



Adults Learning Mathematics - a Research Forum

# ADULTS LEARNING MATHEMATICS – A Research Forum

## Annual General Meeting

### Thursday, 28 June 2001 Roskilde University, Denmark

The meeting was attended by 27 Members

#### **1 Minutes of AGM 2000**

The minutes of the annual general meeting held on Friday 7 July 2000 at Tufts University, Medford MA USA were accepted as a true record.

Proposed by Diana Coben

Seconded by Janet Duffin

#### **2 Trustees Report 2000/2001**

A written report was presented by the Chair, John O'Donoghue, the Company Secretary, David Kaye and the Treasurer, Sylvia Johnson.

#### **3 Accounts for the period 31 May 2000 to 31 May 2001**

The accounts were presented by the Treasurer, Sylvia Johnson and additional information was provided on the accounts for the ALM7 conference, which had been kept separately. The accounts were approved by the meeting; moved by Kathy Safford and Seconded by Jeff Evans.

#### **4 Discussion on officers reports**

The following points were raised in the discussion:

some work should be put in to increase membership;

benefit of conferences being sponsored;

consideration should be made of the benefits and difficulties of producing only an electronic newsletter;

consideration of different membership fees for various categories.

These issues were referred to the Trustees to consider.

#### **5 Election of Chair, Officers and Trustees**

The following were standing for election (Article 30):

NAME	POSITION
Maasz, Juergen	Chair
Kaye, David	Company Secretary
Elliot, Sue	Treasurer
Johnson, Sylvia	Membership Secretary
Wedegge, Tine	Trustee
Evans, Jeff	Trustee
Safford, Kathy	Trustee
van Groenestijn, Mieke	Trustee

These nominations were proposed by John O'Donoghue and Diana Coben on behalf of the outgoing Trustees. There being no other nominations the above members were declared elected.

The Secretary informed the meeting that the following members had indicated they were willing to be appointed as additional Trustees (Article 31):

Coben, Diana  
Guedes, Eliana Maria  
O'Donoghue, John  
Tomlin, Alison.

A vote of thanks was moved by Diana Coben for John O'Donoghue, the retiring Chair and for Pat Drake who had been the administrative secretary in the first part of the year.

Juergen Maasz, the newly elected Chair made a short introductory speech

## **6 Newsletter**

A brief report was given by Mieke van Groenestijn on the ALM Newsletter. At present the newsletter is published three times a year and comprises 8 or 12 pages. It is hoped that next year there will be four issues and if necessary it could grow to 16 pages. It is now produced on recycled paper. As discussed earlier the question of an electronic newsletter has been considered. The following points were raised in the discussion:

- publication in a language other than English;
- a group of first language English speakers to help review in English;
- suggestion to have special themes in other languages;
- use of Web translator;
- consensus that English remains ALM 'official' language.

## **7 Website**

Mieke distributed statistics for visits to the website from September 2000 to June 2001. The Chair thanked Mieke for her work in maintaining the website.

## **8 ALM Journal**

There was a general discussion about publishing an ALM journal, which has been under consideration by the Trustees over the past year. It was confirmed that this would be in addition to the newsletter, which would remain. There was general support for investigations into how to initiate a journal. It was agreed that Juergen would establish a sub-committee of the Trustees to investigate further.

Comments and suggestions from members would be welcome.

## **9 Future Conferences**

The meeting was informed that ALM 10 (2003) would be held in Austria. However, the venue for ALM 9 (2002) was not yet confirmed.

It was agreed that it would be in England and the UK Trustees would make immediate arrangements to find a suitable venue.

It was proposed that in the longer term consideration should be given to holding the conference in Australia and/or South America.

## **10 Close of Meeting**

The Chair thanked John O'Donoghue for all his work as the previous Chair of ALM and all members present for their support.