

42nd Annual General Meeting of the NZMS

Victoria University of Wellington, 5th December 2016.

Present: Astrid an Huef, Boris Baeumer, Anna Barry, Alona Ben-Tal, Mike Brettell, Jiling Cao, Petru Cioica-Licht, Lisa Orloff Clark, Shaun Cooper, Peter Donelan, Tom ter Elst, James Hannam, Jörg Hennig, Bernd Krauskopf, Carlo Laing, Stephen Marsland, Dillon Mayhew, Mark McGuinness, Robert McKibbin, Fabien Montiel, Graeme O'Brien, Lynette O'Brien, Dion O'Neale, Hinke Osinga, Iain Raeburn, Nicolette Rattenbury, Mick Roberts, Mark Schroder, David Simpson, Winston Sweatman, Rachel Tappenden, Steve Taylor, Chris Tuffley, Graeme Wake, Phil Wilson

Apologies: John Butcher, Marston Conder, David Gauld, Rod Gover, Emily Harvey, Stephen Joe, Vivien Kirk, Robert McLachlan, Graham Weir

The meeting opened at 5:05 pm.

1. Minutes of the 41st Annual General Meeting were accepted (Astrid an Huef/Graeme Wake, passed).
2. Matters Arising. None.
3. President's report. Astrid an Huef presented her report (as tabled). The President's report was accepted (Astrid an Huef/Mark McGuinness, passed).
4. Treasurer's report. Mark McGuinness spoke about the report (as tabled) on Bruce van Brunt's behalf. The accounts received an "unqualified audit opinion". Subscriptions have not increased in 5 years, and may be increased at the next AGM. The Treasurer's report was accepted (Astrid an Huef/ Bernd Krauskopf, passed).
5. Appointment of auditors. The current auditor, Nirmala Nath from the School of Accountancy, Massey University, is to be re-appointed as Auditor. (Astrid an Huef/Mark McGuinness, passed).
6. Membership secretary's report. Was presented (as tabled) by Astrid an Huef. The meeting would like to thank John Shanks for his contribution and service (Astrid an Huef/Winston Sweatman, passed).
7. Election of 2018-2019 President
 - (a) Departing Outgoing Vice-President: Winston Sweatman was thanked for his service.
 - (b) Nominations for Incoming Vice-President: Vivien Kirk (Rua Murray/Astrid an Huef)
 - (c) Vivien Kirk was elected.
8. Election of councillors to fill three spots:

- (a) Shaun Cooper and Emily Harvey have finished their first terms; the Society thanks them for their service.
 - (b) There were three nominations for Council: Shaun Cooper (Winston Sweatman/Mick Roberts), Emily Harvey (Astrid an Huef/Florian Beyer), Stephen Marsland (Winston Sweatman/Mark McGuinness).
 - (c) Shaun Cooper, Emily Harvey and Stephen Marsland were elected.
9. Financial report from 2015 Colloquium and Report of 2016 Colloquium.
- (a) Shaun Cooper read a financial report, prepared by Rua Murray, from the 2015 Colloquium. The report outlined a small remaining (surplus) balance of \$834.31 that has been applied towards internal costs (printing, room and security charges).
 - (b) Mark McGuinness reported that the 2016 Colloquium was going well.
 - (c) Astrid an Huef reminded everyone of the online colloquium survey that is open until the end of the week.
10. Forthcoming colloquia:
- 2017** The 2017 Colloquium will be held at the University of Auckland 4-6 December, immediately following EMAC2017 conference 29 Nov-1 Dec.
 - 2018** Otago will host in 2018 as the next Te Waipounamu (South Island) meeting.
 - 2018** ACCMCC (combinatorics) conference will be in NZ in December 2018, organisers (Waikato) have asked for 2018 colloquium dates as soon as possible to arrange these not to clash.
 - 2019** Chris Tuffley will ask the department at Massey University at Palmerston North if they are willing to host the 2019 Colloquium.
11. Report on NZ Journal of Mathematics from David Gauld presented as tabled by Shaun Cooper. Gaven Martin was thanked for 18 years of service as Editor. The Editorial Board has been revised; retiring, continuing and new members of the board are thanked for their support of the journal. Good manuscripts, including well-written survey articles, are being sought. Please encourage colleagues, collaborators, experts in your field, and especially NZ graduate students, to submit well-prepared manuscripts to the journal. Consider submitting your next good paper to the NZJM.
12. Report from the NZMS Education Group.
- (a) Dillon Mayhew talked about the two main groups that make up the NZMS Education Group. Anyone interested in participating should contact Dillon.
 - (b) Graeme Wake mentioned that the Prime Minister's Science Teaching Prize now includes mathematics; mathematics teachers are encouraged to apply.

13. Update on Forder, Aitken, and Maclaurin lecturers. As in President's report.
14. Updating our constitution. Due to changes in the Incorporated Societies Act, the constitution needs to be revised by 2020. The main changes involve conflict resolution and winding up. Astrid an Huef, Emily Harvey and Rua Murray will work with ANZIAM (NZ branch) to prepare the required revisions.
15. General business.
 - (a) Outgoing president Winston Sweatman was thanked for a total of 10 years of service to the NZMS Council. (Astrid an Huef/Shawn Cooper, passed).
 - (b) Continuing council member Emily Harvey was thanked for ongoing service as secretary. (Bruce van Brunt¹/Astrid an Huef, passed).
 - (c) Continuing council member Bruce van Brunt was thanked for ongoing service as treasurer. (Astrid an Huef/Shawn Cooper, passed).
 - (d) Mark McGuinness was thanked for standing in for the treasurer. (Bruce van Brunt¹/Astrid an Huef, passed.)
 - (e) The possible role of an honorary solicitor for the NZMS was raised.
 - (f) The question of what to do with books, no longer wanted, of retired mathematicians was raised.

The meeting closed at 5:45 pm.

¹Nomination communicated by Mark McGuinness