



Association of Teachers of Mathematics

ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 2006

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ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS

Year ending 31 December 2006

Honorary Secretary's Report

2006 proved to be a year of change for the Association of Teachers of Mathematics. New officers were either elected or co-opted for all the three key positions of Treasurer, Chair and Honorary Secretary.

Meetings continued in a regular cycle with both the MA and NANAMIC in order to make joint responses, where appropriate, to ensure that our views are be listened to by politicians and civil servants thus demonstrating that the mathematics community is speaking with one voice. During the year representatives from all three associations met with the QCA mathematics team. These meetings have given us the opportunity to express members' opinions, although at one stage there was concern that the subject teams within QCA were being disbanded, strong representation has kept a mathematics presence within that organisation.

ATM and its partner associations made strong representation at the consultative stage for the new primary framework and has also been consulted with regard to Functional mathematics prior to it going into its pilot phase. We will continue to make representation about this important development and in particular we welcome the forthcoming review of KS3/4. This is long overdue and we hope that it will lead to much more continuity between the two phases of education.

We have continued to be represented at JMC meetings by John Hibbs and we have valued his experience and expertise that makes him a valued member of GC.

This year also saw the launch of the NCETM. We have started to build relationships that we hope will be useful for both organisations. The aim of professional development for all teachers is a strong link binding us together.

David Cowley, the professional officer, took up his position on 1st January 2006. He left the association at the end of November and we wish him well in his new career. We would like to thank David for the initiatives he started, and especially for the links he made with the Subject Associations Working Group (SAWG) on our behalf and the tighter links he fostered between ATM and the other mathematics associations. At present he is not being replaced whilst we await a decision by the DfES to fund a professional officer for mathematics.

General Council and Executive meetings continue to be very busy and at times exhilarating. The new remodelled form of weekend has proved to have some defects. It was decided to refine the model. On 3 Saturdays each year prior to GC on Sunday (on what used to be a General Council weekend) Associate members work in task groups. The task groups are: - Secondary Curriculum, Primary Curriculum, CPD, Editorial, ICT, Marketing & Publications. The other three meeting on Saturdays which were executive meetings (EC) originally and became full GC meetings have, since November, reverted to being EC meetings. EC is a meeting of all the key officers and the smaller group allows the business of the association to be completed in a timely and efficient manner.

The journal editors have maintained their high standard and the 'no longer new' journal has become a worthy successor to its two forerunners. It is an extremely good read and provides a professional forum in which members can share their practice. On behalf of General Council I would like to thank the editorial team for all they have done on behalf of ATM.

Marten Gallagher, our web editor, continues to develop the site, almost every GC he comes with plans for developments. This year e-membership went live, thanks to his efforts. Buy-

on-line continues to be refined with new features and the chat rooms have begun to make an impact.

We are also extremely well-supported by our office staff, ably led by Su Strange . They are committed and dedicated to the organisation, taking on whatever roles are demanded of them. In fact we discovered at staff appraisal that Fay has been with us for 22 years and Karen Moran almost as long. We would like to thank the two of them for their long and dedicated service to the association. All the staff are unfailingly helpful whenever they are contacted. I offer thanks to all of them Su, Karen, Karen, Fay, Sally and Liam for their continued work for the association.

Margaret Jones
Acting Honorary Secretary

Trustees

The members of the Council deemed to be trustees during the year (or date of appointment) were as follows:

	Appointed	Resigned		Appointed	Resigned
P Alexander			J Ingram		
C Beckett	Co-opted – 4/5/2006		K Gladwin		
J Carnall	Co-opted – 8/10/2006		C Periton		14/09/2006
D Cobden			H Vappula		
D Cochrane			J Hibbs		
M Jones			S Johnston Wilder		
M Ollerton			J Turner		29/06/2006
A Parish			J Mansergh		
S Pope	Co-opted 4/4/2006		L Jacques		26/06/2006

Company Secretary: Hanna Vappula
Treasurer: Alison Parish
Honorary Secretary: Margaret Jones

Auditors: Johnson Tidsall Chartered Accountants, 81 Burton Road, Derby, DE1 2DH

Solicitors: Taylor, Simpson & Mosely, 32 St Mary's Gate, Derby, DE1 3JW

ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS

Trustees Report for the purpose of S45 of the Charities Act 1993 and Directors Report for the purposes of S243 of the Companies Act 1985

Year Ended 31 December 2006

Achievements and Performance

Revised membership categories to better reflect members needs, including a new category of membership: E-membership.

