

THE AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY INCORPORATED
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The sixty-second Annual General Meeting of The Australian Mathematical Society Incorporated will be held in the Horace Lamb Lecture Theatre, The University of Adelaide on Thursday 6th December 2018 at 2 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the sixty-first Annual General Meeting.

3. Business arising from the minutes.

4. Special Resolution to amend the Constitution

The Council recommends that paragraph 67 of the Society's Constitution be amended so that it reads as follows.

67. (1) Notice of the ballot and instructions for voting shall be sent by the Secretary to each Honorary, Ordinary or Sustaining Member of the Society at least thirty days before the ballot closes.

(2) The ballot paper shall be made available to the members by post, facsimile, electronic mail or by any other method of electronic transferral of information, as determined from time to time by the Council.

(3) A ballot paper completed in accordance with the constitution shall be valid if returned to the Secretary by post, facsimile, electronic mail or any other method of electronic transferral of information, as determined from time to time by the Council.

The current paragraph 67 and the reasons for the proposed change are included in the agenda papers.

5. President's report (Professor K.A. Smith-Miles)

6. Secretary's report (Assoc. Prof. P.J. Stacey)

7. Treasurer's report and Audited Financial Statement of the Society for the year ending 31 July 2018 (Dr A. Howe)

8. Subscriptions and journal prices to members for 2019 (Dr A. Howe)

The Treasurer's recommendations, subject to approval by Council at its meeting on 3rd December, are attached.

9. Appointment of Auditor

The Treasurer proposes that the Auditor for 2019 should be:
James Daniels CPA, Federation Tax and Accounting, 116 Crawford St,
Queanbeyan NSW 2620

10. Editors' reports (Professor G. Hocking)

11. Report of ANZIAM (Professor M. McGuinness)

12. Report of ANZAMP (Assoc. Prof. J.M. Kress)

13. Decisions made by Council (Professor K.A. Smith-Miles)

14. Annual Meetings

(i) This meeting needs to confirm that the sixty-third Annual Meeting in the Year 2019 will be held at Monash University from Tuesday 3rd December to Friday 6th December with Professor I.M. Wanless as Director.

(ii) The meeting needs to determine that the sixty-fourth Annual Meeting in the Year 2020 will be held at the University of New England from Tuesday 8th December to Friday 11th December with Associate Professor G. Schmalz as Director.

(iii) The meeting is invited to determine that the sixty-seventh Annual Meeting in the Year 2023 will be a joint meeting with the American and New Zealand Mathematical Societies, to be held at the University of Auckland from Monday 4th December to Friday 8th December.

15. Report on membership of Council for the session 2018/2019 (Assoc. Prof. P.J. Stacey)

The list of members, subject to Council approval of certain positions at its meeting on 3rd December, is attached.

16. Vote of thanks to retiring members of Council

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

Professor V. Gaitsgory *Vice-President (Annual Conferences)*

Professor N. Bean *Ordinary Member*

Professor A. Devillers *Ordinary Member*.

In addition, Professor G.E. Prince soon retires as Director of AMSI and hence as an observer on Council and Steering Committee, which he has been since 2010.

17. Any other business.

The Australian Mathematical Society (Inc)

Minutes of the sixty-first Annual General Meeting of the Australian Mathematical Society Incorporated, held in in the Macquarie Lecture Theatre, Macquarie University on Thursday 14th December 2017, commencing at 1 p.m.

Present:

President (K.A. Smith-Miles), Secretary (P.J.. Stacey) and Treasurer (A. Howe), together with

S. Al-Shakarchi, E. Bradford, A. Coster, D. Coutts, J. Droniou, J. East, M. Elder, V. Gaitsgory, R. Garner, T. Garoni, C. Greenhill, J. Grotowski, D. Gruenewald, D. Harvey, M. Hegland, A. Henderson, M. Hendriksen, R. Hickson, M. Hussain, D. Jackson, N. Joshi, M. Kamgarpour, D. King, J. Kress, S. Lack, T. Leistner, H. Lonsdale, J. Loxton, V. Mangazeev, J. McCoy, J. Murray, M. Myerscough, G. Myerson, G. Nguyen, J. Parkinson, G. Prince, A. Pullen, M. Radnović, J. Ramagge, J.A.G. Roberts, P. Smith, Y. Stokes, N. Sutherland, D. Verity, D. Wales, L. Ward, O. Warnaar, G. Willis, C. Xiong, D. Yost, E. Zhang, Y. Zhang, Z. Zhou.

