Minutes of the Meeting of the Irish Mathematical Society

Ordinary Meeting

22nd December 1998

The Irish Mathematical Society held an Ordinary Meeting at 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday 22nd December 1998 in the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, 10 Burlington Road.

Present C. Nash (Chair), R. Higgs (Secretary), K. Hutchinson (Treasurer), R. Gow, G. Lessells, J. Golden, M. Mackey, R. Timoney, S. Tobin, T. Laffey, R. Dark, C. Boyd, M. Ó Reilly, P. Mellon, D. Simms, D. Ó Muirithe, J. Flavin, S. Dineen, T. Murphy.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of April 1998 were approved and signed.

2. Matters arising

The IMS cup for the best performance in the National Mathematics Competition has been awarded, and the way it is assessed was met with approval.

The joint IMS/LMS meeting in England went well, with about 50 participants.

3. Correspondence/Membership Applications

The European Mathematical Society is seeking a host for the European Congress in 2004.

A notice concerning the World Mathematical Year from the Institut Henri Poincaré in 2000 was read out.

The following have been approved as new members of the IMS: Mr David Ireland (Springer, London), Dr Daniel Duffy (DATASIM, Netherlands), Ms Una Twyford (Firhouse Community College), Dr Martin Mathieu (QUB), Dr Noel Murphy

(DCU), Mr Patrick Quill (UCD), Dr Martin Marjoram (UCD), Dr Randall Swift (Western Kentucky University), Mr Ali Ansari (UL), Mr Bernard Butler (National Physical Lab., Teddington, UK), Mr Michael Mackey (UCD).

The University of Limerick and Trinity College Dublin are institutional members and have nominated the following as members for the next year: Ms Maura Glynn, Mr Michael Hayes, Mr Raymond McNamara, Mr Edward Wade (all from UL), and Mr Kenneth Duffy, Mr James Harris, Mr David Malone, Ms Alison Musgrave, Mr Emil Prodanov (all from TCD).

4. The Bulletin

The current issue of the Bulletin should be available for circulation in January. R. Gow thanked M. Ó Searcóid for help in soliciting articles, but appealed for people to take more interest in the Bulletin. C. Nash thanked R. Gow for producing the issues on time. now available and is being distributed by G. Lessells.

5. Election of Officers

The following were elected, unopposed, to the Committee:

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President	D. Armitage	C. Nash	R. Higgs
V. President	E. Gath	R. Timoney	R. Higgs
Ordinary Members	A. Ó Farrell R. Timoney G. Ellis	C. Nash T. Murphy R.Dark	D. Ó Muirithe C. Nash C. Nash

The following have one more year of office:
R. Higgs (Secretary), K. Hutchinson (Treasurer) N. Buttimore, R. Gow, J. Golden, and T. Murphy.

The following have left the Committee:
G. Lessells, D. Hurley, M. Tuite, and M. Clancy.

C. Nash becomes an *ex officio* member of the Committee.

The total number of years each existing member has been on the Committee is: D. Armitage (2), R. Higgs (1), K. Hutchinson (4), N. Buttimore (1), R. Gow (5), J. Golden (2), T. Murphy (1).

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented his interim report for 1998, which was approved and signed. The surplus for the year ending 31 December 1998 is provisionally £771.75.

7. September Meetings

The September meeting of the IMS held recently in Coleraine was successful, the 1999 meeting is to be held in Trinity College on the 2nd and 3rd of September, and the 2000 meeting in Maynooth.

8. I.M.S. Ordinary Meetings

The Committee recommended that future Ordinary and Committee meetings take place in September and December. This recommendation was accepted.

9. Any other business

It was noted that not many members are left paying the old rate of membership fees by standing order.

The meeting closed at 1.15 p.m.

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