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**Annual General Meeting
Thursday 18 July 2002 5.00pm
Uxbridge College, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UK.**

The meeting was attended by 32 members and 7 visitors.

1 Minutes of AGM 2001

The minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 28 June 2001 were accepted as a true record with one amendment. The name of 'Sylvia Johnson - Membership Secretary' was added to the list of elected Officers (Item 5).

2 Trustees' Report

The report by the Chair, Juergen Maasz, on behalf of the Trustees had been previously circulated.

The following items were raised in the discussion.

The plans for future ALM conferences were to hold ALM10 (2003) in Austria, ALM11 (2004) in Northern Europe, and ALM12 (2005) possibly in Australia. The Trustees had agreed to issue guidelines to members to encourage bids for future conferences with the following deadlines: for ALM11 31 December 2002 and for ALM12 April 2003.

A special issue of Studies in Literacy and Numeracy (an Australian publication) on ALM issues is being produced. Agreed the Trustees should investigate the cost of purchasing a copy of this special issue for each member, to the mutual benefit of ALM and the journal; if not an unreasonable cost to buy and distribute to each member.

Jeff Evans and John O'Donoghue introduced a discussion on a number of suggestions to find an ALM publisher. Various issues were raised concerning the cost, length of contract, marketing and publicity experience, academic reputation, relationship to publishing proceedings annually and links to ALM. There were no volunteers to form a sub-committee, so the initial stages will remain with the ALM9 organising committee who have still to agree on publishing arrangements for the proceedings.

Alison Tomlin reported that a proposal to work on a book with NIACE (National Institute for Adult Continuing Education) was still pending. No further progress to report.

3 Treasurer's Report

Sue Elliott, the Treasurer distributed a written report with a summary of the ALM accounts and balances for the period 2 June 2001 to 1 June 2002. Additional notes to the account showed that our current balance is about 11,600. A separate account of the ALM8 conference was distributed for the information of members. It was noted that the ALM8 conference had been very generously supported by the Centre for Research in Learning Mathematics (Roskilde & Aalborg Universities, Danish University of Education).

The following points arose in discussion.

It was noted that income from the sale of proceedings had reduced from £77.19 in 2000/2001 to £17.22 in 2001/2002.

The cost of the website was clarified.

A visitor informed the meeting that it may be a good idea to investigate the advantages of using the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) bank.

The accounts were accepted (Moved by Jeff Evans and Seconded by Dhamma Colwell).

4 Membership

In the absence of the membership secretary Sue Elliott reported that the number of paid up members was approximately 110.

5 Elections

The Company Secretary gave the following election report. Under the constitution (Articles of Association) the Officers and Trustees must all stand for election each year. There is provision to elect four officers (Chair, Company Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary) and four additional Trustees (Article 30). There is also provision for the Trustees to appoint four additional Trustees.

Since there were 10 Officers and Trustees willing to continue in office and two new Trustees nominated it was proposed that the meeting agree to the following nominations.

Chair	Juegen Maasz*
Company Secretary	David Kaye*
Treasurer	Sue Elliott*
Membership Secretary	Valerie Seabright
Elected Trustee	Tine Wedege*
"	Alison Tomlin*
"	Lisbeth Lindberg
"	Mieke van Groenestijn*
Appointed Trustees	Diana Coben*
"	Kathy Safford*
"	Jeff Evans*
"	John O'Donoghue*

The meeting agreed to this procedure.

Those marked * were continuing in Office and were formally proposed and seconded by Caz Randall and Valerie Seabright.

Valerie Seabright was nominated by Jeff Evans and seconded by John O'Donoghue.
Lisbeth Lindberg was nominated by Valerie Seabright and Seconded by Marta Civil.
All Officers and elected Trustees were elected without opposition. The other Trustees would be appointed immediately the new Trustees next meet.

6 Website

Mieke van Groenestijn reported on the use of the ALM website. Since the beginning of 2002 there had been 34 162 hits (visits to pages) and 4 828 unique visits (individuals). Since these were a half year figure it looked like use of the website was double that recorded for last year.
Juergen Massz advised members that the ALM members list was to be re-started, putting members email addresses onto a closed list. There would be an option withdraw (unsubscribe) and members who had shown on their application form a particular request not to have their email address used, would not be included.
Another email list - for vocational education, had not been used and was to be closed down.

7 Newsletter

The newsletters had been produced during the last year by Mieke van Groenestijn, Tine Wedege and Dave Tout. Mieke made a general appeal for articles to be submitted.

8 ALM 10

Juergen informed the meeting that the next conference will be in Strobl, Austria from Sunday 29 June 2003 to Wednesday 2 July 2003.

9 Future Developments

John O'Donoghue urged the Trustees and members to give more emphasis to recruiting more members. It was suggested each member should try to recruit one other - and thus double our membership.

10 Other Business

Richards Angiama proposed that we should ensure that the Danish authorities who supported ALM8 are thanked appropriately. The meeting agreed.

The meeting ended at 6.30pm