

Minutes of the Irish Mathematical Society General Annual General Meeting

held on September 6, 2019 at National University of Ireland, Galway

Present: P. Barry, S. Balagopalan, S. Buckley, A. Carnevale, T. Carroll, L. Creedon, E. Donlon, R. Egan, G. Ellis, M. Hanley, B. Kreußler, R. Levene, D. Mackey, N. Mad-dem, D. Malone, A. McCluskey, P. Mellon, H. Murray, M. Ní Chobhthaigh, A. O'Farrell, M. O'Reilly, G. Pfeiffer, R. Quinlan, R. Ryan, H. Šmigoc, N. Snigireva.

1 Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting, as in the Bulletin, were accepted.

2 Matters Arising

All matters will come up later.

3 Correspondence

- All members have been contacted about the Bulletin and other societies with reciprocity agreements. The Edinburgh Mathematical Society are considering a similar course of action and the Korean Mathematical society will no longer circulate hard copies, but electronic copies continue to be available to IMS members.
- The EMS have requested news items from members. Items can be sent to the president.

4 Membership Applications

Thirteen new members had been approved: E. Lingham, F. O'Reilly, F. Healy, Y. Mathieu, A. Carnevale, K. Soodhalter, S. Balagopalan, K. Hughes, M. Wieteska, S. Unnikrishnan, M. McAfee, K. Mulrennan, M. Manolaki. This including members taking advantage of the LMS reciprocity arrangement. This is a record, in recent years at least.

5 President's Report

- The IMS committee has a change of president (with P. Mellon taking over from S. Buckley) and change of vice-president (with T. Carroll taking over from P. Mellon). The president extended thanks to the previous president for his wide ranging activities, support and, in particular, for bringing the EMS Presidents Meeting to Ireland. The president also extended thanks to J. Gleeson for all his work on behalf of the society.
- The president extended thanks to A. O'Farrell for all his work on the Bulletin, moving it to electronic production and thanked Anthony Waldron of Maynooth for help in contacting other societies with which we have reciprocity agreements. The president also thanked the editorial board for their work.
- M. Mathieu had completed all the work on a membership reciprocity agreement with the LMS, with the document signed and came into force at the beginning of July. This was a special agreement, allowing members in Northern Ireland to choose their primary society. There was a lot of good feeling between the IMS and LMS following the agreement.
- Thanks were extended to the G. Pfeiffer, R. Quinlan, A. Carnevale, M. Destrade and the rest of the team in Galway for organising the annual meeting. The 2020 meeting will be in DCU, organised by B. Nolan, N. O'Sullivan and others.
- The society had supported four conferences: Analysis, Geometry and Algebra; Groups in Galway, Linear Algebra and Matrix Conference and the Irish Geometry Conference. There were a number of conferences in May that overlapped or nearly overlapped, and we should aim to avoid overlapping conferences where possible.

G. Pfeiffer was thanked for running the scheme. The society is always happy to provide support, where possible, and act as a kick-start funder.

- S. Buckley attended the EMS Presidents Meeting in TU Berlin on behalf of the society.
- The president also recorded thanks to the long-term support provided by Richard Timoney, who had been active in every aspect of the society over the years. Recently, he had been maintaining the society's website and had been helping M. Mackey with the handover right up to the end.

6 Treasurer's Report

A report on finances were circulated. The treasurer noted that this doesn't fully reflect the new steady state after changes in membership rates and the Bulletin becoming electronic. Our income is mainly from the membership and our outgoings include the Bulletin, conference support, the annual meeting and EMS subscription. We do have a small surplus. Thanks were extended to G. Pfeiffer.

7 Bulletin

The Bulletin, in its electronic form, depends heavily on M. Mackey both for putting up the electronic version and responding to queries. A. Waldron also manages the journal exchanges. Of course, the editorial board continues to provide guidance on issues. Thanks were extended to all for their work.

A small number of paper copies are still being produced for the copyright libraries. Paper copies are available for sale (US Letter size) for those who want them.

As always, the Bulletin welcomes good material, including surveys, book reviews and news.

8 Educational Subcommittee

The education subcommittee is currently focused on curriculum and textbooks. They hope to produce a document providing guidance on these.

9 Ethics

It had been suggested that the committee look at an ethics statement for the society. A short statement had been drawn up and it was proposed to add this to the society's web page. This was approved by the meeting.

10 Elections

D. Malone, L. Creedon and M. Mathieu have reached the end of their term, but are happy to run again. G. Pfeiffer, P. Barry, A. Mustata, J. O'Shea and R. Levene have all reached six years on the committee and thanks were extended to all for their work for the society. Nominations were received for R. Ryan, R. Flatley, N. Snigireva and H. Smigoc for general committee positions. C. Kelly was also nominated to act as treasurer. All were elected unanimously.

11 AOB

- The European Congress of Mathematics will be held in Slovenia on July 5–11. It will be preceded by the EMS Council meeting.
- B. Kreußler asked about how much money had been saved by moving the Bulletin to electronic format, and what new activities could be supported by the society. The full saving is not yet clear, but there may be the possibility of extending conference support or having more invited speakers.
- The Fergus Gains cup is usually presented by the Irish Mathematical Trust in May. This year, however, it was presented in the winner's school.
- M. O'Reilly asked what should be done with journal hard copies from societies with which we have reciprocity agreements. The old system was that various

Irish institutions housed copies, but in practice most hard copies were stored in Maynooth. It was felt that these should be retained.

- M. O'Reilly asked about checking the list of local IMS representatives. The meeting reviewed the matter, and resolved to update the list for the next Bulletin. K. Soodhalter was thanked for standing in as local representative in TCD.

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