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AGENDA

LMS Society and General Meeting 2024

The London Mathematical Society General Meeting and Hardy Lecture will be held on Friday 28 June 2024 at 3.15pm at De Morgan House, 57-58 Russell Square, London WC1B 4HS.

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Resolutions
 - 2.1 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17 November 2023
 - 2.2 Appointment of Scrutineers for 2024
 - 2.3 Appointment of auditors for 2024
 - 2.4 Election of the LMS Honorary Members in 2024
3. Admissions to the Society
4. Announcement of LMS Prize winners for 2024
5. First Lecture: Jemma Lorenat (Pitzer College)
An illustrated history of drawing knots
6. Break
7. Second Lecture: Joe Goddard (UC San Diego)
William Thomson and Thermoelectricity

Simon Edwards
Executive Secretary
10 June 2024

LONDON MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

Of the Annual General Meeting of the Society held on 17 November 2023 at Mary Ward House 5-7 Tavistock Place, Saint Giles WC1H 9SN. and via video conference

1.0 MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING, 30 JUNE 2023

1.1 The minutes of the General Meeting held on 30 June were agreed as an accurate record.

2.0 REVIEW OF SOCIETY ACTIVITIES 2022-23

2.1 Vice-President Hobbs presented a report on the Society's activities for 2022-23. She highlighted the charitable aims of the Society and reported on the Society's new strategic goals for the next five years and beyond.

A Strategic Retreat of the Council was held in April 2023. Three key themes were identified, the global mathematics community, pathways in mathematics, and engaging the community. It was envisaged these themes would be embedded within the society's financial and sustainability principles.

In October 2022 the Society supported the appointment of an Executive Committee Chair for the Proto-Academy. Two LMS Council representatives were appointed to lead the Policy and EDI workstreams. The Society continues to work on several areas of activity in response to developments in Ukraine. including the Solidarity Grant Programme run in partnership with the Isaac Newton Institute.

Publishing Journals is a key part of the Society's activities, and the Society published more than half of its papers as Open Access. The Transactions of the Society's fully Open Access journal received its first impact factor during the year. In response to the war in Ukraine, the Society ceased to publish the three Russian translation journals.

The Society continues to follow its Communication Strategy and engage with the government and the media mainly through the Protect Pure Maths Campaign. Teaching Maths as a Career (TeMaC) network has increased to 40 universities, and colleagues continue to encourage students to consider a career in teaching maths.

During 2022-23, the Society continued to promote Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, (EDI), the Society remains committed to celebrating and achieving more diverse mathematicians. The Society partnered with the Emmy Noether Fellowship and awarded £51k to support mathematicians returning to research. The Good Practice Scheme Steering Group (GPS) also continues to focus on promoting (EDI) principles in PhD recruitment.

In terms of donations to the Society, Vice-President Hobbs extended her thanks to the Society's donors. The Society had received donations from the De Morgan Donation Scheme where anyone donating £1,865 to the Society would become one of the De Morgan Friends. The Society also received funding from XTX Markets for the Protect Pure Maths campaign and the Solidarity Grants Scheme. Dr Tony Hill and Simon Goodwin both continue to support the Levelling Up Scheme. The Heilbronn Institute for Mathematics Research and the Isaac Newton Institute both support (LMS) activities.

3.0 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

- 3.1 The Treasurer, Professor Simon Salamon, gave a presentation on the Society's finances and related matters in 2022-23. He provided an overview of the Society's total income, expenditure, and assets.

The Society saw a return of grant applications that totaled £749k which included £328k on the Research Grants Schemes, £242k on Early Career Researchers Schemes, Education and Outreach £131k, and grants to UK and International bodies £ 48k. Advancing Mathematical Knowledge through (LMS) meetings, (EDI) workshops and events, Levelling Up, and prizes totaled £78k.

The (LMS) membership includes around 3,200 academics and practitioners of mathematics. 20% of members are based outside of the UK, and there are (LMS) members in over 60 countries. There were 66 LMS representatives in mathematical institutions in the UK.

The Society's main assets are held by investment manager Cazenove Capital (part of Schroders). The Society currently invests in their Charity Multi-Asset Fund (CMAF) and the Sustainable Multi-Asset Fund (SMAF), though Council has just voted to place 100% of these holdings into (SMAF). Cazenove's objective for investment remains to deliver a net return of CPI+4% over 10 years, with up to 70% invested in global equities.

The Society's property portfolio had two strands: firstly, De Morgan House, which offers office space for staff and commercial lettings. During 2023 the conference room business bookings saw an uplift. Secondly, the Society owned residential flats for investment and lettings. Income from these flats during 2022-23 was about £146k (a gross yield of around 4. %).

