

THE AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY INCORPORATED
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The fifty-seventh Annual General Meeting of The Australian Mathematical Society Incorporated will be held in the Eastern Avenue Auditorium, University of Sydney, Sydney, New South Wales, on Wednesday 2nd October 2013, commencing at 4.00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Confirmation of the minutes** of the fifty-sixth Annual General Meeting.
- 3. Business arising** from the minutes.
- 4. President's report** (Professor P.J. Forrester)
- 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 May 2013 (Dr A. Howe)
- 7. Subscriptions and journal prices** to members for 2014 (Dr A. Howe)
- 8. Appointment of Auditor**
The Treasurer proposes that the Auditor for 2014 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 P. Broadbridge)

11. Decisions made by Council (Professor P.J. Forrester)

12. Annual Meetings

- (i) This meeting needs to confirm that the fifty-eighth Annual Meeting in the year 2014 will be held at the University of Melbourne from Monday 8th December to Friday 12th December 2014, jointly with the New Zealand Mathematical Society as the eighth Australia-New Zealand Mathematics Convention, with Associate Professor P.T. Norbury as Director.
- (ii) The meeting needs to determine that the fifty-ninth Annual Meeting in the Year 2015 will be held at Flinders University from Monday 28th September to Thursday 1st October with Associate Professor V. Ejev as Director.

13. Report on membership of Council for the session 2013/2014
(Assoc. Prof. P.J. Stacey)

14. Vote of thanks to retiring members of Council

The following members will retire from Council at the conclusion of this AGM:

Professor P.G. Taylor (*Immediate Past President*);
Professor K.A. Smith-Miles (*Vice-President*);
Assoc. Prof. F. Larusson (*Ordinary Member*);
Dr M. O'Reilly (*Ordinary Member*).

15. Any other business.

THE AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY (INC)

Minutes of the fifty-sixth Annual General Meeting of the Australian Mathematical Society Incorporated, held in in the Blainey Lecture Theatre at the University of Ballarat, Ballarat, Victoria, on Wednesday 26th September, 2012, commencing at 4:30 p.m.

Present:

President (P.G. Taylor), Secretary (P.J. Stacey) and Treasurer (A. Howe), together with

S. Afzaly, A. Amenta, C. Banks, L. Batten, J. Borwein, R. Brent, N. Clisby, G. Cohen, B. Davey, J. Du, M. Elder, G. Farr, P. Forrester, A. Francis, T. Garoni, J. de Gier, M. Giudici, T. Guttmann, A. Henderson, M. Jackson, J. Kress, S. Lack, Shuai Liu, N. McConnell, S. McCormick, M. Myerscough, J.-a. Osborn, C. Praeger, A. Pulemotov, A. Ram, M. Randall, J. Ramagge, L. Reeves, K. Seaton, B. Sims, K. Smith-Miles, R. Street, J. Thomas, I. Wanless, S.O. Warnaar, G. Willis, Jon Xu, D. Yost, R. Zhang, Y. Zhang.

(48 members.)

The following 3 people, currently not members of the Society, were also present as visitors: R. Cockett, H. Mirzayeva, D. Morales.

1. Apologies:

A.R. Albrecht, J. Bamberg, A.P. Bassom, P. Broadbridghe, P.J. Cossey, J. Filar, A. Glen, G. Hocking, N. Joshi, F. Larusson, D. Mallett, R.R. Moore, M. O'Reilly, J. Piantadosi, G.E. Prince, A.J. Roberts, S.O. Warnaar, K. White, L. Wood.

2. Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of the fifty-fifth Annual General Meeting were confirmed.

(A.Henderson/A.Francis)

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

None.

4. President's Report:

The President's Report, a copy of which appears in the Council Minutes Book, was presented by Professor P.G. Taylor. He expanded upon some of the points and invited Professor S.O. Warnaar to outline the development of a decadal plan for mathematics. Professor Warnaar described the structure of the steering committee for the plan, its subcommittees and its executive, the role of the National Committee for the Mathematical Sciences and the preliminary vision statement, specific

goals and timetable. He emphasised that input was sought from the mathematical community.

Members commented that it was important to build on the 2006 review, that the vision statement and goals needed to be made more compelling and that there needed to be information available on the web during the development of the plan.

Resolved That the President's Report be received.

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5. Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's Report, a copy of which appears in the Council Minutes Book, was presented by Associate Professor P.J. Stacey.

Resolved That the Secretary's Report be received.

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6. Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements:

These were presented by the Treasurer, Dr. A. Howe, who summarised the Society's financial position.

Resolved That the Treasurer's Report be received.

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Resolved That the Audited Financial Statements of the Society for the year ended 31 May 2012 be received.

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7. Subscriptions and journal prices to Members for 2013

Resolved That Members' subscriptions for 2013 be as follows:

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Ordinary Member	\$126	Sustaining Member	\$252
Reciprocal Member	\$63	Reduced Rate Member	\$32
Education Member	\$63	Retired Member	\$32
Early Career Member	\$63		
Division of Applied Mathematics (ANZIAM)	\$12		
Division of Applied Mathematics (reduced rate members)			\$6
Life Membership at Retirement for Members over 55 years			\$630

Resolved That Journal prices to Members for 2013 be as follows:

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	Ordinary, Sustaining, Reciprocal & Education Membs	Reduced-rate, Retired & Life Members
Journal AustMS		
Resident in Australia	\$96.80	\$48.40
Resident overseas	\$88	\$44
ANZIAM Journal		
Resident in Australia	\$83.60	\$41.80
Resident overseas	\$76	\$38
Bulletin		
Resident in Australia	\$92.40	\$46.20
Resident overseas	\$84	\$42
Gazette	free to all members	

Note:

- (a) Existing Ordinary Members who renew their subscriptions before January 1st 2013 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 2013 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 PhD.
- (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 \$63 (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,
7 116 Crawford St, Queanbeyan NSW 2620 be appointed as Auditor
 of the Society for the 2012/2013 financial year.

