

IRISH MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

Committee Meeting, 12.15, 19th December, 1985, in 39 TCD

Present: M. Newell (President, in the Chair), N. Buttimore, P. Fitzpatrick, B. Goldsmith, R. Timoney (pp. A. O'Farrell).

Apologies: S. Dineen, G. Enright, F. Gaines, M. Stynes, S. Tobin, T. West.

1. The Treasurer's report (for the period 1st October, 1984 to 30th September, 1985) (audited by R. Critchley and J. Leahy) was approved.
2. The Vice-President, S. Dineen, negotiated with the NBST for continued printing of the Newsletter. As a result the NBST has agreed to print two further issues in 1986. It was agreed to investigate possible sources of support for printing the Newsletter such as an NBST cash grant, commercial sponsorship. Also the possibility of whether the Newsletter could be printed (for a fee) by the UCD printing facility or with the aid of the Printing School in the Dublin Institute of Technology, Bolton Street. P. Fitzpatrick explained that the job of printing the Newsletter was considered to be too small by most commercial printing houses but that the binding could be done commercially by a company in Dundalk.
3. The committee noted a report prepared by T. West on the joint meeting with the London Mathematical Society which is to take place in March, 1986. The speakers are W.B. Arveson (Berkeley), A. Connes (College de France), R.G. Douglas (Stonybrook) and E.C. Lance (Leeds). Total costs were estimated to amount to £2,430 of which the LMS has agreed to provide Stg £1,500 and the Royal Irish Academy Mathematical Symposium fund IR£250. The committee agreed that the balance of £380 would be provided by the Society, as requested.

4. In addition the committee agreed to the following expenditure on conferences:
Galway Groups (May, 1986) £100 + guarantee of £50;
Cork Analysis (May, 1986) £ 70 + guarantee of £30.
5. The committee noted a report from A. Seda on a meeting of the European Mathematical Council Data Base Committee. The committee welcomed the contribution being made by Dr Seda to the EMCDBC on behalf of the IMS and it was agreed to endorse strongly his application to the NBST for financial support.
6. In response to a request from M. Atiyah for the IMS to nominate a representative to attend an EMS meeting in Liblice, Czechoslovakia (in November, 1986) it was agreed to enquire whether the EMC could offer travel support to an IMS representative.
7. It was agreed, in response to a suggestion by the Treasurer, that lapsed members (as defined by the rules) should be charged a £10 re-instatement fee.
8. P. Fitzpatrick suggested that the overseas membership fee of £5.50 (or its equivalent) was too low.
9. It was agreed to write to the American Mathematical Society to enquire into the possibility of reciprocity of membership.

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Ordinary Meeting, Friday December 20th, 1985

at

Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies

12.15 pm

The President, M. Newell took the chair and there were 14 members present.

1. The minutes of the previous ordinary meeting of April 14th, 1985, which had appeared in the October Newsletter, were agreed.
2. The Treasurer, G. Enright, presented his report which had been audited by R. Critchley and J. Leahy.
3. The Treasurer mentioned that 18 members of the Society had applied for reciprocal membership of the IMTA so far. The Treasurer raised the question of how much lapsed members should be required to pay if they wished to be re-admitted into the Society. There was considerable discussion on this point but no clear consensus was reached.
4. R. Timoney reported briefly on his activities on behalf of the Secretary, A.G. O'Farrell.
5. S. Dineen reported on discussions he had with the NBST concerning the printing of the Newsletter. These resulted in the NBST agreeing to print two issues of the Newsletter in 1986.
6. There was some discussion on whether it would be reasonable to publish the Newsletter only twice annually. The possibility of mailing the Newsletter to members individually was raised. It was agreed that a more

appropriate title for the Newsletter would be "Bulletin".

7. R. Timoney presented a report drawn up by T. West on the forthcoming joint meeting with the London Mathematical Society (on Friday afternoon/Saturday morning, March 21-22, 1986). The speakers are W. Arveson (Berkeley), A. Connes (College de France), R. Douglas (Stonybrook) and E. Lance (Leeds). The lectures will take place at Trinity College, Dublin. The Royal Irish Academy will host a Hamilton Exhibition and a reception on the Friday evening and that will be followed by a conference dinner in the Kildare Street and University Club. The total cost is estimated to be £2,430 of which the London Mathematical Society has agreed to contribute £1,500 sterling and the Royal Irish Academy Mathematical Symposium Fund £250. The balance of approximately £380 will be met by the Society.
8. The following were nominated, seconded and elected unopposed (for two-year terms):

Treasurer	-	G. Enright
Secretary	-	R. Timoney
Committee	-	R. Critchley
		P. Fitzpatrick
		P. McGill
		S. Tobin
9. Professor Maurice Kennedy was elected as the first honorary member of the Society.