

**IRISH MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY**  
**CUMANN MATAMAITICE NA hÉIREANN**  
**CONSTITUTION**  
**5 September 2006**

1. The Body Corporate hereby constituted shall be known in English as *The Irish Mathematical Society* and in Irish as *Cumann Matamaitice na hÉireann* and shall hereinafter be called the Society.
2. The Society is incorporated for the purpose of promoting and extending the knowledge of mathematics and its applications. Activities proper to the Society shall include the following:
  - (a) holding meetings of the members of the Society and visitors introduced by them,
  - (b) publishing and distributing the Bulletin of the Society,
  - (c) organizing and supporting conferences, lectures, and discussions on subjects of special and general interest to mathematicians,
  - (d) discovering and making known the views of the members of the Society on mathematical matters of public interest,
  - (e) co-operating with other organizations to achieve the purpose of the Society.
3. The officers of the Society, hereinafter called the Officers, shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary. Only persons who are Ordinary members of the Society may hold Office.
4. The governing body of the Society, hereinafter called the Committee, shall consist of the Officers and at least eight other Ordinary members of the Society. The Committee shall meet at least twice during each year, the President to be the convener. The quorum for each Committee meeting shall be five members of the Committee, including at least two Officers.
5. Membership of the Society shall be classified as follows:
  - (a) Ordinary membership,
  - (b) Institutional membership,
  - (c) Honorary membership,
  - (d) Student membership.
6. Any person may apply to the Treasurer for Ordinary membership. Any institution may apply to the Treasurer for Ordinary or Institutional membership. The election of an Ordinary or Institutional Member shall rest with the Committee, whose decision shall be made at the first meeting of the Committee that follows the receipt by the Treasurer of the proper application for membership.

7. Any three Ordinary members of the Society may propose a candidate for election to Honorary membership by presenting such a proposal to the Committee. Deciding whether or not to accept such a proposal shall rest with the Committee. If the proposal is accepted by the Committee it shall then be voted upon at the next general meeting of the Society and carried if and only if there is no vote against it.
8. A candidate for election to Student membership must be a registered student at an institution that is an Institutional member of the Society and may be proposed for membership only by that institution. The election of a Student member shall rest with the Committee. Student membership shall be for one year only but may be renewed if a new proposal for membership is made. (In these Articles and Rules year always means the calendar year from the first day of January until the thirty-first day of December.)
9. Every Ordinary and Institutional member shall pay a subscription fee to the Society at the times and of the amounts specified in the Rules.
10. The Committee may agree with any other mathematical society that any member of that society who is also an Ordinary member of the Irish Mathematical Society may be designated a *reciprocity member* of the Society. The Committee is empowered to specify a special subscription fee for reciprocity members. Such an agreement with another mathematical society shall be made only if that society admits members of the Irish Mathematical Society as reciprocity members in like manner.
11. There shall be at least one general meeting of the Society in each year held after July 31st. The first general meeting held in a year after July 31st shall be known as the *Annual General Meeting*. No motion may be passed at a meeting of the Society unless at least seven Ordinary members are present when it is proposed and when it is decided upon.
12. At each Annual General Meeting an election shall be held to fill each Office that would otherwise be vacant in the following year. A single election shall then be held to fill a sufficient number of seats on the Committee to ensure that there are twelve members on the Committee in the following year. Any contested election shall be decided by secret ballot using the single transferable vote.
13. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt one or more additional members at any time provided that the total membership of the Committee does not exceed fourteen. The period of service on the Committee of a co-opted member shall end on or before the last day of the year in which that member was co-opted.
14. The Committee shall, from time to time, appoint an Ordinary member of the Society to be Editor of the Bulletin of the Society. The Editor of the Bulletin, whether or not a member of the Committee, shall be invited to attend all meetings of the Committee.
15. Any change to this Constitution by way of making a new Article or removing or amending any existing Article shall be valid if and only if the following procedure is followed:

