

THE AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY INCORPORATED
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The sixty-third Annual General Meeting of The Australian Mathematical Society Incorporated will be held in G81, Monash University, Melbourne, on Thursday 5th December 2019 at 4 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Confirmation of the minutes** of the sixty-second Annual General Meeting.
- 3. Business arising** from the minutes.
- 4. President's report** (Professor J. Ramagge)
- 5. Secretary's report** (Dr. D.C.Jackson)
- 6. Treasurer's report and Audited Financial Statement of the Society** for the year ending 31 July 2019 (Dr A. Howe)
- 7. Subscriptions and journal prices** to members for 2020 (Dr A. Howe)
The Treasurer's recommendations, subject to approval by Council at its meeting on 2nd December, are attached.
- 8. Appointment of Auditor**
The Treasurer proposes that the Auditor for 2020 should be:
James Daniels CPA, Federation Tax and Accounting, 116 Crawford St,
Queanbeyan NSW 2620
- 9. Editors' reports** (Professor G. Hocking)
- 10. Report of ANZIAM** (Professor M. McGuinness)
- 11. Report of ANZAMP** (Assoc. Prof. J.M. Kress)
- 12. Report of Special Interest Groups** (Professor J. Ramagge)
- 13. Decisions made by Council** (Professor J. Ramagge)

14. Annual Meetings

- (i) The meeting needs to confirm that the sixty-fourth annual meeting of the Society will be held at the University of New England from Tuesday 8th to Friday 11th December 2020, with Associate Professor G. Schmalz as Director.
- (ii) The meeting needs to confirm that the sixty-fifth annual meeting of the Society will be held at the University of Newcastle in December 2021, with Professor F. Breuer as Director.
- (iii) The meeting is invited to determine if the sixty-seventh Annual Meeting be held in the Year 2023 as 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 2019/20

(Dr. D.C. Jackson)

The list of members, subject to Council approval of certain positions at its meeting on 2nd 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:

Assoc Professor P. Stacey *Secretary*

Dr. A. Howe *Treasurer*

Professor M. Hegland *Elected Vice-President*

Professor K.A. Smith-Miles *Immediate past president*

Professor P. Forrester *AustMS Elected Steering Committee*

Dr. J. Licata *Ordinary Member*

Professor A.C.M. Thomas *Ordinary Member*

Professor G.W. Willis *J.AustMS*

17. Any other business.

The Australian Mathematical Society (Inc)

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

Present:

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

S. Albion, F. Alizadeh, A. Asokan, N. Beaton, P. Broadbridge, D. Brook, B. Burton, X. Cheng, J. Clutterbuck, D. Coutts, D. Donovan, J. Droniou, J. East, A. Eberhard, V. Ejov, D. Gepner, V. Gaitsgory, T. Garoni, M. Giudici, J. Grotowski, D. Hartley, R. Hazrat, M. Hegland, A. Henderson, P. Hochs, D. Jackson, N. Joshi, M. Kamgar-pour, S. Kandanaarachchi, K. Krakowski, M. Krings, N. Kumar, Q. Legia, T. Leistner, J. Licata, H. Lonsdale, R. Loxton, J. McCoy, M. McGuinness, W. McLean, C. Mak, A. Mays, R. Moore, T. Morrill, G. Oates, W. Pettersson, J. Purcell, T. Quella, J. Ramagge, G. Schmalz, J. Schmalz, T. Scrimshaw, M. Small, Y. Stokes, N. Sutherland, B. Thompson, C. Tokman, I. Vekemans, O. Warnaar, D. Weiller, G. Willis, A. Wood, Y. Yang, M. Young, G. Zhao, Z. Zhou.

(69 members.)

1. Apologies:

A. Bassom, L. Batten, N. Bean, N. Clisby, P.J. Cossey, M. Cowling, B. Davey, A. Devillers, P. Forrester, G. Hocking, J. Kress, J. Loxton, A. Mathas, S. Morris, M. Nelson, J-A. Osborn, A. Pakes, J. Piantadosi, G. Pineda-Villavicencio, C. Praeger, G. Prince, D. Ridout, A.J. Roberts, J.A.G. Roberts, B. Sims, I. Sloan, K. Stacey, D. Stevenson, N. Thamwattana, A.C.M. Thomas, J. Thomas, T. Trudgian, I. Wanless, D. Yost.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the sixty-first Annual General Meeting were confirmed.

