

**Minutes of the Irish Mathematical Society Annual General Meeting  
held on December 11, 2020 on Zoom (due to Covid)**

*Present:* C. Boyd, S. Buckley, M. Bustmante, A. Carnevale, T. Carroll L. Creedon, A. Cronin, S. Dineen, N. Dobbs, R. Flatley, R. Gaburro, E. Gill, J. Granell, C. Kelly B. Kreußler, G. Lessells, P. Lynch, D. Mackey, M. Mackey, N. Madden, D. Malone, M. Manolaki, M. Mathieu JP. McCarthy, A. McCluskey, P. Mellon, A. O'Farrell, M. O'Reilly, A. O'Shea, C. O'Sullivan, K. Pfeiffer, R. Quinlan, M. Roosbon, M. Rosbotham, T. Rossman, R. Ryan, N. Snigireva, H. Šmigoc.

(1) **Minutes**

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

(2) **Matters Arising**

All matters will come up later.

(3) **Correspondence**

- We received a message about the open letter written by the European Women in Mathematics group regarding treatment of untenured mathematicians, women and parents during the Covid crisis. The letter had already been signed by a number of societies, and the committee had decided to sign the letter also.
- The EMS have requested news items from members. Items can be sent to the president.

(4) **Membership Applications**

Four new members had been approved: H. Akyamba, R. Neururer, K.C. Chim and M. Kerin.

(5) **President's Report** The president gave a summary of her report (the full report is included in the bulletin).

(6) **Treasurer's Report**

A report on finances was virtually circulated. Printing costs are now low. We had also supported awards for tutors organised by the Irish Mathematics Learning Support Network. The Irish subscription to the IMU had been paid using a combination of donations and the society's own resources. The society was also going to place some funds in saving certificates. Thanks was extended to the treasurer and local reps.

(7) **International Mathematical Union**

As described in the editorial of the summer bulletin, the Royal Irish Academy withdrew from paying Ireland's subscription late in 2019. The IMS had decided to act, in order to prevent membership from lapsing and became the adhering body.

The committee had begun to seek private sponsorship to cover the subscription, but the Covid lockdown had interrupted this process. As an interim measure, the committee approached a number of the mathematical research centres and departments in the country and was lucky to receive support. The committee extended its thanks to The Boole Centre for Research in Informatics at UCC (Prof. Morrison); The Hamilton Mathematics Institute at TCD (Prof. Shatashvili); Hamilton Institute at MU (Prof. Duffy); SFI Connect Research Centre (Prof. Jennings); The Department of Mathematics and Statistics at UL (Prof. Gleeson and Dr. Mitchell); The School of Mathematics and Statistics at UCD (Prof. Cox). With this support, the committee was able to cover the subscription for this year. However, the committee are seeking a longer term solution and are contacting the government in this respect.

**(8) Scientific Meeting**

The September meeting had been moved to January and will take place virtually in DCU, thanks to B. Nolan and N. O'Sullivan. The 2021 meeting will take place in UCC and MTU, hosted by C. Kelly and J.P. McCarthy.

**(9) Bulletin**

The bulletin is operating well. As always, the bulletin welcomes good material, including papers, surveys, reviews and book reviews. Departments are encouraged to submit news, including new staff members and graduating students.

**(10) Educational Subcommittee**

The previous education subcommittee had been dissolved after five years of operation, and members of the subcommittee had been thanked for their service. New terms of reference had been drawn up, and the new committee will be the Irish Committee for Mathematics Education. A. O'Shea had been invited to chair. Expressions of interest had been sought for membership. The new committee will start its work in January.

M. O'Reilly welcomed the new committee, and noted that the name should be presented so that it is clear that it is a subcommittee of the IMS.

**(11) Elections**

P. Mellon, T. Carroll, S. Buckley and D. Mackey have reached the end of their terms. Both T. Carroll and D. Mackey are happy to run again and we had received additional nominations for A. O'Shea and R. Gaburro. All were elected unanimously, with T. Carroll serving as the new president and L. Creedon serving as the new vice-president.

**(12) AOB**

- E. Gill extended thanks to all outgoing committee members. A. O'Farrell extended particular thanks to P. Mellon who had moved quickly to ensure continuity of Ireland's membership of the IMU. These thanks were echoed by many members.
- P. Mellon noted that, though she hadn't thought much about it in advance, she had been the first woman president of the IMS, and that the good geographical and gender representation was present on all committees. M. O'Reilly noted that the society might be interested in the WITS organisation.
- J. Granell thanked A. O'Farrell for his role in chairing the outgoing education subcommittee.
- P. Mellon thanked A. O'Farrell and M. Mackey for looking after the bulletin and the website. Thanks was also extended to N. Madden who was coordinating a group of IMS members interested in AthenaSWAN and who had recently submitted a proposal to the HEA to collect pertinent statistics.

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