

ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS

Minutes of the Twenty Fifth Annual General Meeting held 7th April 2009, 2.00 pm at Swansea University

Sue Johnston-Wilder (Chairperson of the General Council) was in the Chair.

46 members and 0 non members were present.

Sue Johnston-Wilder welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Minutes of the 24th AGM:

The minutes of the 24th AGM had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Matters of accuracy were noted as follows:

Item 6, "financial year" changed to "2008".

Proposed by: Sue Johnston-Wilder

Seconded by: Jan Winter

That the minutes be accepted with amendments as a true record.

The minutes were accepted with 2 abstentions.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Hon Secretary's Report:

The report was distributed at the meeting. George Knights explained that Margaret Jones had resigned as Honorary Secretary at the end of November 2008 in order to take on the role of Editor of Mathematics Teaching, and that this report had been written jointly by Margaret and himself. George talked about important matters in the report as follows:

- A report about working jointly with other mathematics associations is on the website with a link to a paper which members are invited to read.
- CMathTeach which Margaret Jones reported on at the 2008 AGM is now ready to go and the first Chartered Mathematics Teachers will be appointed in mid-2009 with a planned national launch in November 2009.
- MTi – the new interactive journal to be launch in July 2009, is a new and exciting proposition. George wished Margaret and her team well with the new challenge ahead.
- The ATM website is becoming richer all the time and is now more user-friendly due to Marten Gallagher's hard work. The forums are not being used as much as we would have liked, however, and George asked members to engage more on the website.

George thanked Su and the office team in Derby for all their hard work. George said the office staff do an enormous amount of work and acknowledged that this is carried out in an efficient, friendly and helpful manner.

Proposed by: Chris Messenger

Seconded by: Julia Croft

That the Honorary Secretary's report be accepted.

The report was accepted with 0 abstentions.

3. Treasurer's Report

Alison Parish presented her report which was circulated at the meeting.

Alison talked about making changes to membership categories and that ATM were trialling different ways of encouraging people to join the association and thus increase membership numbers. Alison also talked about e-groups that are being set up to encourage more people to become involved in the work of ATM, eg Primary, Secondary and ICT e-groups.

Alison explained that there is still a need to be prudent with regards to funds, as is evidenced in the 2008 financial accounts.

Questions were asked from the floor, to which Alison Parish and Su Strange responded. Alison asked members who had queries which could not be fully answered at this meeting to email them to her.

A copy of the full audited accounts is available to members upon request.

Proposed by: Tandi Clausen May

Seconded by: Meryl Hargreaves

That the above Treasurer's report be accepted.

The report was accepted unanimously with 0 abstentions

4. Report on Publications

The publications report was circulated at the meeting. Jean Carnall talked about the report and explained that new publications were now available to purchase. Jean also asked members to consider producing a publication either individually or as a group.

Jean talked about ATM producing publications that were only available via a download from the website, and that some of the older publications are now available from the website. She indicated that those who are responsible for producing publications are very aware of costs and that Karen Moran always looks to source the best value for money.

Proposed by: Karen Wintle

Seconded by: Sue Pope

That the above Publications report be accepted.

The report was accepted unopposed with 0 abstentions

5. Report on Branches

Sue Johnston-Wilder talked about the branches report which had been distributed at the meeting. Sue was very pleased to inform the meeting that new branches have been set up and that others are in the process of being developed.

If anyone is interested in developing a new branch they can speak to Karen Kirkley at the office. Contact names for current branches are on the website.

Jan Winter, from the floor, talked about the Avon branch and the fact they have a meeting after the conference.

Sue Johnston-Wilder explained that the Bowland resources are available for meetings and that Dave Hewitt will attend any group to talk about and demonstrate using Grid Algebra.

A member from the floor talked about collaborative working with the NCETM. Various members, from the floor, discussed this issue in some detail.

Proposed by: George Knights

Seconded by: Andrew Robinson

That the above Branches report is accepted

The report was accepted unopposed with 0 abstentions.

6. Election of Officers:

Sue Johnston-Wilder talked about the election of members of General Council and that two people had left during the year due to work and home commitments. John Hibbs and Jill Mansergh were retiring from General Council at the meeting; Sue Johnston-Wilder thanked them and presented them with a gift for their hard work during the 5 years they have been on General Council.