(56 members.)

1. **Apologies:** A. Albrecht, A.P. Bassom, N.G. Bean, P.J. Cossey, A. Devillers, D. Donovan, V. Ejov, P.J. Forrester, G. Hocking, A. Howe, J. Licata, B.I. Loch, J.H. Loxton, S.A. Morris, J. Piantadosi, D. Ridout, A.J. Roberts, D. Stephenson, N. Thamwattana, A.C.M. Thomas.

2. **Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the sixtieth Annual General Meeting were confirmed.

(J.A.G. Roberts /L. Ward)

3. **Business arising from the Minutes**

The President reported that Professor Broadbridge had interviewed Dr Bob Anderssen, the interview had been transcribed and the transcript is being edited for publication in the Gazette.

4. **President's Report**

The President's Report was presented by Professor K.A. Smith-Miles. She supplemented her report by adding that there had been mixed views at Council when her suggestion to increase presidential terms from two to three years was discussed. The proposal will therefore not be pursued at present.

When the President reminded members of the matters in her report, the ARC issues stimulated a number of comments from members. In particular it was noted that it is vital to have more members being nominated to the College of Experts

to ensure that evaluation of mathematical science proposals is undertaken by those who are genuinely from the discipline area. In response to a suggestion that this and other issues could profitably be discussed face-to-face with the ARC, the President reported that a meeting had been held earlier this year and a further meeting would be sought.

Resolved That the President's Report be received.

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5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report 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

The Treasurer's report was presented by Dr. A. Howe. He pointed out that the Society had an operational loss of \$58,541 in the last financial year but AMPAI, which handles income and expenditure from publications, had made a profit of \$63,860, resulting in a combined profit of \$5,319. The Treasurer then further pointed out that, when student memberships are taken into account, all Divisions and Special Interest Groups had increased in size from 2016 to 2017.

Resolved That the Treasurer's Report be received.

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Resolved

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That the Audited Financial Statements of the Society for the year ended 31 July 2017 be received.

7. Subscriptions and journal prices to Members for 2018

The Treasurer pointed out that the deadline for a price deduction for early payment had been extended to 31st January and there had been a substantial reduction in the charge for Life Membership on retirement. He then asked members if there was support for raising subscriptions in future, to offset reductions in publication income from factors including the low value of the pound. There was agreement that this was worth consideration.

Resolved That Members' subscriptions for 2018 be as follows:

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Ordinary Member	\$140	Sustaining Member	\$280
Reciprocal Member	\$70	Reduced Rate Member	\$35
Education Member	\$70	Retired Member	\$35
Early Career Member	\$70	Institutional Member	\$1863
Life Membership at Retirement for Members over 55 years			\$280

Resolved That Journal prices to Members for 2018 be as follows:

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	Ord, Sust., Rec. & Ed. Members	Red.-rate, Ret. & Life Members
Journal AustMS		
Resident in Australia	\$117.70	\$58.55
Resident overseas	\$107	\$53.50
ANZIAM Journal		
Resident in Australia	\$101.20	\$50.60
Resident overseas	\$92	\$46
Bulletin		
Resident in Australia	\$110	\$55
Resident overseas	\$100	\$50
Gazette	free to all paying members	

Note:

- (a) Existing Ordinary Members who renew their subscriptions before January 31st 2018 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 2018 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 last degree.
- (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 \$70 (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 2017/2018 financial year.

9. Editors' Reports

Resolved That the Editors' Reports be received.

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10. Report of ANZIAM

Resolved That the report from ANZIAM be received.

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11. Report of ANZAMP

Resolved That the report from ANZAMP be received.

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12. Decisions made by Council

The following decisions were highlighted by the President.

