Minutes of the Meeting of the Irish Mathematical Society

Ordinary Meeting
7th September 2000

The Irish Mathematical Society held an Ordinary Meeting from 5.10 to 6.10 pm on Thursday 7th September 2000 in the National University of Ireland, Maynooth. There were 16 members present.

1. Minutes
The minutes of the meeting of December 1999 were approved and signed subject to two minor corrections.

2. Matters Arising
Martin Mathieu has taken over as editor of the Bulletin.

The joint meeting with the Edinburgh Mathematical Society scheduled for 2001 has fallen through.

J. Golden was elected as the local representative for the Dublin Institute of Technology (proposer: A. O' Farrell, seconder: R. Timoney).

3. Correspondence/New Members
R. Timoney summarised discussions held at the ECM in Barcelona on behalf of the Society.

A letter from the Royal Irish Academy was read stating that K. Hutchinson is now the representative of the Society on the National Committee for Mathematics.

The following were approved at the Committee meeting on the 6th as members of the Irish Mathematical Society: Dr Ciaran Taylor, (Institute of Technology Tallaght); Dr Joseph Varilly, (Universidad de Costa Rica); Dr Dana Mackey, (University College Dublin); Dr Sinead Breen, (National University of Ireland, Maynooth); Dr Niamh O' Sullivan, (Dublin City University); Ms Vicki Livingstone, (student member, University of Limerick); Ms Caroline Lynch, (student member, University of Limerick).

4. The Bulletin
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M. Mathieu made various suggestions about raising funds/saving money to improve the Bulletin. The idea of an electronic only version was also suggested, but rejected. S. Dineen volunteered to approach

some of the Irish technology companies to see if they would print it for us, he pointed out that they would expect at least one page to acknowledge their help if willing. S. Dineen also suggested that authors should be given a number of free reprints of their articles. Various suggestions consequently were made: articles are available to authors on the IMS web site, or photocopyies could be made of the original pages. All of these ideas will have to be discussed in the future.
Thanks were formally proposed to Rod Gow for his editorship over the last 6 years.

5. Treasurer's Report
The Treasurer presented his report for 1999, which was accepted and signed.

6. September Meetings
The September meeting of the Irish Mathematical Society is to be held in Limerick in 2001 (probably in the first week of September), with Cork as the 2002 venue.

7. Other Business
The idea of changing elections to the Committee from December to September was welcomed. The Committee will have to decide the exact changes to the Constitution to be made at its December meeting, have the changes published in the Bulletin, and voted upon at the September 2001 Ordinary Meeting. The change would take effect from that meeting if agreed upon.

S. Dineen, A. O' Farrell, R. Timoney, and T. Murphy presented a signed letter proposing Professor Jim Eells, Professor Terry Wall, and Professor John Wermer for honorary membership of the IMS. These proposals will be discussed (as normal) by the Committee at its next meeting, and voted upon at the next Ordinary Meeting.

Concerning conference fees for the September Meeting, which henceforward will be called the September Conference, it was felt that the matter should be left to the local organizers, but that the difference between the fee for non-members and members should be less than the IMS membership fee. After some discussion, T. Murphy proposed the following motion:
"In agreement with the Treasurer the local organizing committee may charge a registration fee for the conference."
This was seconded by G. Lessells, and passed unaminously.

Gratitude was expressed to Maynooth for the excellent (present) conference and organization.

8. Irish Mathematical Society Ordinary Meetings
The next Ordinary meeting is to be held in December in conjunction with the DIAS conference as normal.

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