

Draft minutes of 45th Annual General Meeting of the NZMS

Massey University (Manawatu), 3rd December 2019, AH1.

Present: Boris Baeumer, Richard Brown, Alona Ben-Tal, Bruce van Brunt, John Butcher, David Bryant, Jiling Cao, Hyuck Chung, Lisa Orloff Clark, Luke Fullard, Steven Galbraith, Marie Graff, Pedram Hekmati, Shaun Hendy, Sam Irvine, Stephen Joe, Vivien Kirk (Chair), Bernd Krauskopf, Carlo Laing, Woei Chet Lim, Michael Lockyer, Tammy Lynch, Robert McLachlan, Jeanette McLeod, John Mitry, Sishu Shankar Muni, Rua Murray (minutes), Dion O’Neale, Hinke Osinga, Nicolette Rattenbury, Mick Roberts, David Simpson, Jonny Stephenson, Catherine Hassell Sweatman, Winston Sweatman, Lorenzo Toniazzi, Chris Tuffley, Graham Weir, Phil Wilson, Nicholas Witte, Wenjun Zhang.

Apologies: Florian Beyer, Kevin Broughan, Sahana Cidambi, Marston Conder, Emily Harvey, Astrid an Huef, Stephen Marsland, Charles Semple, Melissa Tacy, Graeme Wake.

Meeting opened: 5.00 pm.

1. Minutes of the 44th Annual General Meeting were accepted.
(Moved from Chair, passed.)
2. There were no matters arising.
3. President’s report. The President began by thanking Tammy Lynch and the Colloquium organising committee for an excellent conference. The President reminded members of honours achieved this year, including the election of Astrid an Huef to FRSNZ, the award of the Cranwell Medal for Science Communication to Jeanette McLeod and Phil Wilson, and Christian Offen for the Hatherton Award. Additionally, she reiterated her thanks to those members who work hard for the Society behind the scenes, including the Webmaster (David Simpson), Membership Secretary (John Shanks), NZJM editor (Shaun Cooper) and NZMS Newsletter editors (Fabien Montiel and Melissa Tacy). The President then thanked the Council, noting in particular the departing Council members.

Members were reminded of the panel discussion on diversity in the Mathematics community, to be held following the AGM.

4. Shaun Hendy spoke briefly about international thinking on FAIR research principles (findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable) and open data. Mathematics has been slower to engage with these discussions than many science subjects. Member’s attention was also directed to an article in the forthcoming Newsletter by Mark Wilson on open access publication.
5. The Treasurer’s report was tabled, showing 2019 financial performance in line with budget, and setting a similar budget for 2020. Audited accounts now form part of

the annual return to Charities Services, and documentation (up to and including the 2018 financial year) is publicly accessible on the Charities Services website. The Treasurer's report was accepted. (Moved from Chair, passed.)

6. Appointment of auditors. The current auditor, Nirmala Nath from the School of Accountancy, Massey University, to be re-appointed as Auditor. (Moved from Chair, passed unanimously).
7. Membership Secretary's report. This was presented (as tabled) and accepted (Murray/O'Neale).

2019 fees to remain unchanged for 2020.

8. Election of councillors:
 - (a) Emily Harvey (2014-2020) and Stephen Marsland (2017-2020) have completed their elected terms, and Shaun Cooper resigned earlier in the year; the Society thanks them for their service.
 - (b) At its meeting on 2 December the Council coopted Stephen Marsland for a term of three years, with the expectation that he will continue to serve as Treasurer.
 - (c) Two nominations were received for the two remaining vacancies on Council: Graham Donovan (Graff/Stephenson) and Tammy Lynch (McLachlan/van Brunt). Graeme and Tammy were declared elected to Council.

9. Forthcoming colloquia:

2020 AUT; Nov 30 - Dec 3.

2021 Canterbury.

2022 VUW.

2023 Joint AMS/NZMS/AustMS meeting - Auckland to host; 4-8/12/23.

10. Julia Wolf will be the Forder lecturer, touring NZ in March 2020. Brendan Creutz is the national coordinator for the tour. Lisa Orloff Clark will be the next Aitken lecturer.
11. Correspondence: member's attention was drawn to a document from the IMU, outlining changes to the structure of the ICM that will result in a larger allocation to applied mathematics.
12. General business: members were reminded that UNESCO has declared March 14 ("Pi day") to be the international day of mathematics (see Newsletter). Members are encouraged to organise activities and liaise with each other. The Society will be building a new website for outreach.

The meeting recorded its thanks to Vivien Kirk for her service as President, and welcomed Shaun Hendy as the new President.

Meeting closed 5.25 pm.