(a) The implementation of gender equity policies

A working party, chaired by Professor Aidan Sims has identified a variety of suggestions for the Society to improve gender equity. Council strongly supported the direction of the report and has established an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, whose Chair is to be an ex-officio member of both Council and the Nominations and Publications Committee. It was further decided that, to establish the committee membership, there should be a general call for expressions of interest.

(b) Creation of a position of Vice-President (Learning and Teaching)

Council has created the position of Vice-President (Learning and Teaching), to take a proactive approach to lead the promotion of learning and teaching of mathematics, including research training, and be a senior spokesperson for learning and teaching of mathematics on behalf of the Society. It was decided that there should be a wide call for expressions of interest in the position.

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(c) Society Teaching Excellence Awards

Council has established two annual Teaching Excellence Awards, each of \$1,000, one of which is to be restricted to early career teachers, including sessional teachers and PhD students. It is hoped that detailed guidelines for the nomination and selection process can be decided in time for awards to be made in 2018.

(d) Financial decisions

In addition to ongoing commitments, such as subventions to Divisions and Special Interest Groups and a subscription to AMSI, at its recent meeting Council approved over \$140,000 on specific items. Over \$80,000 was allocated for conferences and a further \$49,000 to be provided to individuals to support conference attendance. Other smaller amounts, totalling \$13,200, were allocated to prizes, the International Mathematical Olympiad, WIMSIG advocacy and representation at Science meets Parliament.

13. Annual Meetings:

Resolved
11 To confirm that the sixty-second Annual Meeting of the Society will be held from Tuesday 4th December to Friday 7th December 2018 at the University of Adelaide with Dr T. Leistner as Director

Resolved
12 To provisionally determine that the sixty-third Annual Meeting of the Society will be held from Tuesday 3rd December to Friday 6th December 2019 at Monash University with Professor I.M. Wanless as Director.

In answer to a question, the new time from this year, running from Tuesday to Friday, was supported.

14. Membership of Council for the Session 2017/2018

The Council for the 2017/2018 session is as follows:

President	K.A. Smith-Miles
President-elect	J. Ramagge
Elected Vice-President	M.T.M. Hegland
Secretary	P.J. Stacey
Treasurer	A. Howe
Member (to 2018)	N.G. Bean
Member (to 2018)	A. Devillers
Member (to 2018)	D. Donovan
Member (to 2019)	A.P. Bassom
Member (to 2019)	J.E. Licata
Member (to 2019)	A.C.M. Thomas
Member (to 2017)	D. Ridout
Member (to 2017)	D. Stephenson
Member (to 2017)	N. Thamwattana

Ex-officio members:

Chair of ANZIAM	M.R. Myerscough
Chair of ANZAMP	T.M. Garoni
Vice-Pres. (Ann. Confs.)	V. Gaitsgory
Incoming Vice-Pres. (AC)	V. Ejoy
AustMS Memb. elected to Steering C'ttee	P.J. Forrester
Rep. of ANZIAM	J. Piantadosi
Rep. of ANZAMP	V.V. Mangazeev
Chair, Standing C'ttee Math Ed	B.I. Loch
Public Officer, AustMS & AMPAI	P.J. Cossey

Editors:

Gazette	S.A. Morris and D.T. Yost
J. AustMS	G.A. Willis
ANZIAM J.	A.P. Bassom and G. Hocking
Electronic Editor	A.J. Roberts
Bulletin	J.H. Loxton
Lecture Series	J. Ramagge
Web Site	R.R. Moore

15. Vote of thanks to retiring Members of Council:

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

Professor T.R. Marchant *Immediate-past-President*
 Professor J.A.G. Roberts *Elected Vice-President*
 Professor J. de Gier *Ordinary Member*
 Professor H.S. Sidhu *Ordinary Member*
 Professor A.D. Sims *Ordinary Member*.

These thanks were carried by acclamation.

