THE AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY INCORPORATED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The sixty-first Annual General Meeting of The Australian Mathematical Society Incorporated will be held in the Macquarie Theatre, Macquarie University, NSW, on Thursday 14th December 2017 at 1 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the sixtieth Annual General Meeting.

3. Business arising from the minutes.

4. President’s report (Professor K.A. Smith-Miles)

5. Secretary’s report (Assoc. Prof. P.J. Stacey)

6. Treasurer’s report and Audited Financial Statement of the Society for the year ending 31 July 2017 (Dr A. Howe)

7. Subscriptions and journal prices to members for 2018 (Dr A. Howe)

    The Treasurer’s recommendations, subject to approval by Council at its meeting on 11th December, are attached.

8. Appointment of Auditor

    The Treasurer proposes that the Auditor for 2018 should be:
    James Daniels CPA, Federation Tax and Accounting, 116 Crawford St, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

9. Editors’ reports (Professor G. Hocking)

10. Report of ANZIAM (Professor M.R. Myerscough)


12. Decisions made by Council (Professor K.A. Smith-Miles)
13. Annual Meetings

(i) This meeting needs to confirm that the sixty-second Annual Meeting in the Year 2018 will be held at The University of Adelaide from Tuesday 4th December to Friday 7th December with Dr T. Leistner as Director.

(ii) The meeting needs to determine that the sixty-third Annual Meeting in the Year 2019 will be held at Monash University from Tuesday 3rd December to Friday 6th December with Professor I.M. Wanless as Director.

   (Assoc. Prof. P.J. Stacey)

   The list of members, subject to Council approval of certain positions at its meeting on 11th December, is attached.

15. Vote of thanks  to retiring members of Council

   The following members will retire from Council at the conclusion of this AGM:
   
   Professor T.R. Marchant  Immediate-past-President
   Professor J.A.G. Roberts  Elected Vice-President
   Professor J. de Gier  Ordinary Member
   Professor H.S. Sidhu  Ordinary Member
   Professor A.D. Sims  Ordinary Member.

16. Any other business.
The Australian Mathematical Society (Inc)

Minutes of the Sixtieth Annual General Meeting of the Australian Mathematical Society Incorporated, held in the Manning Clark Centre, Australian National University on Wednesday 7th December 2016, commencing at 1.15 p.m.

Present:

President (T.R. Marchant), Secretary (P.J.. Stacey) and Treasurer (A. Howe), together with


(66 members.)

P. Exner, President of the European Mathematical Society, attended as a guest.


2. **Confirmation of Minutes**
   The minutes of the fifty-ninth Annual General Meeting were confirmed.
   
   (G.E.Prince /L. Ward)

3. **Business arising from the Minutes**
   There was none.

4. **President’s Report**
   The President’s Report was presented by Professor T.R. Marchant.

   The President highlighted two aspects of his report. The first was responding to the government push for engagement and impact, including addressing the implications for fundamental disciplines such as pure mathematics, and the second was our need to increase our membership, both from academics and those working in industry.
On the first of these aspects he reminded members that engagement and impact were to be additional measures, supplementing publication data, to be used by the Australian Research Council in the next ERA assessment. He informed members that the Society had collaborated in a submission on these to the ARC, which has been posted on AMSI's web site. Following a pilot scheme, which will not involve mathematics, to be run by the ARC next year there will be an opportunity for a further submission. To facilitate this he suggested it might be desirable to run another workshop similar to the one which provided the basis for the recent submission. He emphasised that it will be a big issue in future for all academics to work out how to interact with the non-academic world.

On the need to increase membership, which has been trending downwards despite a small uptick in the last couple of years, the President informed members of the establishment of the Membership and Marketing Committee, which he plans to continue to chair. This has already undertaken a cost-effective e-mail marketing campaign and will explore ways of building the Society’s value to those outside academia, to increase the Society’s membership base and therefore provide extra income to supplement the profits from journals.

The President concluded the summary of his report by thanking the Officers of the Society for support during his term of office and by wishing Professor Smith-Miles well during her term as President.

Resolved That the President’s Report be received.