(Howe /Ramagge)

3. Business arising from the Minutes

There was none.

4. Special Resolution to amend the Constitution

The President explained that the Special Resolution to change to the constitution would authorise a wider range of electronic voting.

The Secretary reported that he had received 14 proxy votes in favour of the Special Resolution and none against. The Special Resolution was then put to those present at the meeting, with 57 votes in favour and none against. It was therefore

Resolved

- 1** 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.

5. **President's Report**

The President's Report was presented by Professor K.A. Smith-Miles. She highlighted key aspects of her report and then invited questions and comments on the matters she had raised.

One member asked if there had been political issues on which the Society had spoken out. In reply, the President explained that last year the Society had spoken out against the Executive Order, signed by President Trump, that temporarily suspended immigration benefits to citizens of seven nations. During Council debate on this matter there was general, but not unanimous, agreement that the Society should restrict political comment to issues of direct relevance to Australian mathematics.

Another member then asked if the Society had opposed the intervention by the minister in the outcome of the ARC grant assessment process. It was pointed out by members that the ARC had instructed members of its College of Experts not to speak to the media on this matter but that the College of Deans of Science had put out a statement which was critical of the minister's action. It was commented that, if the Society itself was not in a position to comment on certain matters, then perhaps umbrella bodies, such as Science and Technology Australia, would be able; it was also observed that members could comment as individuals.

Resolved That the President's Report be received.

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6. **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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7. 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 \$59,800 in the last financial year but AMPAI, which handles income and expenditure from publications, had made a profit of \$156,091, resulting in a combined profit of \$96,201.

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 2018 be received.

8. Subscriptions and journal prices to Members for 2019

The President informed members that she had written a letter, jointly with the President-elect, encouraging members to consider supporting the Society's activities by taking up sustaining membership. Members who decided to take this action were requested to contact the Society's Business Manager so that appropriate invoices could be issued.

Resolved That Members' subscriptions for 2019 be as follows:

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Ordinary Member	\$144	Sustaining Member	\$288
Reciprocal Member	\$72	Reduced Rate Member	\$36
Education Member	\$72	Retired Member	\$36
Early Career Member	\$72	Institutional Member	\$2114
Life Membership at Retirement for Members over 55 years			\$288

Resolved That Journal prices to Members for 2019 be as follows:

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	Ord, Sust., Rec. & Ed. Members	Red.-rate, Ret. & 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	\$57.20
Resident overseas	\$103	\$52
Gazette	free to all paying members	

Note:

- (a) Existing Ordinary Members who renew their subscriptions before January 31st 2019 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 2019 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 \$72 (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.

9. Appointment of Auditor

Resolved That Mr. James Daniels CPA, Federation Tax and Accounting,
8 116 Crawford St, Queanbeyan NSW 2620 be appointed as Auditor
of the Society for the 2018/2019 financial year.

10. Editors' Reports

Resolved That the Editors' Reports be received.
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11. Report of ANZIAM

Resolved That the report from ANZIAM be received.
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12. Report of ANZAMP

Resolved That the report from ANZAMP be received.
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13. Decisions made by Council

The following decisions were reported by the President.

(a) Modernising the Society's website

For the last 3 years, Council and Steering Committee have been exploring how to refresh the Society's current web pages and move to a new web content management system. At the recent Council Meeting, Council accepted a quote to redevelop the current site using WordPress. It is hoped that the development will take place during the first half of 2019.

(b) **Establishment of an Investment Committee**

The Society, together with its publishing arm AMPAI, currently has cash assets of over two million dollars which are mainly invested in term deposits earning a low rate of interest. At its recent meeting, Council established an Investment Committee, chaired by Professor Nigel Bean, to develop an investment policy for the Society and make recommendations to Council on a suitable portfolio, spread across short term, medium term and long term investments. As a first step, Council supported the committee seeking an advisor with a passive, evidence based approach rather than an active manager who is looking to pick individual securities as a way of outperforming the market.

(c) **Creation of a Society Code of Conduct**

During the year, Council established an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, chaired by Professor Nalini Joshi. At its recent meeting Council received a draft Code of Conduct drawn up by a working group from the committee. Council agreed that the draft was in a state that could be approved in its current form and hoped to be able to approve a Society Code of Conduct at its meeting immediately following this Annual General Meeting.

Secretarial note At the meeting following the AGM, Council approved a Code of Conduct for the Society.

