

# LONDON MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

## MINUTES

Of the Annual General Meeting of the Society held on 9 November 2018 at BMA House,  
London

### **1.0 ELECTIONS TO COUNCIL AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

- 1.1 The President, Professor Caroline Series, welcomed attendees to the meeting. He 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, 29 JUNE 2018**

- 2.1 **The minutes of the General Meeting held 29 June 2018 were agreed as an accurate record.**

### **3.0 REVIEW OF SOCIETY ACTIVITIES 2017-18**

- 3.1 Vice-President Professor John Greenlees gave a presentation on the Society's activities in 2017-18. He reminded members of the charitable aims of the Society. He informed members that the consultation on the Society's revised Standing Orders was now open. During the year new publishing aims has been agreed for the Society's publications. All of the Society's income from its publications was used to support mathematics through the Society's grants and other activities. The Society's Newsletter had been redesigned and featured new content. Members were encouraged to contact the Editor if they wished to contribute to the Newsletter. The Society had made responses to various Government consultations during the year and had participated in STEM for Britain for the fourth year. The Bond Review of Knowledge Exchange in the Mathematical Sciences had been published and made some ambitious recommendations for the mathematical sciences in the UK. The Society had put together a working group to input into the development of these recommendations. A new Early Career Research Committee had been formed to support the Society's early career research activities.

### **4.0 REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

- 4.1 The Treasurer, Professor Rob Curtis, gave a presentation on the Society's finances in 2017-18. He provided an overview of the Society's total income, expenditure and assets. The total spent on grants and activities in 2017-18 was £684k, the majority of which was given in grants. The Society had elected 400 new members during the year and there was a net increase in membership. The LMS Reps continued to be active and were 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 5.7% after fees this year. The Society had diversified its investment portfolio by

investing in residential property and had in this year purchased two additional flats in Birmingham. The Society continued to keep an active watch on developments within the academic publishing industry, as its main income was from its publications.

## 5.0 RESOLUTIONS

### i) *Adoption of the Trustees' Report, including the year-end accounts for 2017-18*

5.1 Copies of the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 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 Kingston Smith be appointed as the Society's Auditors for the current year, 2018-19. The President recommended on behalf of Council the approval of the reappointment of 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 2018

6.1 The President, on Council's behalf, presented certificates to the following 2018 prize-winners:

Pólya Prize:	Professor Karen Vogtmann
Fröhlich Prize:	Professor Francesco Mezzadri
Senior Berwick Prize:	Professor Dr Marc Levine
Hirst Prize:	Professor Jeremy Gray
Whitehead Prizes:	Dr Ana Caraiani, Professor Valerio Lucarini, Dr Filip Rindler, Dr Péter Varjú

6.2 The winner of the Anne Bennett Prize, Dr Lotte Hollands, and winners of Whitehead Prizes, Dr Heather Harrington and Professor Caucher Birkar, were unable to attend the meeting to collect their prizes.

## 7.0 MANUEL DEL PINO (UNIVERSITY OF BATH)

71 Professor Manuel Del Pino gave a talk on *Singularity formation and bubbling in nonlinear diffusions*.

## **8.0 ELECTION RESULTS**

- 8.1 Scrutineer Professor Chris Lance announced the results of the Council and Nominating Committee elections for 2018 as follows:

President: Professor Caroline Series  
Vice-Presidents: Dr Cathy Hobbs, Professor John Greenlees  
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 Alexandre Borovik, Professor Tara Brendle, Professor David E. Evans, Dr Mariya Ptashnyk, Professor Anne Taormina  
Member-at-Large (Librarian): Dr Mark McCartney

Nominating Committee: Professor I. David Abrahams and Professor Elizabeth Winstanley

- 8.2 It was noted that the continuing Members-at-Large elected in 2018 were: Professor Mark Chaplain, Professor Andrew Dancer, Dr Tony Gardiner, Professor Brita Nucinkis, Professor Gwyneth Stallard and Dr Alina Vdovina.
- 8.3 It was noted that the continuing members of Nominating Committee were: Professor Kenneth Falconer (Chair), Professor Roger Heath-Brown, Dr Martin Mathieu, Professor H. Dugald Macpherson and Professor Ulrike Tillmann. One member of Council would also be nominated to the Nominating Committee.

## **9.0 NAYLOR LECTURE – JOHN R. KING (UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM)**

- 10.1 Professor John R. King gave the 2018 Naylor Lecture on *Blow-up phenomena in reaction diffusion*.

## **10.0 CLOSE OF MEETING**

- 11.1 The President closed the meeting and thanked attendees for attending. The next Society meeting would be the South West and Wales Regional Meeting to be held on 17 December 2018 in Exeter.