



Adults Learning Mathematics - a Research Forum

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### **Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2003**

The AGM was held during the 10<sup>th</sup> annual conference (ALM 10) in Strobl, Austria.

It was attended by 20 members (including Trustees) and 2 visitors.

#### 1 Minutes

The minute of the previous AGM held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2002 at Uxbridge College UK were circulated and approved unanimously (proposed by Tine Wedege & seconded by Diana Coben).

#### 2 Accounts (a)

The Secretary explained that there were only draft accounts for the period June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2002 – June 1<sup>st</sup> 2003 and that the Treasurer was unable to be present at this meeting. It was agreed to distribute copies of the unaudited accounts that had been provided by Sue Elliott, the previous year's Treasurer.

There was some discussion on the lack of information about the accounts and the difficulty that arose from the financial year ending only a month before the AGM. This meant there was not time to prepare and audit the most recent accounts and that the audited accounts were over a year old and had already been submitted to the Charity Commissioners and Companies House.

It was agreed that the Trustees would investigate moving the end of the organisation's financial year to an earlier date to enable a more effective and relevant scrutiny of the accounts to take place at future AGMs.

#### 3 Membership

Valerie Seabright, the membership secretary reported that the new database of members was almost complete, though some queries were still outstanding. She apologised for the delay.

She reported that currently there are 135 continuing members (including 4 institutions) and 22 new members this year.

The full current membership subscription was confirmed as 15 pounds sterling or 20 euros per year.

A number of queries were raised: on delays in membership being processed; on the current list of active agents; on the possibility of introducing credit card payments. The Trustees and membership secretary would look into these matters.

The membership secretary's report was accepted (proposed by John O'Donoghue).

#### 4 Accounts (b)

A number of queries were raised on the accounts which the secretary and membership secretary answered as far as possible. It was noted that the ALM9 accounts were not yet finalised, but it seemed likely that we would come out about even on the conference last year.

It was noted that the way the accounts were reported to this meeting was unsatisfactory and the Officers must ensure that this is not repeated in future.

#### 5 Secretary's Report

David Kaye, the Company Secretary, gave a brief verbal report. He confirmed the matters of the organisation had been conducted properly during the year as described in other Officers' reports. He explained that, as it was not possible for the Trustees to meet during the year, a series of regular email meetings were conducted, and formal decisions of the Trustees were confirmed in writing.

#### 6 Chair's Report

The Chair's report had been previously distributed in the newsletter. There was some discussion of the future publicity about publications associated with ALM.

#### 7 Election of Officers and Trustees 2003/04

Before the elections took place it was agreed that a member who was not part of the elections should take the Chair.

Wolfgang Schloeglmann took the Chair for item 7.

There was some further discussion about how to structure the Annual General Meetings in future.

The Secretary explained the structure of the Trustees. There are four officers of the Trust (and Company), who are also ex-officio Trustees, who are elected at the AGM. There are also four Trustees who are elected at the AGM. In

addition there is provision for another four Trustees to be appointed subsequently.

Although there were some changes to the Trustees, the numbers willing to stand for election or appointment matched precisely the places available and so there was no competition for places.

The Secretary informed the meeting that he had received the following nominations for the elected positions:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
Chair	Juergen Maasz	Wolfgang Schlöglmann	Valerie Seabright
Treasurer	Pat Healy	Theresa Maguire	John O'Donoghue
Membership Sec.	Valerie Seabright	Noel Colleran	John O'Donoghue
Company Secretary	David Kaye	Valerie Seabright	Pat Healy
Trustee	Lisbeth Lindberg	Valerie Seabright	David Kaye
Trustee	Marjorie Horne	David Kaye	Valerie Seabright
Trustee	Mieke van Groenestyn	David Kaye	Juergen Maasz
Trustee	Alison Tomlin	Theresa Maguire	Noel Colleran

The meeting was informed that the following members had agreed to be co-opted.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
Trustee	Tine Wedege	Jeff Evans	Juergen Maasz
Trustee	Katherine Safford	Alison Tomlin	Pat Healy
Trustee	Jeff Evans	Wolfgang Schlöglmann	Tine Wedege
Trustee	Diana Coben	Juergen Maasz	Grete Kvist-Anderson

The meeting agreed unanimously to the nominations for Officers and Trustees.

## 8 ALM 11 - 2004

Lisbeth Lindberg described the proposal to hold the next ALM Conference in Sweden. The venue will be in Kungälv, which is near to Göteborg. The Trustees had discussed possible dates and had decided the conference should be before ICME (4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> July) and therefore ALM 11 will run from 29<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July (lunch time). The organisers will be Lisbeth Lindberg and Rudolf Strasser.

The meeting endorsed this decision of the Trustees.

## 9 Newsletter and Journal

There was a general discussion about the form and production of the current newsletter and the development of the electronic journal. The following suggestions were made:

- a) open a page on the website to advertise the journal;
- b) newsletter is a good forum to continue the themes discussed in the topic groups;
- c) co-ordination between the newsletter and the journal should go through the Chair of ALM;
- d) the editorial team should decide on any changes on the form of the newsletter (particularly in relation to the journal)

Mieke van Groenestijn, on behalf of the editorial team, appealed for help, both with the editing and with contributions to each edition. Both she, and Tine Wedege, had been editors for some time and wished now to reduce their responsibilities for the newsletter

The meeting welcomed the appointment of two new editors to help with the newsletter: Michaela Inglis and Terry Maguire.

The meeting agreed to continue with the paper version of the newsletter and to continue to support the development of the journal.

The developments and achievements of both publications should be reported to the AGM next year.

The organisers of ALM10 were thanked for the all their work in putting on the Conference.