

LONDON MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

Of the Annual General Meeting of the Society held on 29 November 2019
at Goodenough College, London

1.0 ELECTIONS TO COUNCIL AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- 1.1 The President, Professor Caroline Series, welcomed attendees to the meeting. She explained that all Members had been sent material in respect of the elections to Council and Nominating Committee and requested that anyone present who had not returned a ballot paper and wished to do so should hand it to the Scrutineers present (Professors Charles Goldie and Chris Lance) at this point. No ballot papers were handed to the Scrutineers.

2.0 MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING, 28 JUNE 2019

- 2.1 **The minutes of the General Meeting held 28 June 2019 were agreed as an accurate record.**

3.0 REVIEW OF SOCIETY ACTIVITIES 2018-19

- 3.1 Vice-President Professor Cathy Hobbs gave a presentation on the Society's activities in 2018-19. She reminded members of the charitable aims of the Society. She informed members that the 21st anniversary of the opening of De Morgan House had taken place on 19th October. During the year the major highlight in Society publishing had been the relaunch of *Proceedings* as the Society's flagship title, served by a distinguished editorial board. In 2019 a contract was signed to pass production, sales and distribution of *Mathematika* from CUP to Wiley. All of the Society's income from its publications was used to support mathematics through the Society's grants and other activities, with articles received from authors located around the world. The Society would like to thank the Newsletter's Editor-in-Chief, Dr Iain Moffatt, who had stood down after three years, to be replaced by Dr Eleanor Lingham. The Society had been well represented at the 28th International Congress of Mathematics in Rio De Janeiro – the first LMS Meeting in the Southern Hemisphere. Following the Bond Review, the Big Mathematics Initiative had been established by the CMS to take forward the Review's recommendations, which were the subject for lively debate at the Society's Spring Reception. Over 350 had attended the Popular Lectures in London and Birmingham. The Society continued to provide support in a number of ways to early career and young researchers, with events and activities now overseen by the Early Career Research Committee.

4.0 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

- 4.1 The Treasurer, Professor Rob Curtis, gave a presentation on the Society's finances in 2018-19. He provided an overview of the Society's total income, expenditure and assets. The total spent on grants and activities in 2018-19 was £777k, the majority of which was given in grants, with a further £107k spent on other mathematical events. The Society had elected 389 new members during the year and there was a net increase

in membership, with efforts to extend and broaden the way members join the Society. The LMS Reps network continued to be developed and it was a very important link in communicating with members. The Society's main assets were held by investment managers Schroders/Cazenove and had returned a rate of 4.0% after fees this year. The Society's diversification of its portfolio by investing in residential property had continued, bringing income to the Society during the year of around £126k (4% yield). During the year the value of the Society's assets rose from £17.2M to £17.6M. The Society continued to keep an active watch on developments within the academic publishing industry, as its main income was from its publications. The threat to the Society due to Open Access meant that the Society needed to identify additional income streams, such as donations. A 'Donate' button was now prominent on the Society's website, a leaflet on leaving a legacy had been produced and the opportunity to become a De Morgan Friend by donating £1,865 to the Society had been initiated.

5.0 RESOLUTIONS

i) Adoption of the Trustees' Report, including the year-end accounts for 2018-19

5.1 Copies of the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 had been circulated in advance to all members. The President recommended on behalf of Council the adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts and asked members if they were in agreement.

5.2 The resolution required a simple majority to be passed, and was passed unanimously.

ii) Appointment of Auditors

5.3 Council proposed that Moore Kingston Smith be appointed as the Society's Auditors for the current year, 2019-20. The President recommended on behalf of Council the approval of the reappointment of Moore Kingston Smith and asked members if they were in agreement.

5.4 The resolution required a simple majority to be passed, and was passed unanimously.

6.0 PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO LMS PRIZE WINNERS FOR 2019

6.1 The President, on Council's behalf, presented certificates to the following 2019 prize-winners:

De Morgan Medal:	Professor Sir Andrew Wiles
Senior Whitehead Prize:	Professor Ben Green
Whitehead Prizes:	Dr Alexander Buryak
	Professor David Conlon
	Professor William Parnell
Berwick Prize:	Dr Clark Barwick
Anne Bennett Prize:	Dr Eva-Maria Graefe

Dr Toby Cubitt and Dr Anders Hansen, two further recipients of Whitehead Prizes, received their certificates at the Annual Dinner which followed the Annual General Meeting.

A Whitehead Prize was also awarded in 2018 to Dr Heather Harrington, who was present to receive her certificate.

- 6.2 The winner of the Naylor Prize and Lectureship in Applied Mathematics, Professor Nicholas Higham, and the winner of a Whitehead Prize, Dr Nick Sheridan, were unable to attend the meeting to collect their prizes.
- 6.3 The President announced that the Society and the IMA had jointly awarded the David Crighton Medal to Professor Ken Brown CBE. The David Crighton Medal would be presented to Ken Brown at a joint ceremony in 2020.

7.0 MARK LACKENBY (UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD)

- 7.1 Professor Mark Lackenby gave a talk on "*The complexity of knots*".

8.0 STANDING ORDERS BALLOT RESULTS

The President announced that the three resolutions – to amend the Society’s Charter, Statutes and By-Laws – were all carried, with more than two-thirds of members who had voted doing so in favour of the resolutions.

The President reported that the Society would now have to go back to the Privy Council for their formal approval. It was hoped to implement the new Standing Orders in the new year, and members would be kept informed.

9.0 ELECTION RESULTS

- 9.1 Scrutineer Professor Charles Goldie announced the results of the Council and Nominating Committee elections for 2019 as follows:

COUNCIL

President: Professor Jon Keating
Vice-Presidents: Professor Iain Gordon, Professor Catherine Hobbs
Treasurer: Professor Robert Curtis
General Secretary: Professor Stephen Huggett
Publications Secretary: Professor John Hunton
Programme Secretary: Professor Chris Parker
Education Secretary: Dr Kevin Houston
Members-at-Large of Council: Professor Elaine Crooks, Professor Andrew Dancer, Dr Tony Gardiner, Dr Frank Neumann, Professor Brita Nucinkis, Dr Richard Pinch
Member-at-Large (Librarian): Dr Mark McCartney

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Professor Beatrice Pelloni and Professor Mary Rees

- 9.2 It was noted that the continuing Members-at-Large elected in 2019 were: Professor Alexandre Borovik, Professor Tara Brendle, Professor David E. Evans, Dr Mariya Ptashnyk and Professor Anne Taormina.

- 9.3 It was noted that the continuing members of Nominating Committee were: Professor Kenneth Falconer (Chair), Professor I. David Abrahams, Professor H. Dugald Macpherson, Dr Martin Mathieu and Professor Elizabeth Winstanley. One member of Council would also be nominated to the Nominating Committee.

10.0 HANDOVER OF PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE

- 10.1 Professor Caroline Series handed over the Presidential badge of office to Professor Jon Keating. The new President thanked members for the honour and privilege of being elected as President and promised to fulfil the Charter, Statutes and By-Laws of the Society. He commended Professor Series for her dedicated leadership of the Society during her term as President.

11. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS – CAROLINE SERIES (University of Warwick)

- 11.1 Professor Caroline Series gave a talk on *All About the Riley Slice*.

12. CLOSE OF MEETING

- 12.1 The President closed the meeting and thanked attendees for attending. The next Society meeting would be the South Wales and South West Regional Meeting to be held on 15 January 2020 in Bristol.