- (a) a proposal to change the Constitution is approved by at least seven members of the Committee at a meeting of the Committee;
  - (b) the details of the said proposal are published in the Bulletin of the Society;
  - (c) the said proposal is presented to a general meeting that takes place no sooner than one full calendar month after the publication of the said proposal in the Bulletin;
  - (d) the said proposal is put to a vote and is approved by ten Ordinary members or at least two thirds of the Ordinary members present at the aforesaid meeting, whichever is the greater.
16. The Society shall make Rules for the regulation of the business of the Society. No Rule may conflict with any Article of this Constitution. A proposal to make, amend, or revoke a Rule or Rules may be made at any general meeting of the Society. Such a proposal shall be passed if and only if it is put to a vote and is approved by seven Ordinary members or at least two thirds of the Ordinary members present at that meeting, whichever is the greater.
17. Each motion submitted to a general meeting shall be passed if and only if it is approved by a simple majority of the members present provided that no Article of this Constitution stipulates otherwise.

## **RULES**

**6 April 2004**

### **APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP**

1. A person can make a proper application for election to Ordinary membership only by completing the appropriate application form (which can be obtained from any member of the Committee) and sending it to the Treasurer together with the subscription fee for one year.
2. An institution can make a proper application for election to Ordinary or Institutional membership only by completing the appropriate application form (which can be obtained from any member of the Committee) and sending it to the Treasurer together with the subscription fee for one year. The institution must name a person (or persons) who will act on its behalf in dealings with the Society.
3. The election of a person to Student membership may occur only at the last Committee meeting of a year. Any Student member elected shall be a member of the Society for the following year.
4. The Treasurer shall ensure that all proper applications for election to Ordinary or Institutional membership of the Society are decided upon by the Committee as laid down in the Constitution. The subscription fee paid by any candidate who is not elected to Ordinary or Institutional membership shall be returned to the candidate by the Treasurer.
5. The Treasurer shall have the discretion to add the name of any candidate for Ordinary or Institutional membership to the list of members as a provisional member until the Committee next meets.

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

6. Every Ordinary and Institutional member shall pay during January in each year an annual subscription fee for that year. The current subscription fees are given below.
  - (a) Ordinary member—€20 (or \$25)
    - i. Reciprocity member—€10 (or \$10)
    - ii. Life member—€250
  - (b) Institutional member—€130 (includes up to 10 nominated student memberships)
  - (c) Student member—€10
7. The Committee shall have the discretion to end the membership of any Ordinary or Institutional member whose subscriptions are more than eighteen months in arrears.

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

8. The term of office of each Officer and the term of service of each other elected member of the Committee shall be two consecutive years starting on the first day of January that follows the meeting at which that Officer or member of the Committee was elected. The terms of office of the President and Vice-President shall start in an odd-numbered year; the terms of office of the Treasurer and Secretary shall start in an even-numbered year.
9. No person shall serve on the Committee for more than three terms consecutively with the following exceptions:
  - (a) The Treasurer and Secretary may serve on the Committee for seven consecutive years if the last year of their office is the seventh one.
  - (b) The President may serve on the Committee for eight consecutive years if he or she is elected as such after six years of service on the Committee. No President shall hold office for two consecutive terms.
10. The Committee shall have the discretion to appoint one of its members to take over the duties of any Officer of the Society who is unable to perform those duties; such an appointment shall end at or before the first general meeting that takes place after the appointment was made. If, at any general meeting, any Office should be vacant, then an election shall be held to fill that Office for the remainder of its current term.
11. The Committee shall form a sub-committee of at least four of its members, including two Officers, to manage the affairs of the Society between the times of Committee meetings.
12. The Committee shall appoint four Ordinary members of the Society to form an Editorial Board for the Bulletin of the Society under the chairmanship of The Editor of the Bulletin. This Board shall be responsible to the Committee for the publication of the said Bulletin.
13. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Society. The normal duties of the President shall include chairing all meetings of the Society and of the Committee. The Vice-President shall act in lieu of the President as necessary.
14. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Society and of the Committee and shall issue notice of meetings to members resident in Ireland.
15. A financial statement for each year shall be written by the Treasurer holding office in that year, shall be duly audited by two persons appointed by the Committee, and shall be submitted to the first general meeting of the following year.