

THE AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY INCORPORATED
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The sixtieth Annual General Meeting of The Australian Mathematical Society Incorporated will be held in the Manning Clark Centre, Australian National University, ACT, on Wednesday 7th December 2016 at 1.15 p.m. Lunch will be available in the foyer from 12.45 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Confirmation of the minutes** of the fifty-ninth Annual General Meeting.
- 3. Business arising** from the minutes.
- 4. President's report** (Professor T.R. Marchant)
- 5. Secretary's report** (Assoc. Prof. P.J. Stacey)
- 6. Treasurer's report and Audited Financial Statement of the Society** for the year ending 31 July 2016 (Dr A. Howe)
- 7. Subscriptions and journal prices** to members for 2017 (Dr A. Howe)
The Treasurer's recommendations, subject to approval by Council at its meeting on 4th December, are attached.
- 8. Appointment of Auditor**
The Treasurer proposes that the Auditor for 2017 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.R. Myerscough)
- 11. Report of ANZAMP** (Assoc. Prof. T.M. Garoni)
- 12. Decisions made by Council** (Professor T.R. Marchant)

13. Annual Meetings

- (i) This meeting needs to confirm that the sixty-first Annual Meeting in the Year 2017 will be held at Macquarie University from Tuesday 12th December to Friday 15th December with Professor X.T. Duong and Professor P.D. Smith as Co-Directors.
- (ii) The meeting needs to determine that the sixty-second Annual Meeting in the Year 2018 will be held at The University of Adelaide from Tuesday 4th December to Friday 8th December with Dr T. Leistner as Director.

14. Report on membership of Council for the session 2016/2017 (Assoc. Prof. P.J. Stacey)

The list of members, subject to Council approval of certain positions at its meeting on 4th December, is attached.

15. Vote of thanks to retiring members of Council

The following members will retire from Council at the conclusion of this AGM:

Professor C.E. Praeger (*Editor, Lecture Note Series*);
Assoc. Professor S. Morrison (*Ordinary Member*);
Dr J.G. Sumner (*Ordinary Member*).

In addition Professor N. Joshi retired during the year, when she completed her term as Chair of the National Committee for Mathematical Sciences.

Professor Joshi has served on Council since 2005, including two years as President; Professor Praeger has served since 2008 and earlier served from 1990 to 1995 and 1998 to 2001, including two years as President.

16. Any other business.

The Australian Mathematical Society (Inc)

Minutes of the Fifty-ninth Annual General Meeting of the Australian Mathematical Society Incorporated, held in in the Matthew Flinders Lecture Theatre on Tuesday 29th September 2015, commencing at 5.30 p.m.

Present:

President (T.R. Marchant), Acting Secretary (A. Henderson) and Treasurer (A. Howe), together with

A. Albrecht, R. Anderssen, N. Bean, M. Coons, D. Daners, , M. Demange, V. Ejov, G. Froyland, V. Gaitsgory, J. de Gier, A. Glen, D. Glynn, D. King, P. Leopardi, B. Loch, J. Loxton, N. McConnell, R. McDougall, S. Morrison, Y. Nazarathy, M. Neuzerling, G. Nguyen, J. Piantadosi, B. Rüffer, M. Sha, A. Sims, T. Trudgian, S.O. Warnaar, W. Zudilin.

(32 members.)

1. **Apologies:** A. Bassom, L. Batten, J. Borwein, R. Brent, P. Broadbridge, P.J. Cossey, A. Devillers, D. Donovan, L.K. Forbes, P. Forrester, J. Grotowski, G. Hocking, N. Joshi, D. Mallett, R. Moore, S.A. Morris, J.-A. Osborn, C. Praeger, G. Prince, A. Roberts, J. Roberts, H. Sidhu, K. Smith-Miles, P. Stacey, J. Sumner, G. Willis, D. Yost.

2. **Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the fifty-eighth Annual General Meeting were confirmed.

(A.Sims /A. Howe)

3. **Business arising from the Minutes**

There was none.

4. **President's Report**

The President's Report was presented by Professor T.R. Marchant. He expanded on his comments about replacing Honours degrees by coursework masters and on the desirability of members participating in the survey conducted as part of the QS rankings.

He added to his report by informing members that Council has decided to spend about half of the recent surplus on additional ongoing commitments and commented that, overall, there is some uncertainty in the academic sector but we are still in a good position. A potential threat is that our sources of external funding are limited to the ARC and it will be important to develop links with Asia, as in the recently established La Trobe/ Kyushu Institute.

Resolved That the President's Report be received.

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5. **Secretary's Report**

The Secretary's Report was presented in absentia by Associate Professor P.J. Stacey.

Resolved That the Secretary's Report be received.

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6. **Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements**

The Treasurer's report was presented by Dr. A. Howe.

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 May 2015 and for the period 1 June 2015 to 31 July 2015 be received.

