

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022
Minutes of the AGM
held in the Hidcote Suite at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Stratford upon Avon
on Thursday 14 April 2022, at 1pm

In the Chair

Dr Chris Pritchard – President

Present

Mr Tom Roper – Chair of Council

Dr Paul Harris – Secretary

Mr David Miles – Treasurer

Staff in attendance

Sandi Atkinson – Executive Officer

Amber Richardson – Marketing & Communications Officer

Members of the Association (37). There were sufficient members present to be quorate. Those present were reminded that only current members of the Association were permitted to vote.

1. Welcome by the President, Dr Chris Pritchard

- 1.1. The President welcomed everyone to the 2022 Annual General Meeting and thanked all those for their continuing work on behalf of The Mathematical Association.
- 1.2. Dr Pritchard announced that apologies had been received from Peter Ransom, Alison Parish and Owen Toller.

2. The AGM received the report of the Council from its Chair, Tom Roper.

- 2.1 Dr Pritchard invited Tom Roper as Chair of Council to present his report to the meeting.
- 2.2 The Chair highlighted the ongoing work to address the financial deficits posted in recent years. Stating that David Miles as Treasurer would speak in more detail to the attendees under the next agenda item but that as Chair he felt a responsibility to reassure the membership of the direct action that has been taken by Council with some hard decision being made and a lot of hard work being put into improving our situation. Positive results can be seen from this concentrated effort and he assured those present that Council will continue to give it its full attention.
- 2.3 Moving on to more positive news the Chair described some of the activity that had taken place over the last year and the positive impact the association is having on the wider mathematics community. He spoke of the increase in membership, the increase in the number of schools participating in the mathematics challenges and the increase of quality submissions across all of our journals and publications.

- 2.4 He also touched on the significant legacy donation to the library from Dr A. E. L. Davis from her outstanding personal collection of mathematics and related subject books.
- 2.5 The Chair signed off by thanking his colleagues on Council for their unwavering dedication, specifically those who had come to the end of their terms and would be moving on. He also thanked the HQ Team who have had a particularly difficult time dealing with the pandemic and staffing issues but have continued to serve the association to their very best abilities.
- 2.6 The President offered his thanks to Tom Roper on behalf of Council and the membership both for this report and for his service in the pivotal role as Chair of Council.

3 The report of the Treasurer, David Miles.

3.1 The 2021 independent examination report and financial statements had been made available to MA members via email.

3.1.1 Main points highlighted by the Treasurer in his report were;

3.1.1.1 Graphs showing income and expenditure over the last ten years. Income has declined with the exception of 2018 when the MA received a significant legacy donation. Income is beginning to grow again now since 2020. Expenditure has also reduced gradually but is now at a point where it would be difficult to make any further savings.

3.1.1.2 In nine out of the ten years presented (one year being the receipt of the large donation) the association has posted a deficit. Meaning, it has been spending more than it is bringing in. Part of this can be explained as the impact of the pandemic on the MA's already struggling finances.

3.1.1.3 The Treasurer proceeded to talk through more detail of the income and expenditure across the different areas and activities of the association. He pointed out the increased income from the growth referred to in the Chair's report and also where significant savings had been made in the delivery of challenges and moving committee meetings online for example.

3.1.1.4 In summary income was up and expenditure was down in 2021 resulting in a deficit of £31,499.

3.1.1.5 The 2021 independently examined accounts were received and accepted by the members.

3.2 Nomination of the Independent Examiners for 2022

3.2.1 The Treasurer advised those present that the move to Community Accounting Plus (CAPlus) as our Independent Examiners for 2021 had been a successful one and he proposed that the MA remain with them for 2022.

3.2.2 Treasurer proposed to appoint CAPlus as independent examiners for the MA for 2022. This motion was seconded by Steve Abbott and the motion was carried with 36 votes for, no votes against and 1 abstention.

3.2.3 The President then thanked David Miles for his five years' service as Treasurer for the MA during what has been a most challenging period for the association.

4 **Special Resolution**

4.1 Secretary for the MA Dr Paul Harris introduced the special resolution detailed in the distributed papers. He explained the reason for bringing the resolution to the meeting was to bring our current articles up to date in current company law and to make a change specifically to the voting mechanism to allow more members to vote at an AGM. The change would allow members in addition to voting in person, to be able to appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf.

4.2 Dr Paul Harris proposed that the association adopt the new version of the articles. This was seconded by Paul Glaister. The motion was carried with 36 votes for, no votes against and 1 abstention.

5 **Election of Officers and other Members of Council**

5.1 The election of the President for 2022–2023

Dr Pritchard was pleased to confirm that Dr Colin Foster is now the President of the MA and passed on his congratulations.

The election of the President for 2023–2024

Dr Pritchard also confirmed the new President Designate to be Professor Nira Chamberlain who will become President for 2023–2024.

5.2 Re-elected to Council

Dr Pritchard referred to the papers available at the meeting to confirm the following members of Council who were re-elected. All positions were unopposed and so no vote was required.

Chair of Council	Tom Roper
Secretary	Paul Harris
Chair of Branches	Lucinda Hamill
Chair of Membership	Jemma Sherwood
Chair of Professional Development	Sue Southward
Chair of Publicity and Media	Jo Morgan
Chair of Publications	Jill Trinder

Nominations for vacant roles

Dr Pritchard again referred to the papers available at the meeting to confirm the following members who have been elected unopposed to the vacant roles. No vote was required.

Office of Chair of Conference	Dr Andy Kemp
nominated by David Miles and Cherri Moseley	
Office of Chair of Teaching Committee	David Miles

nominated by Tom Roper and Paul Harris

Office of Editor in Chief

Ed Southall

nominated by Peter Ransom and Tom Roper

5.3 Treasurer vacancy

Secretary Dr Harris explained that there was still a vacancy for Treasurer due to the nominated member having to withdraw very recently. Nominations will be sought, and the members present were asked that if they were interested or knew of someone who might be interested to contact Dr Harris outside of the meeting to allow for the proper nominations process to be followed. In the interim Chair of Council Tom Roper and Executive Officer Sandi Atkinson will undertake the duties of Treasurer.

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5.4 Members without Office:

Dr Harris explained that there were three vacancies for Members Without Office and four candidates and therefore there would be a ballot using the voting papers supplied to each member on arrival at the meeting.

The following Members without Office would be continuing their service as follows:

Stella Dudzic continues in her first term of 3 years, with 1 year left to serve.

Elizabeth Glaister continues in her second term with 1 year left to serve.

Gerry Leversha continues in his second term with 1 year left to serve.

Nick Wilson continues in his first term of 3 years, with 1 year left to serve.

Following the successful conclusion of the ballot the three Members without Office elected were:

Sudeep Gokarakonda, nominated by Ed Southall and Jemma Sherwood

Cherri Moseley, nominated by Tom Roper and Paul Harris

Bill Richardson, nominated by Chris Pritchard and Adam McBride

6 **Matters arising from the Annual General Meeting 2021.**

There were no matters arising.

7 **Any other business.**

None received.

With no further business to transact Dr Chris Pritchard thanked everyone for attending the AGM.

The meeting closed at 1.48pm.