



Minutes of the Twentieth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Adults Learning Mathematics – A Research Forum held at 15.45 on Wednesday 3rd July 2013 at the University of Wales, Newport, Wales, UK

The meeting was attended by 22 members. Apologies had been received from Joanne Kantner (the membership secretary).

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting (AGM 2012)

The minutes of the AGM held on 28th June 2012 at the AUT City Campus, Auckland, New Zealand were accepted as a true record

Proposed by Diana Coben and Seconded by John O'Donoghue

There were no matters arising

2 Officers' Reports

Terry Maguire, Chair of ALM gave a report on behalf of the Officers and Trustees
Key Issues raised: The trustees over 2012/13 felt that ALM had to develop their communication with members to encourage ongoing collaboration between conferences. A key element of the development of the communication strategy was to provide easily accessible information for both current and potential members of ALM. Consequently the trustees have redeveloped the website (Launched) during meeting in addition an ALM information brochure was developed and circulated. A further aspect of the new communication strategy was to organise the ALM webinar series where ALM researchers/practitioners and other experts on adult learning mathematics host a webinar that can be accessed all over the world. The webinar series has been a great success and members from up to 7 countries have linked in to various sessions.

Eric approached ALM for access to the conference proceeding available so they can be searched as part of their repository. The trustees have supported this request to enable ALM output to be readily accessed.

The company laws in the UK have changed which now means that the makeup of the ALM Trustees no longer requires 50% membership from the UK. The trustees will now work to bringing an amendment to the constitution to the next AGM to enable ALM to appoint trustees from across the membership.

The chair thanked all present for their help, support and commitment to ALM

3 Accounts

The Treasurer, Ruth Moulton presented the completed accounts for the year ending 1st June 2012 and the draft accounts for the year ending 1st June 2013. The accounts for the

year 2011/12 were approved (proposed by Ann McDonnell and seconded by Beth Kelly). It was noted that our provisional closing balance at 1st June 2013 was £14 948 compared to a closing balance the previous year of 16 081.

4 Changes to constitution

The secretary presented a brief paper to the meeting proposing a change to one item in the constitution. The following motion was passed unanimously by the meeting

Proposal

This AGM agrees that the trustees/directors committee should be elected without any conditions on residency and therefor instructs the officers of the Charity to make the necessary changes to the Articles of Association and

- Submit these changes to the Charity Commission and Companies House for approval
- Take necessary legal advice from these organisations and others as appropriate
- Present the revised document to the AGM to be held in 2014 for endorsement

Additional note

Extract from Articles of Association (article 24)

The number of Trustees shall not be less than three. All Trustees shall be members of the Charity. At least half of the total number of Trustees at any point in time shall be resident in England or Wales.

5 Election of the Chair, Officers and Trustees of ALM for 2013/2014

Nominations had been received for all the officers posts and for additional Trustees. No competitive elections were necessary and so the following were declared elected.

Chair: Terry Maguire – Nominated by Lars Gustafson, seconded by John O'Donoghue

Secretary: David Kaye – Nominated by Katherine Safford-Ramus, seconded by Diana Coben

Treasurer: Graham Griffiths – Nominated by Ruth Moulton, seconded by Sonja Beeli

Membership secretary: Joanne Kantner – Nominated by, seconded by

Trustee: Sonja Beeli – Nominated by Graham Griffiths, seconded by David Kaye

Trustee: Catherine Byrne – Nominated by David Kaye, seconded by Jackie Ashton

Trustee: Janette Gibney – Nominated by Graham Griffiths, seconded by Beth Kelly

6 ALM 21

Sonja Beeli informed the meeting that ALM 21 will take place in Bern, Switzerland and is provisionally planned for the end of June / early July 2014.

7 Other matters raised

- a Terry Maguire asked if any members would be willing to contribute sections for the new 'country lists' for the website. Lars Gustafson volunteered for Sweden and Diana Coben for New Zealand
- b There was a some discussion about membership and Kathy Safford suggested using a pro-forma for reminding lapsed members to re-join
- c Janette Gibney suggested members could put some note about being a member of ALM in the signature of our emails

David Kaye

ALM Secretary (2013-14)