7. **Subscriptions and journal prices to Members for 2016**

Resolved That Members' subscriptions for 2016 be as follows:

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Ordinary Member	\$136	Sustaining Member	\$272
Reciprocal Member	\$68	Reduced Rate Member	\$34
Education Member	\$68	Retired Member	\$34
Early Career Member	\$68		
Life Membership at Retirement for Members over 55 years			\$700

In response to a question, the Treasurer explained that multiyear memberships are calculated based on the current year's rate.

Resolved That Journal prices to Members for 2016 be as follows:

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	Ord, Sust., Rec. & Ed. Members	Red.-rate, Ret. & Life Members
Journal AustMS		
Resident in Australia	\$111.10	\$55.55
Resident overseas	\$101	\$50.50
ANZIAM Journal		
Resident in Australia	\$94.60	\$47.30
Resident overseas	\$86	\$43
Bulletin		
Resident in Australia	\$105.60	\$52.80
Resident overseas	\$96	\$48
Gazette	free to all paying members	

Note:

- (a) Existing Ordinary Members who renew their subscriptions before January 1st 2016 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 2016 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 PhD.
- (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 \$68 (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.

8. **Appointment of Auditor**

Resolved That Mr. James Daniels CPA, Federation Tax and Accounting,
7 116 Crawford St, Queanbeyan NSW 2620 be appointed as Auditor
 of the Society for the 2015/2016 financial year.

9. **Editors' Reports**

The President reported that Cambridge University Press has assembled data on citations, which show a poor performance on this measure by JAustMS. To help address this, Council will ask CUP to send out emails containing the list of contents of new issues.

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

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

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

The following decisions were highlighted by the President.

(a) **Cap on subventions from a member's membership fee**

When a Society member pays the extra membership fee to belong to a Division or Special Interest Group of the Society (excluding the Women in Mathematics SIG), a subvention of 30% (for a Division) or 25% (for a SIG) of their base Society membership fee is directed to that group. For members who belong to multiple such groups, Council has decided that the subventions will be capped at 70% of the base membership fee, to be distributed pro rata among the groups.

(b) **QS World University Rankings reputational survey**

On behalf of the Society, the President will ask the QS World University Rankings company to include all mathematical scientists based at Australian universities in the list of people to whom they send the reputational survey on which their rankings are partly based. A high response rate from Australian mathematicians will benefit the discipline rankings of Australian universities. Only publicly available contact information will be shared with QS.

(c) **Special Interest Meeting support grants**

Council has approved an increase in the Society's total budget for support of Special Interest Meetings, from \$25,000 to \$35,000 annually, starting for meetings in the 2016-17 financial year. The normal limit of AustMS support for an individual meeting will remain at \$6,000. Council has also made some minor amendments to the rules governing this support, mostly to harmonize them with AMSI's rules, since most applications are made jointly to AustMS and AMSI. In particular, it is now explicitly stated that the Society's funding is not to be used for catering, administrative expenses and venue hire, and that a registration fee of at least \$25 per day (before applicable discounts) should normally be charged.

(d) **Cheryl E. Praeger Travel Awards and Anne Penfold Street Awards**

Council has approved an increase in the total budget for these awards, administered by the Women in Mathematics Special Interest Group. In the 2016-17 financial year, the total available through the Cheryl E. Praeger Travel awards scheme, for conference travel or research visits by female members of the Society, will be \$20,000 (up from \$6,400). The total available through the Anne Penfold Street awards scheme, for support of caring responsibilities during conference travel or research visits by members of the Society, will be \$3,000 (up from \$1,600). In addition, Council has increased the operating budget of the Women in Mathematics Special Interest Group to \$3,200 (up from \$1,000).

(e) **Major workshops in December 2016**

Council has agreed to a proposal from AMSI to jointly fund two major workshops in Canberra in December 2016, in the weeks immediately preceding

and following the Society's Annual Meeting at ANU. These workshops are intended to attract prominent international keynote speakers and to tie in with at least one of the international plenary speakers of the Annual Meeting, so as to encourage international participants who will register for the Annual Meeting also. A call for expressions of interest in organizing such a workshop has been made by email; EOIs should be addressed to Geoff Prince at AMSI and received by Monday October 12, 2015.

(f) **Renewed agreement with AMSI**

Council has approved a new agreement between AustMS and AMSI, covering the years 2016-18. Our joint commitments include continued funding for the Australian Mathematical Sciences Student Conference, the AMSI/ANZIAM and Mahler Lecture Tours, the Early Career Workshops, and the AMSI Summer School, among others.

(g) **New Special Interest Groups**

Council has approved the establishment of two new Special Interest Groups, on Applied Probability and on the Mathematics of Computation and Optimisation.

13. **Annual Meetings:**

Resolved
11 To confirm that the sixtieth Annual Meeting of the Society will be held from Monday 5th December to Thursday 8th December 2016 at the Australian National University with Professor J.I.E. Urbas as Director.

