



Adults Learning Mathematics - a Research Forum

## ***Adults Learning Maths - A Research Forum (ALM)***

**ALM-6  
Sheffield Hallam  
University Sheffield, UK**

### **MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1999 Friday July 9, 1999, 430-7.00pm**

The meeting was chaired by John O'Donoghue; minutes were taken by Diana Coben.

#### **PRESENT ALU**

##### **Members:**

Diana Coben, Katherine Safford, Pat Healy, Caz Randall, Brian Cann, David Kaye, Valerie Seabright, Lars Gustafsson, Noel Colleran, Ana Lucia Braz Dias, Alice Lewis, Wendy Gornall, Mary Hellyer, Anne-Marie Heenan, Isabel Peters, Tricia Leacock, Poppy Pickard, E. Joy Joseph, Wolfgang Schloglmann, Ruth Polkinghome, Loma Smart, Meg North, Dhamma Colwell, Pat Drake, Patricia Alexander, Alison Tomlin, Juergen Maasz, John O'Donoghue, Sylvia Johnson, Mieke van Groenestijn, Roseanne Benn, Mary Jane Schmitt, Sue Elliott,

##### **Non-members in attendance:**

John Bibby, Martin Gibson.

1. **Minutes of the 1998 Annual General Meeting**  
The minutes of the 1998 AGM were accepted.
2. **Matters Arising**  
There were no matters arising.
3. **Reports:**
  - i) Chair (see Annex 1, Chair's Report);
  - ii) Secretary (see Annex 2, Secretary's Report);
  - iii) Membership Secretary (see Annex 3, Membership Secretary's Report);  
Treasurer (see Annex 4, Treasurer's Report and presentation of accounts for year ending 30 June 1999).

**4 Proposals that ALM should become s Company Limited by Guarantee aid a Charity under English and Welsh law**

**i) \_ Revocation of ALM Constitution**

That the Constitution of Adults Learning Maths - A Research Forum currently in force is revoked according to paragraph 10 of the Constitution.

Proposed by John O'Donoghue, seconded by Diana Coben: carried unanimously.

**ii) Adoption of Memorandum and Articles of Association**

That the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Adults Learning Maths - A Research Forum be adopted.

Proposed by Diana Coben, seconded by Sue Elliott: carried unanimously. The following members signed the Memorandum and Articles of Association: John O'Donoghue, Dhamma Colwell, Ruth Polkinghome, Poppy Pickard, Patricia Alexander, Sylvia Johnson, Alison Tomlin, Pat Drake, Katherine Safford, Brian G. Cann, Meg North, David Kaye, Loma Smart, Lars Gustafsson, Valerie Seabright, Susan Elliott, Juergen Maasz, Alice Lewis, Mieke van Groenestijn, E. Joy Joseph, Mary Jane Schmitt, Pat Healy, Caz Randall, Noel Colleran, Wendy Gornall, Mary Hellyer, Diana Coben, Anne-Marie Heenan, Ana Lucia Braz Dias. Signatures were witnessed by Patricia M.E. Jeacock.

**iii) Transfer of Assets**

That the assets of Adults Learning Maths - A Research Forum be transferred to the new organisation.

Proposed by Sylvia Johnson, seconded by Kathy Safford: carried unanimously.

**iv) Registration as a Company Limited by Guarantee**

That the Secretary make application to Companies House on behalf of the Association for registration as a company limited by guarantee.

Proposed by John O'Donoghue, seconded by Mieke van Groenestijn: carried unanimously.

**v) Registration as a Charity**

That when the Association has been registered as a Company, the Secretary make application to the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on behalf of the Company, for registration as a Charity.

Proposed by Diana Coben, seconded by Juergen Maasz: carried unanimously.

## 5. Election of Officers and Trustees for Incorporated Charity

Chair: John O'Donoghue, proposed by Sylvia Johnson, seconded by Diana Coben;  
Company Secretary: Dhamma Colwell, proposed by Patricia Alexander,  
seconded

by Sylvia Johnson; Treasurer: Sylvia Johnson, proposed by Diana Coben,  
seconded by Pat Drake; Membership Secretary: Sue Elliott, proposed by Mary  
Jane Schmitt, seconded by

John  
O'Donoghue;

Trustees:

Diana Coben, proposed by John O'Donoghue, seconded by Sylvia Johnson

Pat Drake, proposed by Roseanne Benn, seconded by Diana Coben;

Meke van Groenestijn, proposed by Brian Cann, seconded by Susan Elliott;

Eliana Maria Guedes, proposed by John O'Donoghue, seconded by Diana  
Coben;

Juergen Maasz, proposed by Kathy Safford, seconded by Mary Jane Schmitt;

Kathy Safford, proposed by Wendy A. Gornall, seconded by Roseanne Benn;

Mary Jane Schmitt, proposed by Diana Coben, seconded by John O'Donoghue;

David Kaye, proposed by V. Seabright, seconded by Caz Randall

## 6. Publications

(i) Newsletter: The existing Newsletter editorial team (Dave Tout, Tom McDonald, Mieke van Groenestijn and Brian Cann) has volunteered to continue in 1999/2000 as a sub-committee of the Trustees. 3 issues per year are planned. There was discussion of ways of using the Newsletter to recruit new members and publicise the organisation, for example at conferences in related areas. Suggestions for content, format and funding were raised for discussion by the Editors and Trustees. Members should send any further suggestions and news items to the Editors.

(ii) Website: The possibility of developing an ALM website was discussed and the Trustees undertook to investigate this (in the past, ALM Newsletters have been posted on the Goldsmiths College website and a conference website was established for ALM-5).

(iii) Single Issue Publications: The possibility of developing a series of collections of writings on topics such as algebra, teaching numeracy, etc. was discussed.

## 7. Looking Ahead ALM-7 Venue and Dates

National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, has offered to host the conference in July 2000 (details to be announced).

## 8. Any Other Business

John Bibby announced the establishment of a new charity, Mathemagic. He also gave information on the York Mathematics Fun Fair and announced that the organisers of Maths Year 2000 are looking for exciting activities.

Alison Tomlin thanked the outgoing ALM Steering Group for their work