9. Editors' Reports:

The President drew attention to the comment in the Web Site Editor's report that members are invited to provide historical information as it becomes available. It was then

Resolved That the Editors' Reports be received.
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10. Report of ANZIAM:

(A copy of this report appears in the Council Minutes book.)

Resolved That the Report from ANZIAM be received.
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11. Decisions made by Council:

The following decisions were highlighted by the President.

- (i) Council approved the formation of a Women in Mathematics Special Interest Group.
- (ii) Council resolved to change the method of providing financial assistance to students attending the Society's annual conference. The new scheme will be based on that successfully operated for several years by ANZIAM. Instead of a fixed cap on the amount provided to an individual student, Council will set a budget and will establish a three member panel to determine allocations to individuals. The budget for 2013 has been set at \$12,000.

The scheme includes the requirement that students complete a short (two page) application for funding, in which they need to put together a budget for all of their expenses and indicate other sources of funding apart from AustMS. Furthermore it is a requirement that students present a talk at the conference for which they are funded.

- (iii) Council approved funding to continue the Lift-off Fellowships for a further 3 years, at the current funding rate of up to \$35,000 a year to support up to 7 fellowships.

- (iv) Council accepted a recommendation from Steering Committee to discontinue the Society's Program Review Scheme.
- (v) Council resolved to allocate up to \$6,000 to share equally with AMSI in the support of up to 3 Society members to attend the 2014 International Congress of Mathematicians, with the understanding that this could lead to leadership roles in a future bid to host the Congress.
- (vi) While proceeding with constitutional changes to facilitate a broader range of free student members, Council has resolved to make free membership available to any honours or graduate student in mathematics, statistics, computer science, physics or mathematical finance, enrolled at an Australian institution. Such membership shall be available for 6 years of study, subject to annual confirmation of eligibility by the student. In addition, in exceptional circumstances and on the recommendation of an ordinary member of the Society, free membership will be available to an undergraduate student of mathematics enrolled at an Australian institution.
- (vii) Council has resolved to continue its membership of AMSI for a further 3 years.
- (viii) Council has conferred Honorary Membership of the Society on Professor M.G. Cowling FAA FAustMS in recognition of his outstanding work for the Society and for mathematics in Australia, including as Editor of the Bulletin and the Journal.

In response to a question from a member, it was reported that Council had made no changes to the rules for the Mahler Lecturer but had considered relaxing the rule that the Lecturer shall normally be available for the Annual Conference of the Society.

12. Annual Meetings:

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| Resolved
10 | To confirm that the fifty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Society in the year 2013 will be held at the University of Sydney from Monday 30th September to Thursday 3rd October 2013, with Assoc. Professor L. Paunescu as Director. |
| Resolved
11 | To provisionally determine that the fifty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Society will be held from Monday 8th December to Friday 12th December 2014 at the University of Melbourne, jointly with the New Zealand Mathematical Society, with Dr P.T. Norbury as Director. |

13. Membership of Council for the Session 2012/2013

The Council for the 2012/2013 session is as follows:

President	P.J. Forrester
Immediate-past-President	P.G. Taylor
Elected Vice-President	K.A. Smith-Miles
Secretary	P.J. Stacey
Treasurer	A. Howe
Member (to 2013)	F. Larusson
Member (to 2013)	M. O'Reilly
Member (to 2014)	J. Bamberg
Member (to 2014)	N. Boland
Member (to 2014)	A.R. Francis
Member (to 2015)	J. Filar
Member (to 2015)	A. Glen
Member (to 2015)	D. Mallet
<i>Ex-officio members:</i>	
Chair of ANZIAM	P. Broadbridge
Vice-Pres. (Ann. Confs.)	S.O. Warnaar
AustMS Memb. elected to Steering C'ttee	N. Joshi
Rep. of ANZIAM	J. Piantodosi
Chair, Standing Cttee Math Ed	L. Wood
Public Officer, AustMS & AMPAI	P.J. Cossey
<i>Editors:</i>	
Gazette	A.R. Albrecht and K. White to 31/12/2012 S.A. Morris and D.T. Yost from 1/1/2013
J. AustMS	J.M. Borwein and G.A. Willis
ANZIAM J.	A.P. Bassom and G. Hocking
Electronic Editor	A.J. Roberts
Bulletin	G.L. Cohen
Lecture Series	C.E. Praeger
Web Site	R. Moore

14. Vote of thanks to retiring Members of Council:

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

Professor R. Zhang (Vice-President (Annual Conferences)),
Dr B.M. Maenhaut (Ordinary Member),
Professor A. Ram (Ordinary Member).

These thanks were carried by acclamation.

15. **Any other business:**

- (a) A vote of thanks to the President, who was completing his term, was carried by acclamation.
- (b) The Chair of the B.H. Neumann Prize Committee suggested the possibility of awarding a prize for the best student talk by a student yet to commence a PhD. Members suggested that before introducing such a prize it would be useful to find out how many eligible students might be expected. To this end it was suggested that the conference registration form should ask students for the degree in which they are enrolled.
- (c) Professor J. Ramagge spoke from her experience as an ARC discipline panel member, stressing the need to have a large number of applications from our discipline in order to increase the amount of funding available. She suggested that the Society should introduce a grant scheme for members of the Society who submit an unsuccessful but competitive application to the ARC. It was suggested that this should be considered by Council.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at approximately 5:30 pm.