

British Society for Research into Learning Mathematics

Minutes of AGM

University of Sussex, 20th November 2004

1. **Apologies for absence:** Richard Barwell, Pat Drake, Olwen Mcnamara, Birgit Pepin, Hilary Povey
2. **The minutes** of the AGM held on 15th November 2003 were accepted as an accurate record
3. **Matters arising from the minutes:** matters arising were dealt with in the agenda for this meeting
4. **Treasurer's report:**

Andy Noyes presented a written report. He reported that because of the change to standing orders, we had increased our overall healthy balance. The report was accepted.

Andy thanked Peter Gates for auditing the accounts. Peter suggested that a more detailed breakdown of income and expenditure against key activities would be helpful. The executive committee has started to do this and were encouraged by Peter's endorsement of it.

Andy was thanked for his continuing work as Treasurer.

Hilary Povey was nominated as treasurer (proposer Tony Cotton, seconder Tamara Bibby) and was duly elected.

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

Andy Noyes presented the written report submitted by Olwen Mcnamara. We noted the increase in membership, and that the standing orders had now been sorted out. Olwen was thanked for this and for her work as membership secretary during her term of office.

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

Dave Hewitt presented the written report submitted by Richard Barwell. In the light of consultations, Richard proposed the following, which were accepted by the meeting:

1. IPs continue to be printed and distributed to all members
2. IPs will also be published on the website, more or less simultaneously. The website version will include hyperlinked contents pages, with links to individual papers
3. A simple search facility will allow IP contents to be searched.

We agreed that the working group would draw on work already carried out in relation to key words and searches. We noted the need to check that it is possible to take out library subscriptions on the website as well as personal subscriptions.

Richard was thanked for his continuing work as Publications Secretary.

7. **Chair's business:**

No nominations have been received for the posts of Chair and Publications Secretary. An Email will be sent to members encouraging them to stand. Linda was thanked for all her work as Secretary on the Executive Committee.

Ros talked about this being a crucial time in mathematics education, with Celia Hoyles' appointment; discussions about a Centre for Excellence, and so on. Within this climate, research in mathematics education, through BSRLM, must maintain a strong voice in the debate. Members of the executive committee hope to meet with Celia soon to discuss how the society might contribute.

Ros reported that the committee had been thinking about how to link more with the international mathematics education research community and were looking at ways of including them in activities and Day Conferences.

The executive committee proposed that BSRLM should proceed with a submission to become a BERA Special Interest Group (SIG). This was accepted. Members will now be invited to express an interest in becoming convenor of the SIG for two years from January 2005.

The executive committee proposed some changes to the existing Constitution. These were tabled and will be voted on at the next AGM (in accordance with the Constitutional rules). The proposed changes relate to paragraphs 8, 16 and 18.

para	existing	proposed
8	The day to day running of the Society will be the responsibility of the Executive Committee , which comprises five officers: Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Secretary and Publications Secretary together with shadows for two or three of these officers at any one time...	The day to day running of the Society will be the responsibility of the Executive Committee , which comprises five officers: Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Publications Secretary, and two ordinary members
16	Members of the Executive Committee will be elected by single transferable vote in a postal ballot of all members of the Society, to serve for a period of three years commencing the following January 1st. Members will be elected to a named officer position, acting as shadow to the existing office holder during their first year of office.	Members of the Executive Committee will be elected by single transferable vote in a postal ballot of all members of the Society, to serve for a period of three years and four months commencing the following January 1st. Members will be elected to a named officer position on Executive or to an Ordinary Member position. The relevant outgoing officer will support a new officer for a period of four months (January 1 st until April 30 th)
18	The roles of Chair, Treasurer and Publications Secretary will be up for election together, and Secretary and Membership Secretary the following year.	The roles of Chair, Treasurer and Ordinary Member will be up for election together. Secretary and Membership Secretary will be elected the following year. The Publications Secretary and a second Ordinary Member will be elected the year after that.

It was suggested that the term 'Ordinary Member' be replaced by 'Member without portfolio'.

These proposals will be sent to the membership for consideration before the next AGM.

Linda Haggarty, November 2004.