Peter Lacey gave his thanks to Sue Johnston-Wilder, on behalf of the association, for her hard work on Council and as Chair of GC, and presented her with a gift.

The following General Council members were put forward for re-election by the retiring General Council:

Lyndon Baker
Claire Beckett
Jean Carnall
Julia Croft
Meryl Hargreaves
Alec McEachran
Melissa Rodd
Karen Wintle

Proposed by: General Council

Seconded by: Heather McLeay

That the above be re-elected.

The above were re-elected unopposed

Alison Parish was proposed by General Council for re-appointment as Treasurer.

She was re-elected unanimously

George Knights was proposed by General Council for appointment as Hon Secretary.

Proposed by: General Council

Seconded by: Sue Pope

He was elected unopposed

The following people were proposed for General Council.

Name	Proposer	Secunder
Peter Lacey	Sue Johnston-Wilder	Alison Parish
Jayne Stansfield	Jill Mansergh	Karen Wintle
Lynne McClure	Sue Johnston-Wilder	Jill Mansergh
Jenni Back	Jill Mansergh	George Knights
Liz Woodham	Lynne McClure	Julia Croft

There were no other nominations.

Information about the above nominees had either been circulated in advance to members or was given verbally at the meeting and the nominees were introduced.

The above were elected unopposed

7. Appointment of Auditors

Proposed by: Alison Parish

Seconded by: George Knights

That Johnson Tidsall, Chartered Accountants, 81 Burton Road, Derby, DE1 1TJ be appointed as auditors for the financial year 2009.

The above was accepted unopposed

8. Motion

Proposed by: General Council

“In accordance with Article 46 of the Memorandum of Articles of Association of The Association of Teachers of Mathematics, it is proposed that the General Council of ATM shall in future comprise the Honorary Secretary (ex-officio), the Treasurer (ex-officio), up to twelve elected members and up to six co-opted members.”

After a detailed discussion the following amendment was put forward.

Proposed by: Margaret Jones

Seconded by: Lyndon Baker

“In accordance with Article 46 of the Memorandum of Articles of Association of The Association of Teachers of Mathematics, it is proposed that the General Council of ATM shall in future comprise the Honorary Secretary (ex-officio), the Treasurer (ex-officio), **up to fourteen elected members and up to four co-opted members.**”

This amendment was accepted. 5 voted against and 4 abstained.

After further discussion a further amendment to the motion was put forwarded.

Proposed by: Lyndon Baker

Seconded by John Hibbs

That “in future” should be removed and the motion should read as follows:

“In accordance with Article 46 of the Memorandum of Articles of Association of The Association of Teachers of Mathematics, it is proposed that the General Council of ATM shall comprise the Honorary Secretary (ex-officio), the Treasurer (ex-officio), up to fourteen elected members and up to four co-opted members.”

This amendment was approved with 1 vote against and 1 abstention.

The substantive motion was then approved by the AGM.

9. Chair's Business

Sue Johnston-Wilder brought people at the meeting up to date with events during 2008.

Sue talked about the NCETM creating a particular environment in which the ATM are trying to operate.

She described the launch, in the last 12 months, of a group of five mathematics teacher associations (AMET, ATM, MA, NAMA & NANAMIC) that is looking at ways in which these five subject associations can work together. The group (MMSA) have run a subject leaders course, written joint letters to the TDA, congratulated ministers on their abolition of the KS3 stats and commented on the structure of the KS3 consultation and the short time scale. We now have an opportunity, with the teacher unions, to continue the campaign against KS2 sats, as a group of 5 mathematics associations.

Sue also talked about the launch in July of the new MTi interactive journal and said that this is one of the most exciting things that has happened in terms of the journal for a long time and hoped members would support this initiative.

Sue talked about the new designation of Chartered Mathematics Teacher, for both primary and secondary teachers. To achieve this, the teacher has to be a member of one of the mathematics associations through which applications are processed (currently ATM, MA and IMA).

Finally, Sue talked about her time as Chair of General Council and gave her thanks to Su Strange and her team for all their hard work.

10. AOB

There was no other business

The meeting closed at: 3.50pm