

To conclude, I wish to thank all those who contributed articles during the past three years. A special word of thanks is due to those whose assistance was invaluable: Pat Fitzpatrick (Associate Editor), Phil Rippon (Problem Page) and Leslie Brookes (Typist).

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IRISH MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

Notice of Ordinary Meeting

Thursday, April 4th, 1985, 12:15 p.m.

at

Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Friday, December 21st, 1984

at

Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies

The meeting commenced at 12.15 p.m. with Professor A.G. O'Farrell in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.

Matters Arising

The question of the post-graduate awards was regarded as a dead letter. No progress had been made in relation to the Young Scientist's Award. The Massera Campaign was over. M. Clancy reported that some progress in the talks with the IMTA had occurred. It was proposed that reciprocal membership without voting rights might be obtained at a cost of £1.50. The IMTA still had some misgivings and would consider this proposal at a delegates meeting. This and any subsequent proposals will be considered by the new Committee.

Secretary's Report

This was accepted on a proposal from S. Tobin, seconded

by M. Newell.

Treasurer's Report

This report was circulated and further details were given by G. Enright. The report was accepted on a proposal by F. Holland, seconded by M. Newell. The chairman, Professor O'Farrell, complimented the Treasurer on the orderly fashion in which he had handled the affairs of the Society.

The membership list was circulated and some minor and one major - the omission of NUU from the Institutional list - mistakes were noted. Local representatives were asked to inform the Treasurer, G. Enright, of any changes of address of members. It was noted that a 12% increase in ordinary membership had occurred.

It was proposed that the subscription be increased to £5 per annum to take effect from January 1986. It was hoped that this rate could be held for a significant period of time. S. Tobin was unhappy with an increase just for increase sake and some discussion took place regarding the need for increased reserves. It was hoped that more conferences could be supported in the future. The proposal was formally put by T.T. West, seconded by F. Holland and was accepted. The overseas rate for libraries will be increased *pro rata*.

Orlov and Shcharansky

The basic situation in relation to Orlov and Shcharansky was outlined in the current Newsletter. T.T. West proposed that the Society should ask for their release. This was agreed.

Changes to Constitution and Rules

(i) It was proposed to simplify the procedure of election to membership. This would now be confirmed by the Committee.

- (ii) It was proposed to replace the word "session" by the word "term" in the rule governing the period of consecutive holding of office. This would result in offices being allowed to be held for 3x2 year periods rather than 3x1 year periods as at present.
- (iii) That members 18 or more months in arrears be deemed to have resigned.
- (iv) That the first sentence of paragraph 5 of the rules be deleted.

Items (i) - (iv) were unanimously accepted.

[Text of revised Constitution at the end of this report - Ed.]

Ratification of Members

This was formally proposed by G. Enright and unanimously accepted. It was pointed out by Dr Enright that this would no longer be necessary in view of (i) above. He further suggested, and it was agreed, that the revised Constitution and Rules be published.

Elections

The following were elected unopposed:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
President	M. Newell	A.G. O'Farrell	F. Holland
Vice-President	S. Dineen	A.G. O'Farrell	F. Holland
Secretary (1 year)	A.G. O'Farrell	G. Enright	S. Dineen
Committee Member	T.T. West	F. Holland	S. Dineen
	F.G. Gaines	P. Boland	S. Dineen
	N. Buttimore	S. Tobin	F. Holland
	B. Goldsmith	D. Hurley	P. Boland

Other Business

- (a) T. Murphy reported that it was hoped to run a conference on the Mathematics of Theoretical Computing.
- (b) There would be a joint meeting with the LMS on Operator Theory in Dublin. Easter 1986 was a possible date.
- (c) It was agreed to query the possibility of reciprocal membership arrangements with the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications.

IRISH MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

1. The Irish Mathematical Society shall consist of Ordinary and Honorary Members.
2. Any person may apply to the Treasurer for membership by paying one year's membership fee. His admission to membership must then be confirmed by the Committee of the Society. Candidates for honorary membership may be nominated by the Committee only, following a proposal of at least three members of the Society. Nominations for honorary membership must be made at one Ordinary Meeting of the Society and voted upon at the next, a simple majority of the members present being necessary for election.
3. Every Ordinary member shall pay subscription to the funds of the Society at the times and of the amounts specified in the Rules.
4. The Office-Bearers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, the Secretary, a Treasurer. The office of President or Vice-President may be held in conjunction with any of the other offices.
5. The Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and eight additional members. No person may serve as an additional member for more than three years consecutively.
6. There shall normally be at least 2 ordinary meetings in a session.
7. Notice of a motion to repeal or alter part of the Constitution shall be given at one Ordinary Meeting. Written notice of one month shall be given to all members before the next Ordinary Meeting at which the motion shall be voted upon, being carried if it receives the consent of two-thirds of the members present.
8. One month's written notice of a motion to repeal or alter a Rule, or to enact a new Rule, shall be given to all members before the meeting at which it is to be voted upon, the motion being carried if it receives the consent of a simple majority of the members present.
9. All questions not otherwise provided for in the Constitution and Rules shall be decided by a simple majority of members present at a Meeting. Eleven ordinary members shall form a quorum for such business.