Minutes of the Meeting
of the Irish Mathematical Society
Annual General Meeting
7th September 2002

The Irish Mathematical Society held its Annual General Meeting from 1 to 1.45 p.m. on Saturday 7th September 2002 in UCC.

There were a total of twenty members at the meeting.

1. Minutes
The minutes of the meeting of December 2001 were approved and signed.

2. Matters Arising
The IMS cup is to be renamed the Fergus Gaines Cup. All other matters arising were discussed under the headings below.

3. Correspondence and New Members
R. Higgs reported that there had only been routine correspondence since December.

The following are new members of the Irish Mathematical Society:
Dr Seamus Bellew, (Dundalk IT);
Dr Stephen Wills, (University College Cork);
Mr Patrick Ó Donnell (De Beers);
Dr James Cruickshank, (NUI, Galway);
Dr Martin Meere, (NUI, Galway).

In addition Professor Gilbert Strang is now an honorary member of the IMS.

4. The Bulletin
The Bulletin has been printed on time for the winter and summer issues. There will be three issues this year with one issue on the Proceedings of the All Ireland Algebra Days, this will contain six survey articles, two of which have not been received in final form yet.

The price of the Bulletin will be changed from £20 to €30 for library subscriptions.

Tony Ó Farrell is to draw up a list of the organizations that we exchange the Bulletin with. All these exchanges should go through NUI, Maynooth, and Tony will remind members of this via MathDep.

5. Treasurer's Report
The Treasurer presented his final report for 2001, which was accepted. The IMS has agreed to give BMC Belfast €2,000, and DCU €200 towards organizing a conference.

6. BMC Announcement
The BMC is to be held in Belfast from Monday 5th April to Thursday 8th in 2004. Martin Mathieu is chair of the organizing committee, which is next meeting on 14th October. The IMS requests suggestions for a plenary speaker at the BMC, organizers for splinter groups and volunteers to give twenty-minute talks in such groups. Martin will circulate this request to all members via MathDep.

7. Future conferences and meetings
The next meeting of the IMS will be held in December 2002 in DIAS as normal. The next conference and AGM will be held in Galway in September 2003, the exact dates have not been finalized yet. In 2004 the conference will effectively be the BMC (no September conference), and we have no venue for 2005.

8. Constitutional Change
A suggested change to the constitution was mooted to allow the IMS to have at least one rather than two meetings per year. R. Higgs will submit the proposed change to the Bulletin for publication and the motion will be discussed at a future meeting.

9. Election of Officers
The following were elected, unopposed, to the Committee:

Committee Member	*Proposer*	*Seconder*
G. Lessells (President)	M. Ó Searcoid	F. Holland
M. Ó Reilly (Vice-President)	R. Higgs	S. Dineen
S. Dineen	E. Gath	D. Armitage
D. Gilbert	E. Gath	D. Armitage
P. Kirwan	E. Gath	D. Armitage
A. Ó Farrell	E. Gath	D. Armitage
D. Armitage	E. Gath	A. Ó Farrell
J. Cruickshank	D. Armitage	R. Dark

E. Gath will be an *ex officio* member of the Committee for one year. M. Mathieu will be co-opted onto the Committee for one year, since all 12 electable positions have been filled.

The total number of years each existing member will have been on the Committee as of 31st December 2002 will be: R. Higgs (5), T. Murphy (5), E. Gath (4), T. Ó Farrell (4), M. Mathieu (3), S. Dineen (2), D. Gilbert (2), P. Kirwan (2), G. Lessells (2), D. Wraith (1), A. Ó Shea (1) and M. Ó Reilly (1).

The following will then have one more year of office:
R. Higgs (Secretary), D. Wraith (Treasurer), T. Murphy and A. Ó Shea.

10. Any Other Business
A report from James Ward on the recent EMS meeting in Norway was read out. James was thanked on attending the meeting on behalf of the IMS.

P. Kirwan commented that no one from the IT sector had spoken at this conference, and it was agreed that we would try to have at least one such speaker in Galway.

In general it was agreed that UCC had organized a splendid conference with a great breadth of topics covered. Formal thanks were offered to the organizers.

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