5. Secretary’s Report
The Secretary’s Report was presented by Associate Professor P.J. Stacey.

Resolved That the Secretary’s Report be received.

6. Treasurer’s Report and Audited Financial Statements
The Treasurer’s report was presented by Dr. A. Howe. He pointed out that the Society had an operational loss of $63,436 in the last financial year but AMPAI, which handles income and expenditure from publications, had made a profit of $98,494 , resulting in a combined profit of $35,058. The combined assets of AMPAI and the Society have risen to $1,865,623. This has been despite a substantial increase in grants made during the year.

Resolved That the Treasurer’s Report be received.

Resolved That the Audited Financial Statements of the Society for the year ended 31 July 2016 be received.
7. **Subscriptions and journal prices to Members for 2017**

Resolved That Members’ subscriptions for 2017 be as follows:

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Resolved That Journal prices to Members for 2017 be as follows:

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<td>$96.80</td>
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Note:

(a) Existing Ordinary Members who renew their subscriptions before January 1st 2017 are entitled to a rebate of $5, which should be deducted from their payments.

(b) Members may pay for up to three years in advance, at the 2017 rates of membership.

(c) Early Career Researchers/Workers (ECRs) are allowed reduced membership fees, at 50% of the ordinary rate, for up to five years after their last degree.

(d) Members over 70 years who have belonged to the Society for 30 years are entitled to free membership.

(e) All new Ordinary Members are entitled to pay their first year’s subscription at the concessional rate of $69 (no rebate).

(f) The journals produced by AMPAI are subject to GST.

(g) All membership dues, accreditation fees and journal subscriptions are income tax deductible.

(h) Payments can be made by credit card.
8. **Appointment of Auditor**

Resolved  
That Mr. James Daniels CPA, Federation Tax and Accounting,  
116 Crawford St, Queanbeyan NSW 2620 be appointed as Auditor  
of the Society for the 2016/2017 financial year.

9. **Editors’ Reports**

Resolved  
That the Editors’ Reports be received.

10. **Report of ANZIAM**

Resolved  
That the report from ANZIAM be received.

11. **Report of ANZAMP**

Resolved  
That the report from ANZAMP be received.

12. **Decisions made by Council**

The following decisions were highlighted by the President.

(a) **A good practice scheme to guide the implementation of gender equity policies**

Council decided to establish a working party to examine the London Mathematical Society’s Good Practice Scheme and to recommend actions to improve gender equity, with a focus on changes to Society practices.

(b) **Early Career Workshops**

Following advice from the organisers of the short 2015 Early Career Workshop, Council decided there will not be a short Early Career Workshop in 2017 but that the Early Career Representatives be asked to suggest a replacement activity to support early career researchers.

(c) **Mathematics Olympiad team support**

Council decided to increase its grant to support the Mathematics Olympiad team from $1,500 to $3,000, to match the contribution from the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers.

(d) **Science meets Business**

It was decided to support registration costs, accommodation and travel expenses, to a maximum of $1,500 per person, to support up to two Society delegates to attend *Science meets Business*, an initiative of *Science and Technology Australia* to bring together corporate and research leaders to build collaboration. As a member of STA, the Society is entitled to send two delegates, as is AMSI.
(e) The Society’s web site
Council’s Steering Committee has been pursuing the establishment of a working party to investigate possibilities for modernising the Society’s website and making content entry less technical. Noting that the process has stalled because no suitable person has volunteered to chair the working party, Council decided that a first step in deciding on a suitable general structure for a revamped website would be to engage a consultant to provide advice.

(f) Revised criteria for awarding Fellowship of the Society
Council has approved revisions to the criteria for admission as Fellow, to encourage more Fellows from outside academia. The revised criteria are that applicants for Fellow shall normally have
1) a Masters or Doctoral degree from a recognized university or college, which includes a major component in an area of mathematics;
2) a senior professional standing and been employed for at least five years in a relevant position or positions, with a major focus in an area of mathematics, within the university, government, industry or business sectors;
3) made substantial contributions to the mathematical sciences in one or more of the areas a) research, b) teaching and scholarship, c) leadership, service and management or d) industry and innovation.

