

Minutes of the IMS Annual General Meeting September 1, 2017 at the Institute of Technology Sligo

Present: P. Barry, S. Buckley, S. Dineen, T. Dorlas, F. Gallagher, M. Hanley, T. Hurley, B. Kreussler, G. Lessells, P. Lynch, D. Mackey, D. Malone, M. Mathieu, P. Mellon, A. O'Farrell, M. O'Reilly, G. Pffifer, R. Quinlan, R.M. Timoney.

Apologies: J. O'Shea, J. Gleeson, R. Levene.

1 Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that would not be covered in other items.

3 Correspondence

The Charities Regulator had contacted the society, as charity status for the society needs to be updated to come in line with new charity regulations.

4 Membership Applications

Applications from M. Golitsyna (Student), A.J. Kavanagh, E.J. Clerkin, S.L. Kitson and F. Gallagher (Student) had been approved by the committee.

5 President's Report

- The president extended his thanks to M. Mackey, the previous president, for handing over the society in good shape and officers of the society for their continued activity. L. Creedon was thanked for hosting the 2017 Conference and AGM. A. O'Farrell, G. Lessells and R. Timoney were thanked for producing, distributing and maintaining the Bulletin and the web pages.
- M. Mackey and M. Mathieu have stepped down from the committee. P. Mellon has joined as vice-president and D. Mackey as a general committee member.
- The educational subcommittee has been active and details to be presented later in the meeting.

- M. Mackey had organised for the society to be represented on the RIA's Physical, Chemical and Mathematical Sciences Committee. This representation is active and the committee is working on a number of issues that will be of interest to the mathematical community.
- The society is part of the European Mathematical Society. The president attended the Presidents' Meeting of the IMS and discussed a number of upcoming scientific meetings. The 2018 EMS Presidents' Meeting is to be hosted in Maynooth, on 14–15 April 2018.
- The Fergus Gaines cup is usually presented at the IMS AGM. However, this year it will be coordinated with the Irish Mathematical Trust's teachers' award.
- A number of different meetings have been supported by the society this year (including the *Minimal surfaces: Integrable systems and visualisation*, *Groups in Galway 2017*, *6th National Student Chapter Conference of the UK and Ireland Section of SIAM*, *The 14th Annual Workshop on Numerical Methods for Problems with Layer Phenomena*, *CERME 10*, *Irish Geometry Conference 2017*, *3rd Irish Linear Algebra and Matrix Theory Meeting*, *11th Annual Irish Workshop on Mathematics Learning and Support*).
- The 2018 meeting will be hosted in UCD in September. Arrangements for the 2019 meeting are underway.
- M. O'Reilly proposed thanks for all the hard work.

6 Treasurer's Report

A report on finances was circulated. Membership income is as expected. Outgoings are also as expected, with a slight reduction in costs and a slightly larger surplus as a consequence. The report was accepted and thanks were proposed by A. O'Farrell.

7 Bulletin

A. O'Farrell encouraged the submission of any articles that may be of interest to members, and also Ph.D. reports, etc. Thanks were extended to R. Timoney and G. Lessells and to the editorial board (T. Carroll, J. Cruickshank, I. Short, T. Unger). M. Mathieu suggested that IMS local reps could encourage people to submit articles and thesis reports.

8 Education Subcommittee

- The Educational Subcommittee has been working hard. As its job is to bring things to the attention of the society, it doesn't communicate with other bodies directly.
- One issue that has been considered is the revision of Applied Mathematics at the leaving certificate. In this respect, extra representation for professional mathematicians has been secured on the NCCA's MDG (Mathematics Development Group). D. Wraith was already on this body but J. Gleeson is also now in attendance. To support the work of these members of the MDG a document has been produced by the educational subcommittee. A discussion of the document followed covering issues such as the IAMTA, availability of applied mathematics teachers, availability of timetable slots to teach applied mathematics, software appropriate for use in applied mathematics and so on. The document was accepted with a minor amendment, to not specifically advocate for any software package. More representation on the MDG was identified as worth pursuing.

9 Elections

- B. Kreussler has reached the end of his term and M. Mac an Airchinnigh has asked to step down.
- This year the secretary and treasurer positions are to be filled. G. Pfiffer and D. Malone are happy to be nominated again. M. Mathieu and L. Creedon were proposed to fill the two arising positions on the committee.
- M. O'Reilly noted that geographic and institutional representation on the committee was, at least informally, important. It was noted that the current spread of representation was good.

10 AOB No items were raised.

Report by David Malone, Secretary.
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