

Annual General Meeting

Australian Pattern Recognition Society

Minutes taker Simon Williams

Those present Tony Adriaansen, David Booth, Wageeih Boles, Murk Bottema, Phil Chapple, Ulrich Engelke, Shannon Feldmann, Pranam Janney, HongDong Li, Brian Lovell, Ross Marchant, Carmine Pontecorvo, Nick Redding, Antonio Robles-Kelly, Jamie Sherrah, Matthew Thurley, Lei Wang, Simon Williams, Jun Zhou

Absent Geoff West, Anthony Maeder

Location of the meeting Wrest Point, Hobart

Date 26 November 2013 5:00pm–6:00pm

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1 Minutes of the previous Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were circulated.

Decision: that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted.

Tony Adriaansen moved. Carried.

2 Business Arising

2.1 ICVNZ

NICK REDDING: contacted the organisers of ICVNZ but received no reply

BRIAN LOVELL: The NZ conference is usually held in late November and DICTA in early December. There was a joint conference in 1997 but it's best to keep the annual DICTA conferences to maintain continuity and reserve our 'slot' in a busy conference schedule

Task: Advise our NZ counterparts of the date of DICTA 2014 and the reason (hotel availability) (N.R.)

2.2 Rejoinders

ULRICH ENGELKE: reported that he did not see any particularly unfair or harsh reviews. The review process was double blind.

MURK BOTTEMA: the double blind process is best, even though in a small community such as ours it is hard to maintain perfect anonymity. We aim to be inclusive, so arbitrarily high standards are counterproductive.

Decision: Double-blind reviews be made the default for DICTA conferences

Proposed Brian Lovell. Carried

Task: forward to N.R. a description of the double blind procedure used in DICTA2013 (U.E.)

Task: Incorporate a procedure for double blind reviews into the Instructions for running DICTA (N.R.)

BRIAN LOVELL: We must be careful to separate the roles of the Area Chair and Reviewers. Area Chairs should only combine the views of the reviewers and not insert their own opinions. Anyone who wants to dispute a review can informally contact the Area Chair

MURK BOTTEMA: A formal rejoinder process is not practical due to the timing of the review process

SIMON WILLIAMS: There should be an indication of the notification of the possibility of an informal rejoinder.

Decision: A formal rejoinder process for DICTA will not be pursued.

Proposed Nick Redding. Carried.

3 Bids for DICTA2015

Task: add the notification of the informal appeal process to the Instructions for running DICTA (N.R.)

2.3 Early Career Research Committee

NICK REDDING: In the absence of a report from the committee, the APRS should offer students registration at 25% of the standard rate and researchers within 5 years of their doctorate a 50% discount.

BRIAN LOVELL: ICIP offers travel grants

NICK REDDING: the administration of such a scheme is prohibitive

LIE WANG: Will organisers of DICTA lose revenue?

TONY ADRIAANSEN: the APRS will reimburse organisers for the discounts offered.

Task: Come up with more sophisticated methods for encouraging an retaining student and ECR members. (APRS)

Decision: DICTA 2014 will offer student and ECR registration discounts as above

3 Bids for DICTA2015

JAMIE SHERRAH: DSTO/ University of Adelaide are willing to submit a bid for 2015

4 Treasurer's Report

TONY ADRIAANSEN: refer to the summary attached

Enclosure I: APRS Financial Summary, November 2013 [1]

5 DICTA 2013

ULRICH ENGELKE:

surplus estimated at \$5k

delegates 79 regular + 7 invited + 10 organisers

papers 119 submitted - 70 accepted (59%)

demographics 16% international, 48% student, 63% members

6 DICTA 2014

LEI WANG:

dates Tue 25 - Thu 27 November

venue Novotel North Beach, Woolongong

The hotel was unavailable in the usual timeslot.

7 Presidents Report

NICK REDDING: It has been a challenging year, with two international conferences in Australia making for a hectic schedule. The decision to run DICTA this year was the correct one. There were some problems setting up the website for DICTA 2013. The APRS sponsored ICIP but not ICCV as there was no real need. BRIAN LOVELL:

APRS Web presence is problematic because it is tied into the University of Queensland as only UQ staff can edit pages. We should move to a neutral web host

ICIP Sponsorship was given directly to the conference (similar to a corporate sponsorship) and resulted in a higher visibility presence than the usual co-sponsorship arrangements.

Task: Investigate and report back to the Committee on option for a web and mail presence independent of a particular university (B.L.)

8 Other Business

8.1 Scandinavian delegates

MATTHEW THURLEY: To qualify for publication money Scandinavian academics need to report an ISSN.

Task: To advertise the APRS ISSN on the APRS and subsequent DICTA websites. (B.L.)

8.2 ICIP2013

BRIAN LOVELL:

delegates 1050- second largest after Cario (1200)

finances good - maybe be able to repay APRS sponsorship

nationalities China #1 AUS #5

ICPR18 Melbourne - \$200k grant from Victorian government

9 Election of Officers

President Murk Bottema nominated Nick Redding. There being no other nominations he was duly elected.

Vice President Murk Bottema nominated Antonio Robles-Kelly. There being no other nominations he was duly elected.

Treasurer Nick Redding nominated Tony Adriaansen. There being no other nominations he was duly elected.

9 *Election of Officers*

Secretary Murk Bottema nominated Simon Williams. There being no other nominations he was duly elected.

Editor Nick Redding nominated Pranam Janney. There being no other nominations he was duly elected.

Members-at-Large Antonio Robles-Kelly nominated Brian Lovell, Murk Bottema, Matthew Thurley. There being no other nominations they were duly elected.

Task: Convey the thanks of the APRS to Geoff Wells for his contribution to the Society (N.R.)

APRS Financial summary, November 2013

Tony Adriaansen, APRS National Treasurer.

Since last AGM held at DICTA 2012, December 2012.

Main transactions are:

Debits:

- Insurance for DICTA 2013
- IAPR annual dues
- [APRS Domain name Note: via UQ].
- DICTA 2012 (Fremantle, Perth, WA) APRS paper prizes/costs.
- DICTA 2013 (UTas, Hobart TAS) seed funding.
- DICTA 2014 (Uni Wollongong, NSW) seed funding.
- ICIP 2013 sponsorship funding

Credits:

- Memberships additional to DICTA 2012.
- Reimbursement of loan & terms after DICTA 2012.
- Interest earned on Credit union account.
- Direct credit- sponsorship of DICTA 2012: NICTA & CiSRA

Full transactions listed in workbook.

Note:

- A)
- B)

Accounts as at 31/Oct/13

On call savings account:	\$46,436.10
“NSW” DICTA 2003	\$ 5,481.56
APRS National Account	\$43,036.22

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TOTAL	\$94,953.88
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No other Branches

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