

IRISH MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

Annual Meeting

December 22, 1989

The Annual General Meeting of the Irish Mathematical Society was held at 12.15 pm on Friday, 22-12-89, in the DIAS.

There were 16 members present. The President, F. Gaines, was the chair.

1. The minutes of the meeting of 7-8th September 1989 and 24th November 1989 were read, approved, and signed.

2. **Elections.** D.A. Tipple was proposed and seconded and elected Treasurer of the Society.

G. Ellis was proposed and seconded and elected Secretary of the Society.

The following were proposed and seconded and elected to the Committee:

G. Enright, A.G. O'Farrell, D. Simms, R.O. Watson.

(P. Barry, B.G. Goldsmith, M. O'Reilly and M. Ó Searcóid continue on the Committee, together with the co-opted member R. Ryan).

The co-option of a person from Cork was suggested to the Committee.

The President expressed the Society's gratitude to G. Enright for his seven years' service as Treasurer to the Society, during which time the financial affairs of the Society were admirably organised and conducted. He also thanked A.G. O'Farrell for his service as Secretary. A vote of thanks was passed.

3. The Treasurer presented his accounts for the session 1988-89. He pointed out the encouraging growth shown by the Society during his period in office. The number of members has gone from 145 to 267, and the cash turnover has tripled.

A suggestion by T.T. West that the Society's funds were large enough that the Treasurer should consider how best to invest them was noted.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed, seconded, and passed.

4. It was agreed to revise the membership fees, as follows: Ordinary members: £10; AMS reciprocity members: \$10; IMTA reciprocity members: £4; (It was noted that the IMTA has raised its fee to IMS members, under the agreement, to £3).; Institutional Members: £50; Student members: £4.

5. R. Timoney presented an account of progress on the EUROMATH project. He outlined proposed arrangements for setting up a Database of European Mathematicians, to be made available on the EUROMATH system. It was agreed that information for this database was best collected directly from mathematicians, and that people should have the option of refusing to participate.

6. **MSI Project.** R. Timoney tabled a questionnaire prepared by himself and Donal O'Donovan, for circulation to TCD Maths graduates. He expressed the hope that a similar questionnaire could be sent out by all the institutions, and could form the basis for completing the first task of the project on the situation, potential and requirements of the Mathematical Sciences in Ireland. The questionnaire, which had been already vetted by the committee, was subjected to some further criticism. It was agreed that this kind of survey was best carried out by the institutions, and that the IMS could not dictate to the institutions. However, it was felt desirable that the institutions that participated should use as uniform a format as possible. R. Timoney and D. O'Donovan will circulate the final form of their questionnaire to the institutions for their consideration.

7. It was reported that unavoidable delays had caused the **Bulletin** editorial staff to miss the printer's deadline. It is hoped to have the December Bulletin by the end of January.

8. Members were reminded that the **September Meeting** in 1990 will be held at Dublin City University, and that proposals to host the 1991 September Meeting should reach the Society in good time for the Easter Meeting 1990.

Anthony G. O'Farrell