



New Zealand Geographical Society Inc

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NZ Geog Soc Exec Update

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Report on Executive Meeting (9 June)

- University programme heads are to be notified that the opportunity to host the 2018 IGU Regional Conference has been reopened for bids. Ideas for a theme for such a conference are sought urgently (by 17 June) (Send directly to n.lewis@auckland.ac.nz). The scientific motivation and organisational aspects of such a conference need to be identified (what new frontiers in geographic exploration would we propose, to implement the bridging role of geography between natural and social sciences, to diffuse geography in the public arena, and so on?)
- The Treasurer's report was accepted and payments made, ratified.
- The proposed new Constitution is now available for members' consideration on the website. Members will be asked to approve these changes at the AGM in September. Because there have been formatting changes as well (due to the introduction of by-laws), a document is also provided which lists the changes clause by clause. The documents can be found at: <http://www.nzgs.co.nz/new-zealand-geographical-society/administration/nzgs-constitution/nzgs-constitutional-changes>
- Executive member position descriptions are also available on the website for members keen to join the executive.
- A new position, Membership Officer, is being created (to be confirmed at the AGM). A Membership Officer is required to carry out one of the most vital tasks of the organisation albeit a somewhat routine task – that of reminding members to pay their subscriptions. It is proposed that discounts will be made available for members who re-subscribe early.
- Rejuvenating Branches: The meeting also discussed some of the matters raised at Council – this includes work to support Branches/increase membership – ideas are sought from members. (NB notices of branch meetings could be made available in the newsletter - given that we geographers like to visit different places it's important that we all get invitations to each other's branch meetings!!).
- Careers for Geographers: Another issue is providing our secondary students with information on the very different careers geographers can enter. Send written information on *What Geographers Do* to me ann.pomeroy@xtra.co.nz (so that we can start collating a document on career paths for the website and for careers advisors, etc), and send video clips of *Geographers in Action* to Matt Henry M.G.Henry@massey.ac.nz for the website.

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