(d) **Renewing the Society's agreement with AMSI**

The Society's current agreement with AMSI expires at the end of this year. Council agreed that its cooperative arrangement with AMSI is of great benefit to the Society's activities and, more broadly, the development of the mathematical sciences within Australia. It therefore approved a renewed agreement, with essentially the same terms as the current agreement, for the period 2019-2021.

(e) **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 \$190,000 on specific items. \$76,000 was allocated for conferences and the AMSI Summer School, a further \$39,000 was allocated to individuals to support conference attendance and \$35,000 was allocated for fellowships. \$24,000 plus a contingency allowance was approved for the new website. Other smaller amounts, totalling about \$17,500, were allocated to prizes, the Australian Mathematics Trust, WMSIG advocacy, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion expenses, Teaching and Learning expenses and representation at Science meets Parliament.

14. Annual Meetings:

- Resolved
12 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.
- Resolved
13 To provisionally determine that the sixty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Society will be held from Tuesday 8th December to Friday 11th December 2020 at the University of New England with Associate Professor G. Schmalz as Director.
- Resolved
14 To provisionally determine that the sixty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Society will be held, jointly with the American and New Zealand Mathematical Societies, from Monday 4th December to Friday 8th December 2023 at the University of Auckland.

In response to a question from a member, the Secretary advised members that the unusually large gap between the last joint meeting with the New Zealand Mathematical Society, in 2014, and the one proposed for 2023 resulted from the decision to hold the next joint meeting together with the American Mathematical Society: the American Mathematical Society requires a long lead time for joint meetings.

Several members commented on the crowding of the program for the Society's annual conference and it was agreed that ways of addressing this should be considered by Council.

15. Membership of Council for the Session 2018/2019

The Council for the 2018/2019 session is as follows:

President	J. Ramagge
Immediate Past President	K.A. Smith-Miles
Elected Vice-President	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

Ex-officio members:

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
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

16. Vote of thanks to retiring Members of Council:

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

Professor V. Gaitsgory *Vice-President (Annual Conferences)*
 Professor N. Bean *Ordinary Member*
 Professor A. Devillers *Ordinary Member*.

These thanks were carried by acclamation.

17. Any other business:

- (a) The Vice-President (Learning and Teaching) applauded the Society for its increased involvement in activities relating to learning and teaching and reported that she was keen to have as many people as possible involved in these activities.
- (b) A vote of thanks to the President for her outstanding service over the last two years was carried by acclamation.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at approximately 4.15 p.m.

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Subscriptions for members for 2020
(Subject to approval by Council)

Ordinary Member	\$148
Sustaining Member	\$296
Reciprocal Member	\$74
Education Member	\$74
ECR Member	\$74
Reduced Rate Member	\$37
Retired Member	\$37
Life Membership at Retirement for Members over 55 years	\$296
Institutional Member	\$2144

Existing Ordinary Members who renew their subscriptions before January 31st 2020 are entitled to a rebate of \$5, which should be deducted from their payments. All new Ordinary Members are entitled to pay their first year's subscription at the concession rate of \$74 (no rebate). The small increase in membership fees are in line with the rate of inflation.

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Subscriptions to Members for 2020
 (subject to approval by Council)

	Ordinary Member	Sustaining Member	Reciprocal Member Education Member	Reduced Rate Retired Member Life Member Non Financial Member
Journal AustMS				
Paper copy				
(Resident in Aust.)	\$123.20	\$123.20	\$123.20	\$61.60
(Resident overseas)	\$112	\$112	\$112	\$56
ANZIAM Journal				
Paper copy				
(Resident in Aust.)	\$106.70	\$106.70	\$106.70	\$53.35
(Resident overseas)	\$97	\$97	\$97	\$48.50
Bulletin				
Paper copy				
(Resident in Aust.)	\$115.50	\$115.50	\$115.50	\$57.75
(Resident overseas)	\$105	\$105	\$105	\$52.50

The Journals are produced by AMPAI and are subjected to GST.
 The Gazette is supplied free to all Members.

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Membership of Council, 2019/2020

President	J. Ramagge
President-elect	O. Warnaar
Elected Vice-President	G.E. Prince
Secretary	D.C. Jackson
Treasurer	L. Ferrario
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
Member (to 2022)	G.N. Oates
Member (to 2022)	T.S. Trudgian
Member (to 2022)	M. Robertson
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