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Minutes of the AGM and General Meeting held at De Morgan House at 11.00 a.m. on Thursday 9 November 2023

Present

Officers

Chair

Deputy Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Andy Noyes

Noel-Ann Bradshaw

Chris Chipperton

Jennie Golding

Representatives of Participating Bodies

Adults Learning Mathematics

Association of Mathematics Education Teachers

Association of Teachers of Mathematics

British Society for Research into Learning Mathematics

British Society for the History of Mathematics

Edinburgh Mathematical Society

Heads of Departments of Mathematical Sciences

Institute of Mathematics and its Applications

London Mathematical Society

The Mathematical Association

Mathematics in Education and Industry

National Association for Numeracy and Mathematics in Colleges

National Association of Mathematics Advisors

National Numeracy

NRICH

Operational Research Society

Royal Academy of Engineering

Royal Statistical Society

Scottish Mathematical Council

STEM Learning

United Kingdom Mathematics Trust

Wales Institute of Mathematical and Computational Sciences

Beth Kelly

Fiona Curtis

Helen Madeley

Fay Baldry (deputy)

June Barrow-Green

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Mary McAlinden

Paul Glaister

Kevin Houston

Ems Lord

Stella Dudzic (deputy)

Andrew Davies

Ruth Trudley

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Ems Lord

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Zoe Nye

Alan Walker

Michael Anderson

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Claire Musselwhite (deputy)

Co-opted Members

UK Representative to the

International Commission on Mathematical Instruction

Social Media Lead

Paul Glaister

Richard Perring

Representatives of Observing Bodies

Department for Education [England]

Department of Education [Northern Ireland]

Education Scotland

Education and Training Foundation

National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics

Office for Standards in Education

The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation

The Royal Society

The Royal Society Advisory Committee on Mathematics Education

Scottish Qualifications Authority

Welsh Government Education Department

Alex Smith

Peter Dennis (deputy)

John Neeson

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Sue Madgwick

Hannah Stoten

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Cath Boulton

Anthony Tomei

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 **Welcome** The Chair welcomed everyone present both physically and online. There were fewer representatives at the face-to-face meeting than expected. This is something to reflect on prior to the February meeting.

He thanked everyone who had sent in reports. He added that ensuring reports reached the Secretary by the deadline would be helpful and much appreciated. There were a number of interesting points and connections.

- 1.2 **Practical Arrangements** The Secretary explained the fire procedures.

- 1.3 **Apologies for absence** Apologies for absence were received from: Alf Coles (BSRLM); Charlie Stripp (MEI), Evelyn Hardy (OR Society); Sofya Lyakhova (WIMCS); Catherine MacKenzie (DfE); Julie Harris (DoE), Sarah Old (Ofqual); Lian Crierie; Lynne McClure (AMS)

A particular welcome was given to new representatives Mary McAlinden (HoDoMS), Andrew Davies (NANAMIC) and Michael Anderson (STEM Learning) who each introduced themselves. Deputies attending the meeting were also welcomed: Fay Baldry (BSRLM); Stella Dudzic (MEI); Claire Musselwhite (WIMCS); Peter Dennis (DoE).

Some representatives and deputies would be joining later in the meeting or attending only for the afternoon session.

2 Annual business

- 2.1 **Reception of the Annual Report** The Annual Report was received.

- 2.2 **Reception of the Annual Accounts** The Annual Accounts were received.

- 2.3 **Approval of the Budget** The Treasurer stated that the budget reflected a very healthy position. It was approved unanimously as presented.

- 2.4 **Approval of the Subscription Rates** Approval was given for subscriptions for 2032-2024 being held at the same level as 2022-2023.

- 2.5 **Election of Deputy Chair** The Secretary reported that Noel-Ann Bradshaw had been the only nomination for Deputy Chair and was therefore elected unopposed. She would serve her second term from the end of the AGM until the end of the AGM in November 2026.

- 2.6 **Election of Treasurer** It was noted that at the June meeting Fiona Curtis had been elected Treasurer to serve from the end of the annual business until the end of the AGM in November 2026.

- 2.7 **Election of Trustee** The Secretary reported that no nominations had been received for Elected Trustee. As a result, the Trustees had acted under 12.6.7 of the constitution and appointed Sofya Lyakhova to fill the role for one year until the end of the AGM in November 2024.

- 2.8 **Co-option of Trustees** The Secretary explained that the Trustees had considered the vacancies for Co-opted Trustees and the desire for the trustees' body to have as broad and balanced make-up as possible. With this in mind, the Trustees proposed that Ems Lord and Ruth Trundle be appointed for the roles to serve until the end of the AGM in November 2024. This was approved unanimously.

3 Minutes of the meetings held on 8 June and 5 October 2023

- 3.1 **Minutes of the General Meeting held on Thursday 8 June 2023** Re. item 3.1 the Chair stated that the Ofsted subject report had been published. Subsequently, he had written to Steve Wren offering the opportunity for it to be discussed with JMC

Re. item 10 Lack of reports TR/NAB???

- 3.2 **Summary of the (Extraordinary) General Meeting held on Thursday 5 October 2023** There were no matters arising.

