

# British Society for Research into Learning Mathematics

## Minutes of AGM

King's College London, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2008

1. **Apologies for absence:** None received.
2. **The minutes** of the AGM held on 17th November 2007 were accepted as an accurate record
3. **Matters arising from the minutes:**

**8. Chair's Business:** As there were no successful, relevant applications to the ESRC seminar competition, the BERA SIG grant was used to fund a plenary speaker for the new researchers day in June 2008 at Chichester.

**9. Election to the Society's executive positions:** At the 2008 AGM, no nominations had been received for the executive member without portfolio. Following the AGM, Julie-Ann Edwards was nominated for this position and elected unopposed to the position for the term January 2008 – December 2009.

#### 4. Treasurer's report:

Liz Bills presented the Treasurer's report. She noted:

- Day conference fees will need to increase at some point in the future, although this is not yet necessary. The executive will keep this under review and report to the membership future AGMs and Open Fora.
- In view of the current banking crisis, she confirmed that the Society is covered by the government's banking compensation scheme.
- The costs associated with the publication and distribution of the journal RME are as yet unclear. A "best guess" estimate is £7,500 compared to around £4000 associated with the annual / day conference proceedings previously, but actual amount of royalties is not yet known, although the Society has had an advance of £500.)
- Thanks again are due to Hilary Povey, the previous Treasurer, for her work in establishing strong financial procedures and systems for the Society.

#### 5. Membership Secretary's report:

Sue Elliott presented the Membership Secretary's report.

She noted that the current arrangement for copies of RME for new members joining during the year is as follows:

- (i) members joining between January 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> in any year receive the full volume of RME for that year (ie two issues)
- (ii) members joining between September 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> in any year do not receive either issue of RME for that year, but their fee covers membership of the Society (and the associated volume of RME) for the next calendar year

She reported that membership had risen by approximately 50 new members and total membership was more than 350.

**6. Publications Secretary's report:**

Marie Joubert presented the Publications Secretary's report.

**7. RME (Research in Mathematics Education) Editorial report:**

Tim Rowland, joint Editor of RME, reported on the journal. He noted that the journal had received approximately 60 submissions and currently had a roughly 25% acceptance rate, which the publishers felt to be good for the status of the journal. There is space for more high quality paper submissions, particularly from BSRLM members. He thanked Editorial Board, International Editorial Board members and other reviewers for their work on the journal.

**8. Chair's business:**

Janet Ainley presented the Chair's report.

She drew attention to the fund in memory of Leone Burton that had been used to subsidise attendance at the new researchers' day in June. The executive agreed to consider a suggestion that a formal award be made to new researchers in order that they can include it on their CV.

In response to a query, she confirmed that the executive had been decided to continue with the normal pattern of day conferences in 2010, the year of the next British Congress of Mathematics Education, BCME-7 (ie that, in addition to BCME-7 at Easter, there will be three day conferences.) The executive were asked to reconsider this decision.

Thanks were expressed to Sue Elliot and Jeremy Hodgen who are due to retire in December 2008 from the following positions on the Executive: Membership Secretary and Secretary.

**9. Janet Duffin Award:**

Janet Ainley announced that the winners of the Janet Duffin Award for 2008 are Natalie Sinclair and Violeta Yurita, for their paper *To be or to become: how dynamic geometry changes discourse* published in RME, 10(2). It is hoped that they will be able to deliver a plenary lecture at a day conference in the near future.

**10. Election to the Society's executive positions:**

There were two vacancies on the Society's executive committee from 2009 due to the current port-holders reaching the end of their terms: Secretary and Membership Secretary.

The following members were dully nominated, seconded and elected unopposed to the following positions and periods of office:

Kirsty Wilson                      Secretary                      (January 2009 – December 2011)

Paul Hernandez-Martinez      Membership Secretary      (January 2009 – December 2011)

**11. BERA SIG:**

There was a discussion about the Society's relationship with BERA as a Special Interest Group. A number of suggestions were made that will be considered by the Executive.

**12. Any other business:**

None.