Resolved
12 To provisionally determine that the sixty-first Annual Meeting of the Society will be held from Monday 11th December to Thursday 14th December 2017 at Macquarie University with Professor X.T. Duong and Professor P.D. Smith as Co-Directors.

14. **Membership of Council for the Session 2015/2016**

The Council for the 2015/2016 session is as follows:

President	T.R. Marchant
President-elect	K.A. Smith-Miles
Elected Vice-President	J.A.G. Roberts
Secretary	P.J. Stacey
Treasurer	A. Howe
Member (to 2016)	S. Morrison
Member (to 2016)	J.G. Sumner
Member (to 2017)	J. de Gier
Member (to 2017)	H.S. Sidhu
Member (to 2017)	A. Sims
Member (to 2018)	N.G. Bean
Member (to 2018)	A. Devillers
Member (to 2018)	D. Donovan

Ex-officio members:

Chair of ANZIAM	L.K. Forbes
Chair of ANZAMP	
Vice-Pres. (Ann. Confs.)	V. Gaitsgory
AustMS Memb.	
elected to Steering C'ttee	N. Joshi
Rep. of ANZIAM	J. Piantadosi
Rep. of ANZAMP	J. de Gier
Chair, Standing C'ttee Math Ed	B.I. Loch
Public Officer, AustMS & AMPAI	P.J. Cossey

Editors:

Gazette	S.A. Morris and D.T. Yost
J. AustMS	J.M. Borwein and G.A. Willis
ANZIAM J.	A.P. Bassom and G. Hocking
Electronic Editor	A.J. Roberts
Bulletin	J.H. Loxton
Lecture Series	C.E. Praeger
Web Site	R.R. Moore

15. Vote of thanks to retiring Members of Council:

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

Professor P.J. Forrester *Immediate-Past-President*;
 Associate Professor A. Henderson (*Vice-President*);
 Professor S.O. Warnaar (*Vice-President (Annual conferences)*);
 Dr A.L. Glen (*Ordinary Member*);
 Professor J.A. Filar (*Ordinary Member*);
 Associate Professor D.G. Mallett (*Ordinary Member*).

These thanks were carried by acclamation.

16. Vote of thanks to organisers of the meeting:

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the organisers of the meeting, which was carried by acclamation.

17. Any other business:

- (a) Dr McDougall, on behalf of the University of the Sunshine Coast, thanked the Society for the welcome of staff and students of this new university, present at the Society's annual conference for the first time.
- (b) The President asked members if they would prefer the Annual General Meeting to be held at lunchtime. There were no strong opinions but it was commented that the Canadian Mathematical Society holds their AGM at lunchtime, with lunch provided.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at approximately 6.20 p.m.

Item 7

60th AGM (2016) of AustMS

Subscriptions to Members for 2017 (subject to approval by Council)

Ordinary Member	\$ 138
Sustaining Member	\$ 276
Recip./Educ. Memb./ECR Member	\$ 69
Reduced-rate Member	\$ 35
Retired Member	\$ 35
Life Membership at Retirement for Members over 55 years	\$ 690
Institutional Member	\$1859

All new Ordinary Members are entitled to pay their first year's subscription at the concessional rate of \$69 (no rebate). Existing Ordinary Members receive a \$5 rebate if subs paid before 1/1/2017.

Item 7 (cont) **2016 AGM of AustMS**
Journal Prices to Members for 2017
(subject to approval by Council)

	Ordinary, Sustaining, Reciprocal & Education Membs	Reduced-rate, Retired & Life Members
Journal AustMS		
Resident in Australia	\$113.30	\$56.65
Resident overseas	\$103	\$51.50
ANZIAM Journal		
Resident in Australia	\$96.80	\$48.40
Resident overseas	\$88	\$44
Bulletin		
Resident in Australia	\$107.80	\$53.90
Resident overseas	\$98	\$49
Gazette	free to all members paying subscriptions	

Journals produced by AMPAI are subject to GST
(hence Aust/overseas differences above).

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Membership of Council, 2016/2017

President	K.A. Smith-Miles
Elected Vice-President	J.A.G. Roberts
Secretary	* P.J. Stacey
Treasurer	*A. Howe
Member (to 2017)	J. de Gier
Member (to 2017)	H.S. Sidhu
Member (to 2017)	A. Sims
Member (to 2018)	N.G. Bean
Member (to 2018)	A. Devillers
Member (to 2018)	D.M. Donovan
Member (to 2019)	A.P. Bassom
Member (to 2019)	J.E. Licata
Member (to 2019)	A.C.M. Thomas
<i>Ex-officio members:</i>	
Chair of ANZIAM	M.R. Myerscough
Chair of ANZAMP	T.M. Garoni
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AustMS Member elected to Steering Committee	P.J. Forrester
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