- 3.3 **Approval** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8 June were approved.

The summary of the meeting held on Thursday 5 October 2023 was approved unanimously.

- 3.4 **Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda**

4 Reports from Trustees

- 4.1 **Chair** The Chair's drew attention to the 'Advanced British Standard' (ABS). He reported that there was a lot of work taking place at the DfE and Ofqual.

The Chair updated Council on recent developments with the Academy for Mathematical Sciences (AMS). While the go/no go decision had been planned to take place in the summer of 2024, this was likely to happen far sooner due to the availability of support and funding. A long discussion had taken place between the Chair and Nigel Campbell. As a result, the Trustees had agreed a supportive statement.

There remain questions concerning the positioning of JMC and how teachers are to be represented, particularly in relation to fellowships. The Chair is to be involved in talks with Nigel Campbell and Lynne McClure in trying to shape the education side of the Academy with consideration given to how the wide range of the community can be covered.

The Treasurer was thanked for her enormous service to JMC and for the helpful way she had ensured discussions and decisions considered matters from a range of perspectives.

4.2 **Deputy Chair** There was no report.

4.3 **Secretary** The Secretary's report was noted. Attention was drawn to the upcoming vacancy for Chair and all representatives were asked to think about possible nominees. It was confirmed that the alternating nature of the chair in relation to maths education and mathematics should be continued where possible.

The Secretary thanked Kevin Houston and Tom Roper for their time and effort as Elected Trustees, and Jennie Golding for her commitment and wise counsel over two terms as Treasurer.

4.4 **Treasurer** There was no report from the Treasurer beyond items 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 above..

4.5 **Constitution** It was noted that no changes were necessary.

4.6 **Bye laws** It was noted that no changes were necessary.

4.7 **Policies** It was noted that no changes were necessary.

4.8 **Risk register** It was noted that the Trustees had reviewed the Risk Register.

5 Reports from Committees

5.1 **BCME** The report was noted.

The Treasurer informed Council that the BCME funds (£46k) had been liquidated due to the then likelihood that funds would need to be available for expenses in relation to BCME 10 taking place in 2024. The funds had been in a 90-day account. During the notice period, issues around the timing arose and quick access to the funds is not currently needed. Therefore, there is a need to find a new account to place the BCME funds in although it probably should be on a shorter term basis.

5.2 **ICME-14 Bursaries Committee** There was no report.

5.3 **MMSA** The report was noted.

A view was expressed that the timescale could be too short given such things as TUPE. This was countered with information that considerable work was being done on the detail and the proposal may look very different in a few weeks' time.

6 Reports from Participating Bodies

The Chair thanked representatives for the submitted reports. A number of points were drawn out:

6.3 ATM: Members were changing the choices they were making and there was a move away from print to e-membership. Whether this is due to cost, preference or engagement is unknown and needs further investigation. There is also a move to payment by monthly instalments.

6.4 BSRLM: There has been a deliberate decision not to go hybrid although there are ongoing discussions. Charges are differentiate for face-to-face and online conferences. Online conferences also have greater accessibility and a different membership.

6.5 BSHM: A similar conclusion had been reached about not going hybrid except for possibly 'beaming in' an individual to give a presentation. Council meetings are half and half face-to-face and online.

6.7 HoDoMS: The state of recruitment to universities was questioned. In Mary McAlinden's temporary absence (fire alarm) from the meeting, Paul Glaister stated that about 80% of the mathematics recruitment was going to Russell Group institutions. This meant that a small remainder was being spread across the large number of other universities. A report is being written for HoDoMS and JMC will ask for it to be shared when it is released.

6.12 NANAMIC: There is an increase in institutional memberships. Online conferences are working well. There appears to be a geographic bias to attendance and membership.

6.15 NRICH: A problem solving charter is being launched. This involves the sign-up to a framework, RAG rating and target setting, with support available. Schools that sign up are entitled to display a logo. The first year will be monitored.

6.19 SMC: Maths Week Scotland had taken place, but engagement had been adversely affected by strike action. For example, *Maths wi' nae Borders* had only 52 entries rather than the normal hundreds.

It was noted that Maths Week England will take place in the next week.

7 Reports from Observing Bodies

The written reports were noted.

Additional oral reports were received from. By agreement minutes of these were not taken.

8 Discussion of Reports

No discussion was requested.

9 Any other business not elsewhere on the agenda

9.1

10 Discussion: Adult numeracy

Multiply Presentation by Tessa Mackenzie (DfE) together with Eamon Scanlon, Ljiljana Colak, Elizabeth Asadi and Isaac Anoom (Hammersmith and Fulham)

Number Confidence and Social Mobility Presentation by Paul Foss (National Numeracy)

The presentations were circulated separately.

11 Conclusion

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and participation, and closed the meeting.

12 Dates of future meetings

Thursday 22 February 2024 at De Morgan House (deadline for papers: Thursday 8 February 2024)

Thursday 13 June 2024, venue tba (deadline for papers: Thursday 30 May 2024)

Thursday 7 November 2024 at De Morgan House (deadline for papers: Thursday 24 October 2024)

All meetings are scheduled to begin at 11.00am