

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the Irish Mathematical Society**
Annual General Meeting
11th September 2009

The Irish Mathematical Society held its Annual General Meeting from 15:30 to 16:40 on Friday 11 September at Trinity College Dublin. There were 18 members present at the meeting.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the last AGM were approved and signed.

2. Matters arising

R. Higgs confirmed that the Service Teaching Report had been sent to heads of third level institutions; however the committee has not received any responses.

3. Correspondence

Apart from routine correspondence, there were two items.

- A call for nominations for this year's Abel Prize. While the deadline for nominations was imminent, the Society may consider making nominations in future years.
- A request from Swets for an invoice for the Bulletin. However, the Society has no record of having provided Swets with the Bulletin, so they owe us nothing. The Treasurer has responded to Swets to this effect.

4. New Members

Dr Thomas Waters, NUIG; Mr Tom Barry, Canada Life; Derek Kitson, TCD. There was a discussion on how the Society's membership base could be expanded. Suggestions included mathematics graduates, lecturers in engineering, and members of the Irish Mathematics Teachers Association. It was suggested that we write to the IMTA to ask them if they would like to be added to our email circulation list.

5. President's Report

The President presented an interim report for 2009. He outlined some of the main activities of the Society over the year, including the conferences supported by the Society. He paid tribute to his predecessor R. Higgs for the healthy state in which he left the Society.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented her interim report for 2009. It showed a shortfall of €595.27. However, the Society is generally breaking even.

Five conferences received funding from the Society this year. It was noted that there are significantly more applications for funding in recent years, with the result that some late applications have had to be refused.

7. The Bulletin

The Editor (who sent his apologies) sent a report on the Bulletin.

Volume 63 of the IMS Bulletin, the summer 2009 issue was available online. It was noted once again that there are too few good research notes and very few surveys being submitted. The record of the IMS Meeting/BMC2009 in Galway in the Bulletin was minimal, as the Editor received an insufficient response from the organisers of the meeting to write about the meeting.

The President noted the Editor's intention to stand down at the end of 2010, and thanked him for his tireless work over the years.

8. Election to Committee

S. Breen was elected unopposed to serve as Treasurer for another two-year term, and S. O Rourke was elected unopposed to serve as Secretary for another two-year term. Moreover, S. Buckley, B. Guilfoyle, N. Kopteva and A. Wickstead agreed to serve another two-year term as Committee members.

The following were also elected unopposed to the committee:

Committee Member	Proposer	Seconder
R. Quinlan	M. Mackey	K. Hutchinson
C. Hills	M. Mackey	R. Higgs

The committee may later co-opt one more member to serve on the committee.

As editor, M. Mathieu will be invited to committee meetings. The total number of years each existing member will have been on the committee as of 31 December 2009 will be: J. Cruickshank (7), T. Carroll (6), N. O'Sullivan (6), R. Timoney (5), N. Kopteva (4), B. Guilfoyle (4), S. Breen (3), S. O Rourke (3), S. Buckley (2), C. Hills (2), A. Wickstead (2), S. Wills (2).

The following will then have one more year of office: J. Cruickshank, R. Timoney.

9. Future Meetings

The 2010 September Meeting will take place in Dublin Institute of Technology, the 2011 Meeting will take place in the University of Limerick, and the 2012 Meeting will take place in the Institute of Technology, Tallaght. The next three AGMs of the Society will take place at these meetings.

10. Any other business

- The Committee had considered whether to host a committee meeting of the European Mathematical Society in the future. However, even limited financial support for such a meeting would consume a large proportion of the IMS's annual budget. It was decided that the limited funds of the Society would be better used supporting mathematical conferences.
- Daphne Gilbert mentioned an anomaly whereby much of SFI funding awarded to non-EU students is absorbed by the higher fees they have to pay. It was suggested that this situation should be made known to candidates prior to their application. It was pointed out, however, that the inequity lies with the institution, rather than with the SFI itself. Several people felt that third-level institutions should be pressured to change these rules for SFI applicants.

It was suggested that the Society write to the SFI asking them to make this anomaly clear in their guidelines.

Shane O Rourke
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These minutes still need to be approved by the next AGM.