(g) Student Conference Support Scheme
Council decided that henceforth support under the Student Support Scheme be restricted to student members of the Society based at a university in Australia.

(h) Honorary Member
Council awarded Honorary Membership of the Society to Professor A.L. Carey in recognition of his outstanding work for the Society and for mathematics in Australia.

13. Annual Meetings:

Resolved 11  To confirm that the sixty-first Annual Meeting of the Society will be held from Tuesday 12th December to Friday 15th December 2017 at Macquarie University with Professor X.T. Duong and Professor P.D. Smith as Co-Directors.

Resolved 12  To provisionally determine that the sixty-second Annual Meeting of the Society will be held from Tuesday 4th December to Friday 7th December 2018 at the University of Adelaide with Dr T. Leistner as Director.
14. **Membership of Council for the Session 2016/2017**

The Council for the 2015/2016 session is as follows:

- President: K.A. Smith-Miles
- Immediate-past-President: T.R. Marchant
- Elected Vice-President: J.A.G. Roberts
- Secretary: P.J. Stacey
- Treasurer: A. Howe
- Member (to 2017): J. de Gier
- Member (to 2017): H.S. Sidhu
- Member (to 2017): A. Sims
- Member (to 2018): N.G. Bean
- Member (to 2018): A. Devillers
- Member (to 2018): D. Donovan
- Member (to 2019): A.P. Bassom
- Member (to 2019): J.E. Licata
- Member (to 2019): A.C.M. Thomas

**Ex-officio members:**
- Chair of ANZIAM: M.R. Myerscough
- Chair of ANZAMP: T.M. Garoni
- Vice-Pres. (Ann. Conf.s.): V. Gaitsgory
- AustMS Memb. elected to Steering C’ttee: P.J. Forrester
- Rep. of ANZIAM: J. Piantadosi
- Rep. of ANZAMP: V.V. Mangazeev
- Chair, Standing C’ttee Math Ed: B.I. Loch
- Public Officer, AustMS & AMPAI: P.J. Cossey

**Editors:**
- Gazette: S.A. Morris and D.T. Yost
- J. AustMS: G.A. Willis
- ANZIAM J.: A.P. Bassom and G. Hocking
- Electronic Editor: A.J. Roberts
- Bulletin: J.H. Loxton
- Lecture Series: J. Ramagge
- Web Site: R.R. Moore

15. **Vote of thanks to retiring Members of Council:**

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring members of Council, namely:

- Professor C.E. Praeger *Editor, Lecture Note Series;*
- Associate Professor S. Morrison (*Ordinary Member;*
- Dr J.G. Sumner (*Ordinary Member*).

He noted that in addition Professor N. Joshi retired during the year, when she completed her term as Chair of the National Committee for Mathematical Sciences;
both Professor Joshi and Professor Praeger had served on Council for many years, including terms as Presidents.

These thanks were carried by acclamation.

16. **Any other business:**

   (a) A vote of thanks to the President was proposed by Professor Smith-Miles and carried by acclamation.

   (b) It was suggested that, to mark the Society’s 60th anniversary, a certificate should be sent to those who had been members for at least 50 years. In addition the Gazette Editors could invite selected senior members to write on their experiences.

   (c) It was reported that, as its 40th conference approaches MERGA is keen to track down foundation members. The Society might be able to assist via its email list.

   (d) Professor Prince reported that, in addition to reports in the Gazette, reports on workshops jointly funded by AMSI and the Society are now in the AMSI report.

   (e) Associate Professor Ward reported that in September 2017, the Women in Mathematics Special Interest Group of the Society will hold Australia’s first-ever conference devoted to research done by women in the mathematical sciences. The conference will be held at the University of South Australia from 24th to 26th September.

   (f) It was suggested that future Conference Program Advisory Boards could consider including some talks at an introductory level; as an interim measure, talks aimed at those outside the talk’s specialist field could be flagged.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at approximately 2.15 p.m.
All new Ordinary Members are entitled to pay their first year’s subscription at the concessional rate of $70 (no rebate). Existing Ordinary Members receive a $5 rebate if subs paid before 31/1/2018.
Journal Prices to Members for 2018
(subject to approval by Council)

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