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Dear Member

## **LMS SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

A Special General Meeting will take place at 3.30pm on 5 February 2016 in the Paget Room at BMA House, Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9JP.

The meeting will be chaired by the President, Professor Simon Tavaré.

At its meeting in October 2015, Council was asked to take a decision on the future of the Journal of Computation and Mathematics (JCM). After much consideration of the matter, Council agreed to close the JCM, while also requesting that Publications Committee consider the development of a new and better journal in the field of the interface between computation and mathematics that would more effectively utilise the Society's resources. Subsequent to this decision a group of 30 members signed a letter requesting a Special General Meeting, the object of which would be 'the reversal of the LMS Council's decision to close down The LMS Journal of Computation and Mathematics'.

### Agenda and Papers

The agenda and papers for the meeting are enclosed. There will be one item of business, which shall be to consider the proposal to instruct the Council to continue publication of the LMS Journal of Computation and Mathematics as a charitable activity, thus reversing the Council's decision to close down the Journal.

### Voting Registration

As any person may attend a Society meeting, for voting purposes Members attending the Special General Meeting will be asked to register at the door. Once registered, Members will receive a voting card to be used when a vote is called. This is to ensure that only the votes of Members (who are eligible to vote) are counted at the meeting, in accordance with the Statutes. Members attending the meeting are therefore **asked to arrive no later than 3.15pm to allow time for registration** and to ensure a prompt start to the meeting. Registration will open at 2.45pm at the Paget Room.

### Proxy Voting

In accordance with the Statutes all those Members eligible to vote will be entitled to vote at the meeting either in person or by proxy<sup>1</sup>. A Proxy Voting form is included with the papers. The proxy may be either

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<sup>1</sup> The Statutes allow all Ordinary Members, Associate Members and Representatives of Institutional Members, including Members under Reciprocity Agreements with overseas mathematical societies, to vote at each Special General Meeting in person or by a proxy, except if at the time of the Meeting they owe any moneys to the Society

the Chair or a named person who will vote on your behalf at the meeting; further information on how to vote by proxy is contained within the form. If you intend to vote by proxy you are kindly requested to notify the Society office **no later than 5.00pm Wednesday 3 February**, by emailing your proxy form to [nominations@lms.ac.uk](mailto:nominations@lms.ac.uk). This will allow the names of those allocating a proxy vote to be checked against the Members' register, and will facilitate the management of the voting process on the day by the Scrutineers. Any late proxy notifications, where it has not been possible to notify the Society office in advance of the meeting, should be handed in at the Registration desk prior to the start of the meeting. However, it is hoped that, to assist with the voting process, late notifications would only occur in exceptional circumstances.

A Special General Meeting is an unusual and substantive governance matter for the Society. It is therefore important that as many members as possible apprise themselves of the issue and exercise their right to vote, either in person or by proxy. As a reminder, proxy can be allocated to the Chair or to a named person attending the meeting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'F. Nixon', followed by a long horizontal line.

Fiona Nixon  
Executive Secretary

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which have been due for more than one year. The member or proxy must be present at the Meeting to cast the vote or proxy vote.