A successful year for the new combined journal 'Mathematics Teaching incorporating Micromath'.

A revised website with a personal members only area, new members forum for discussion and sharing.

On-line ordering and payment in place.

A successful conference at Edge Hill College.

Professional development courses run across the country, (including Becta Road shows run in conjunction with The Mathematical Association and SETNET).

New publications released, 'Primary Thinkers', 'Shape and Space without a Worksheet' (Early years), 'Maths with Ben' (KS2/3) and 'Reaching the Core of AS Mathematics'.

Development of software – Grid Algebra and 'L'.

Continuation and development of collaborative working with the Mathematical Association and other Associations.

Representing mathematics education on national bodies, for example the Joint Mathematical Council and The Subject Associations Working Group, which now has a joint website www.subjectassociation.org.

Being invited to take part in consultations relating to the proposed changes to the curriculum at all key stages.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The General Council has met three times and the Executive three times this year. In addition there has been one Strategic meeting. At each meeting the Treasurer has reported on the finances of the Association, which have then been discussed and reviewed by all present.

The office staff, especially Su Strange, have continued to offer substantial support in regard to managing the finances of the Association both on a day to day and a long-term basis. There has been close liaison between the office and the Executive Committee, particularly with the treasurer regarding the day-to-day finances of the Association. This is particularly important for continuity as the Treasurer changes according to the General Council rules for executive membership.

The financial position of the Association continues to be closely monitored by General Council and ways have been considered to increase membership and support the sales of resources, which raise the profile of the Association in the mathematics education world. We have introduced the option of e-membership and are working with other companies and organisations to increase our profile, and income from publications. We have also looked at ways of reducing costs of our publications and journals without a reduction in quality. Some of these have already been implemented. We have also begun to investigate using more internet-based communication rather than having all face-to-face meetings.

This year the sales of software did not meet our expectations and we have therefore set a budget for the coming year with this in mind. New publications and software will be considered for suitability to a wider market than teachers in schools. We entered bids for funding, two of our bids for the Bowland KS3 initiative (quilts and trebuchets) went through to the second stage and, although not adopted for the final round, have enabled use to gather materials for future publications with this in mind.

The full time post of professional officer will not be replaced in the short term, and members of ATM will cover the role where it is feasible to do so.

Investment powers and policy

The General Council has considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds and found that fixed-bid accounts (for one month) and one-year fixed bonds meet their requirement for capital growth. The average return on these investments for the year of 3.70% (2005: 4.70%) is considered low but there is a constant review of the investment policy, at all times, to maximise available returns.

Reserves policy

The General Council has established a reserves policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets (the free reserves) held by the Association should be between 3 and 6 months of the resources expended, which equates to £104,000 to £208,000 in general funds. At this level, the General Council feels that they would be able to continue the current activities of the Association in the event of a significant drop in funding. At present free reserves, which amount to £126,988, are within this target level and allow the Association to maintain the improved services provided this financial year.

Results

The deficit for the year amounted to £32,674 (2005: £11, 761)

Plans for Future Periods

A conservative budget has been set for the year 2007 by undertaking a cost evaluation exercise in all aspects of the Association. All task groups' budgets have been set with lower sales in mind as last year's expectations were not realised, especially with respect to software sales. Task groups have been asked to keep within their budgets, as they did last year, and funding for working groups other than those taking place at General Council weekends has been withdrawn. The use of internet communication for some meetings will continue to be investigated to cut costs.

The Association is also seeking partners to further its publication activity in order to reach new markets. It has approached Logotron Ltd which is helping to sponsor software development and Tarquin Publications to help expand the sales market. We will also continue to investigate other groups and markets which might be interested in our products and continue to explore cheaper ways of publishing materials to keep costs down. We have rationalised our catalogue and are introducing e-membership.

The Association will also continue work with British Educational Communications and Technology Agency (Becta) to promote ICT-related CPD and continue to offer other CPD via its annual conference and a smaller regional events.

Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

Company and charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of surplus or deficit of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees have:

- Selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- Made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in financial statements; and
- Prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

The trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the company has an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Alison Parish
Honorary Treasurer

Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure)
Year ended 31 December 2006

	2006	2005
	£	£
Incoming Resources		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
Voluntary Income - Donations	8,230	933
Activities for generating Funds		
- <i>Subscriptions</i>	188,292	190,174
- Advertising & Royalties	5,180	5,098
- <i>Sales of Publications, software and teaching aids</i>	94,889	125,853
- <i>Funded Publications - DFES</i>		24,618
Investment Income	5,617	9,630
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
- <i>Conferences</i>	50,118	14,855
- <i>Professional Officer</i>	28,694	30,841
Other Incoming resources	1,839	200
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	382,859	402,202
 Resources Expended		
<i>Cost of Generating Funds:</i>		
- <i>Subscriptions & Journals</i>	162,910	170,388
- <i>Publications, Software and Teaching Aids</i>	111,535	109,152
- <i>Funded Publication – DfES</i>		20,159
Charitable Activities		
- <i>Conferences</i>	59,838	30,872
- <i>Professional Officer</i>	55,185	56,659
Governance costs	26,312	26,784
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	415,780	414,014
 Net incoming/(outgoing) Resources	 -32,921	 -11,812
Gain/Loss on revaluation of investments	247	51
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS	-32,674	-11,761
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY 2006	181,696	193,457
 TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2006	149,022	181,696

Balance sheet Year Ended 31 December 2006

		2006		2005
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Assets		16,291		26,383
Investments		98,672		123,386
		<u>114,963</u>		<u>149,769</u>
Current Assets				
Stocks	56,919		72,488	
Debtors	28,721		27,311	
Cash at bank and in hand	26,662		25,467	
	<u>112,302</u>		<u>125,266</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due in one year	<u>-78,243</u>		<u>-93,339</u>	
Net Current Assets		<u>34,059</u>		<u>31,927</u>
Net Assets		<u>149,022</u>		<u>181,696</u>
Unrestricted Funds				
General Funds		143,279		179,955
Restricted Funds		<u>5,743</u>		<u>1,741</u>
Total Funds		<u>149,022</u>		<u>181,696</u>

Notes to the Financial Statement Year Ended 31 December 2006

						Total 2006	Total 2005
	Subs/journal £	Publication/ software £	Conference £	Governance £	PO £	£	£
Mathematics Teaching	80,987	-	-	-	-	80,987	55,685
Micromath	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,632
Publications Software	-	21,770	-	-	-	21,770	49,142
Funded publication - DfES	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,159
Royalties payable	-	5,907	-	-	-	5,907	7,160
Stock decrease/increase	-	15,569	-	-	-	15,569	-15,153
Advertising and Publicity	6,458	5,166	1,292	-	-	12,915	16,580
Conference Expenses	-	-	28,999	-	-	28,999	673
Wages and Salaries	37,625	26,337	11,287	18,812	-	94,062	94,977
Rent and Rates	8,542	8,162	2,278	-	-	18,982	18,602
Heat and Light	463	442	123	-	-	1,028	1,134
Telephone	484	463	129	-	-	1,076	1,322
Insurance	2,114	2,020	564	-	-	4,698	3,847
Postage	4,123	3,940	1,099	-	-	9,162	10,071
Stationery	884	845	236	-	-	1,964	3,279
Photocopier	1,992	1,903	531	-	-	4,426	4,770
Repairs and Maintenance	5,096	4,869	1,359	-	-	11,324	7,543
Meeting expenses	2,884	2,884	2,643	3,605	-	12,015	12,742
Legal & professional	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Audit and Accountancy	-	-	-	3,200	-	3,200	3,200
Computer Development	113	113	113	-	-	339	942
Training	257	257	257	-	-	771	0
Bank Charges	611	611	611	-	-	1,832	1,507
Miscellaneous	425	424	425	-	-	1,275	1,869
Web Site Expenses	3,412	3,412	1,706	-	-	8,530	7,491
Staff Pension Scheme	2,086	2,086	2,086	695	-	6,953	7,664
Credit Card Charges	763	765	510	-	-	2,040	1,631
Bad Debts	-3	-3	-3	-	-	-8	-207
Depreciation	3,507	3,506	3,506	-	-	10,519	6,637
Grants to Working Groups	87	87	87	-	-	260	1,406
Grants to Branches	-	-	-	-	-	0	50
Professional Officer	-	-	-	-	55,185	55,185	56,659
	162,910	111,535	59,838	26,312	55,185	415,780	414,014

Full copies of the Accounts are available free of charge upon request from the ATM Office