Geographical Society Inc

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## NZ Geog Soc Exec Update

May 2014

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### CONFERENCE

30 June- 2 July Melbourne University <http://iag-nzgs2014.org/>

**Abstract submissions need to be in by 1 June 2014 (conference registration closes then too)**

**Note themes were listed in last month's newsletter**

### NZ GEOG SOC EXEC (12 May meeting)

- While there have been improvements we are still experiencing some technical problems with the access grid.
- Proposed changes to the Constitution were discussed and agreed. It was also agreed that the proposed new Constitution with a few additional changes is to go to Council for further discussion with Branch representatives. Once agreed by Council the plan is for the proposed new Constitution to go on the website for members to review in advance of the AGM.
- Treasurer David Haywood has spent considerable time updating the accounts and clarifying the changes required to systems to make income and expenditure more transparent. Expenditure made between January and April 2014 was ratified by Council. Expenditure includes a small amount of support for key members of the post-graduate network to attend the 2014 Conference in Melbourne, budgeted expenditure by the NZBoGT (such as their AGM costs), and the cost of the Administrative Assistant. Advance airfares paid by the Society for secondary students attending the Olympiad in Poland, plus some other Olympiad costs will be refunded in due course by a grant from the Royal Society.
- Membership figures are still down and this raised discussion on the need to appoint a new member to the Executive to handle membership for the Society (e.g. sending reminders to re-subscribe, plus finding potential new members). The need for this position will be discussed at Council, and will introduce a review of the workloads of executive members.

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- we need individual teachers and members' names and email addresses.

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