16. Any other business:

- (a) Associate Professor King pointed out the widespread interest in mathematics education by members, illustrated by the number of members of the Mathematics Education Special Interest Group and the number of presentations in the mathematics education special sessions at this meeting. She suggested that there should therefore be a plenary speaker in mathematics education at each annual conference.
- (b) Professor Prince advised members that, at a recent meeting of the National Committee for the Mathematical Sciences, agreement had been reached on a way to improve communication related to the implementation of the Decadal Plan.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at approximately 2 p.m.

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Proposed amendment to paragraph 67 of the constitution

December 2018

Paragraph 67 of the constitution governs the conduct of Society elections. It stipulates that “The ballot shall be sent by the Secretary to each Honorary, Ordinary or Sustaining Member of the Society”. This arguably does not permit members to be directed to a website at which the ballot can be completed. The proposed amendment replaces “The ballot may be sent to the members” in 67(2) by “The ballot paper shall be made available to the members”. To cover the situation where a ballot paper is not sent to members, the following additional stipulation is added to 67(1): “Notice of the ballot and instructions for voting shall be sent by the Secretary to each Honorary, Ordinary or Sustaining Member of the Society”.

Current version of paragraph 67

67. (1) The ballot shall be sent by the Secretary to each Honorary, Ordinary or Sustaining Member of the Society at least thirty days before the ballot closes.
- (2) The ballot may be sent to the members by post, facsimile, electronic mail or by any other method of electronic transferral of information, as determined from time to time by the Council.
- (3) Each such ballot, provided it is completed in accordance with this Constitution, shall be valid if returned to the Secretary by post, facsimile, electronic mail or any other method of electronic transferral of information, as determined from time to time by the Council.

Proposed revision of paragraph 67

- 67(1) Notice of the ballot and instructions for voting shall be sent by the Secretary to each Honorary, Ordinary or Sustaining Member of the Society at least thirty days before the ballot closes.
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Item 7

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Subscriptions to Members for 2019 (subject to approval by Council)

Ordinary Member	\$ 144
Sustaining Member	\$ 288
Recip./Educ. Memb./ECR Member	\$ 72
Reduced-rate Member	\$ 36
Retired Member	\$ 36
Life Membership at Retirement for Members over 55 years	\$ 288
Institutional Member	\$2,114

All new Ordinary Members are entitled to pay their first year's subscription at the concessional rate of \$72 (no rebate). Existing Ordinary Members receive a \$5 rebate if subs paid before 31/1/2019.

Item 7 (cont) **2018 AGM of AustMS**
Journal Prices to Members for 2019
(subject to approval by Council)

	Ordinary, Sustaining, Reciprocal & Education Membs	Reduced-rate, Retired & Life Members
Journal AustMS		
Resident in Australia	\$121	\$60.50
Resident overseas	\$110	\$55
ANZIAM Journal		
Resident in Australia	\$104.50	\$52.80
Resident overseas	\$95	\$48
Bulletin		
Resident in Australia	\$113.30	\$56.65
Resident overseas	\$103	\$51.50
Gazette	free to all members paying subscriptions	

Journals produced by AMPAI are subject to GST
(hence Aust/overseas differences above).

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Membership of Council, 2018/2019

President	J. Ramagge
Immediate Past President	K.A. Smith-Miles
Elected Vice-President	M.T.M. Hegland
Secretary	* P.J. Stacey
Treasurer	*A. Howe
Member (to 2019)	A.P. Bassom
Member (to 2019)	J.E. Licata
Member (to 2019)	A.C.M. Thomas
Member (to 2020)	D. Ridout
Member (to 2020)	D. Stevenson
Member (to 2020)	N. Thamwattana
Member (to 2021)	G. Pineda-Villavicencio
Member (to 2021)	M.A. Small
Member (to 2021)	C. González-Tokman
<i>Ex-officio members:</i>	
Chair of ANZIAM	M. McGuinness
Chair of ANZAMP	J.M. Kress
Vice-Pres. (Ann. Confs.)	V. Ejov
Vice-Pres, (Learning and Teaching)	D.M. Donovan
AustMS Member elected to Steering Committee	* P.J. Forrester
Rep. of ANZIAM	J. Piantadosi
Rep. of ANZAMP	P. Hekmati
Chair, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion Cttee	N. Joshi
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