In summary, the Society has achieved an increase in its assets despite the ongoing decline in the publication income and depressed market returns. Most notably the Societies conference and rental income had increased by £100k and is returning to near pre-pandemic levels. He announced that the Society would be tendering its external auditors' service from the next financial year. The appointment of auditors would therefore be presented at the General Meeting in June 2024.

The Treasurer concluded the Society's finances are in a strong position and it has reserves to use for its strategic objectives and LMS activities.

4.0 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE TRUSTEES REPORT

- 4.1 The President introduced the part of the meeting in which Society members would be asked to vote on two items of business.

i) Adoption of the Trustees' Report, including the year-end accounts for 2022-23

- 4.2 Copies of the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 had been circulated in advance to all members. The President recommended on behalf of Council the adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts and asked members if they agreed.

The resolution required a simple majority to be passed and was passed.

ii) *Appointment of Auditors*

- 4.3 Members were asked to note the tendering of the Society's external auditors for appointment at the General Meeting in June 2024.

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5.0 ELECTIONS TO MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 The members **agreed to the election of 264 new members** of the Society.

6.0 ELECTION RESULTS

- 6.1 Scrutineer Professor Charles Goldie announced the results of the Council and Nominating Committee elections for 2023 as follows:

COUNCIL

President: Professor Jens Marklof

Vice-President: Professor Iain Gordon

Vice - President: Professor Catherine Hobbs

Treasurer: Professor Simon Salamon

General Secretary: Professor Robb McDonald

Publications Secretary: Professor Niall MacKay

Programme Secretary: Professor Chris Parker

Education Secretary: Professor Mary McAlinden

Members-at-Large of Council: Professor Sara Lombardo, Dr Andrew Brooke- Taylor, Professor Elaine Crookes, Dr Rachel Newton, and Professor Gregory Sankaran.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Professor Karin Baur and Professor Victoria Gould

- 6.2 It was noted that the continuing Members-at-large elected in 2022 are Professor Peter Ashwin, Professor Minhyong Kim, Professor Jason Lotay, Professor Anne Taormina, Professor Amanda Turner, and Professor Sarah Whitehouse.

7.0 PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO THE 2023 (LMS) PRIZE WINNERS.

- 7.1 The President, on Council's behalf presented certificates to the following prize winners:

Polya Prize:	Frances Kirwan (Oxford)
Senior Whitehead Prize:	Agata Smoktunowicz (Edinburgh)
Senior Anne Bennett Prize:	Eugenie Hunsicker (Access Group)
Naylor Prize:	Jens Eggers (Bristol)
Berwick Prize: (Chicago)	Jing Ding (Beijing) and Ewaine Gwynne
Whitehead Prize:	David Bate (Warwick)
Whitehead Prize:	Soheyla Feyzbakhsh (Imperial)
Whitehead Prize:	Andras Juhasz (Oxford)
Whitehead Prize: in Bangalore)	Mahesh Kakde (Indian Institute of Science
Whitehead Prize:	Yanki Lekili (Imperial)
Whitehead Prize:	Marie-Therese Wolfram (Warwick)

- 7.2 The winner of the Hirst Prize & Lectureship 2023 will be awarded to Professor Erhard Scholz at Spitalfields in 2024.

8.0 SUPPORTING LECTURE

- 8.1 Professor Oscar Randal-Williams (Cambridge) presented a lecture on “The Symmetries of manifolds”.

9.0 HANDOVER PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE

- 9.1 Professor Ulrike Tilmann handed over the Presidential badge of office to Professor Jens Marklof. The new President thanked members for the honour and privilege of being elected as President and promised to fulfil the Charter, Statutes, and By-Laws of the Society. He commended Professor Ulrike Tilmann for her dedicated leadership of the Society during his term as an observer.

10.0 PRESIDENTIAL LECTURER 2023

- 10.1 Professor Ulrike Tillmann FRS gave a lecture on “Utilising Shape in Data”.

11.0 Vote of Thanks for Retiring Members

- 11.1 The President, on behalf of the meeting thanked the following people who had served the Society over the past few years and who were now retiring from their respective positions. He acknowledged that volunteers were critical to the Society’s effectiveness he extended his gratefulness for all their hard work and time donated so generously to the Society.

The Education Secretary and Chair of the Education Committee, Professor Kevin Houston (2017-2023).

Professor Andrew Dancer, Member-at-Large, and Chair of the Research Grants Committee. (2019-2023).

Professor Frank Neumann Member-at-Large, (2019 - 2023)

Professor Chis Parker, Chair of the Early Career Research Committee (2017-2023)

Professor Brita Nucinkis, Chair of the Society Lectures and Meetings Committee (2019- 2023).

Professor Prudence Wong, Chair of the Computer Science Committee (2017-2023).

- 11.2 The President closed the meeting and thanked everyone who had been involved with organising the Annual General Meeting and the audience for attending. The next Society meeting will take place on Friday 28 June 2024.