

**THE AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY INCORPORATED**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The fifty-eighth Annual General Meeting of The Australian Mathematical Society Incorporated will be held in the J.H. Michell Theatre, Richard Berry Building, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Victoria, on Thursday 11th December 2014, immediately following the Special General Meeting commencing at 4.00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Confirmation of the minutes** of the fifty-seventh Annual General Meeting.
- 3. Business arising** from the minutes.
- 4. President's report** (Professor P.J. Forrester)
- 5. Secretary's report** (Assoc. Prof. P.J. Stacey)
- 6. Treasurer's report and Audited Financial Statement of the Society** for the year ending 31 May 2014 (Dr A. Howe)
- 7. Subscriptions and journal prices** to members for 2015 (Dr A. Howe)  
  
The Treasurer's recommendations, subject to approval by Council at its meeting on 7th December, are attached.
- 8. Appointment of Auditor**  
The Treasurer proposes that the Auditor for 2015 should be:  
James Daniels CPA, Federation Tax and Accounting, 116 Crawford St, Queanbeyan NSW 2620
- 9. Editors' reports** (Professor G. Hocking)
- 10. Report of ANZIAM** (Professor L.K. Forbes)

**11. Decisions made by Council** (Professor P.J. Forrester)

**12. Annual Meetings**

- (i) This meeting needs to confirm that the fifty-ninth Annual Meeting in the year 2015 will be held at Flinders University from Monday 28th September to Thursday 1st October with Associate Professor V. Ejev as Director.
- (ii) The meeting needs to determine that the sixtieth Annual Meeting in the Year 2016 will be held at the Australian National University from Monday 5th December to Thursday 8th December with Professor J.I.E. Urbas as Director.

**13. Report on membership of Council** for the session 2014/2015  
(Assoc. Prof. P.J. Stacey)

The list of members, subject to Council approval of certain positions at its meeting on 7th December, is attached.

**14. Vote of thanks** to retiring members of Council

The following members will retire from Council at the conclusion of this AGM:

Associate Professor J. Bamberg (*Ordinary Member*);  
Professor N. Boland (*Ordinary Member*);  
Professor A.R. Francis (*Ordinary Member*);  
Professor L.N. Wood (*Chair, Standing Committee on Mathematics Education*).

**15. Any other business.**

## The Australian Mathematical Society (Inc)

Minutes of the fifty-seventh Annual General Meeting of the Australian Mathematical Society Incorporated, held in in the Eastern Avenue Auditorium at the University of Sydney, Sydney, New South Wales, on Wednesday 2nd October, 2013, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

### **Present:**

President (P.J. Forrester), Secretary (P.J. Stacey) and Treasurer (A. Howe), together with

A. Amenta, M. Athanassenas, J. Bamberg, C. Banks, S. Bhatia, N. Boland, P. Broadbridge, P. Brooker, L. Chan, F. Cirstea, J. Clutterbuck, D. Daners, J. Du, J. East, A. Eberhard, A. Egri-Nagy, G. Ezzati, A. Francis, T. Garoni, J. de Gier, J. Grotowski, J. Hall, D. Hauer, M. Hegland, A. Henderson, P. Hochs, P. Leopardi, T. Marchant, S. McCormick, C. Mok, R. Moore, S. Morrison, C. Naymie, L. Paunescu, S. Peiris, C. Praeger, J.H. Rubinstein, G. Schmalz, B. Sims, K. Smith-Miles, J. Spreer, D. Strbenac, R. Street, D. Sutherland, M. Tam, T. Trudgian, I. Wanless, S.O. Warnaar, N. Weber, G. Willis, N. Wormald, Jon Xu, D. Yost, W. Zudilin.

(57 members.)

### **1. Apologies:**

A.P. Bassom, J.M. Borwein, G.L. Cohen, P.J. Cossey, J. Filar, A.L. Glen, G. Hocking, N. Joshi, S.A. Morris, M. O'Reilly, J. Piantadosi, G.E. Prince, A.J. Roberts, J.G. Sumner, P.G. Taylor.

### **2. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the fifty-sixth Annual General Meeting were confirmed.

(A. Henderson /AR. Francis)

### **3. Business arising from the Minutes**

There was none.

### **4. President's Report**

The President's Report was presented by Professor P.J. Forrester.

Resolved That the President's Report be received.

### 5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report was presented by Associate Professor P.J. Stacey.

Resolved That the Secretary's Report be received.

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### 6. Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements

These were presented by the Treasurer, Dr. A. Howe, who summarised the Society's financial position, pointing out that taking into account payments received from Cambridge University Press after the end of the Society's financial year, the combined excess of income over expenses for the Society and AMPAI in 2012-2013 was \$63,750.

Resolved That the Treasurer's Report be received.

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Resolved That the Audited Financial Statements of the Society for the year ended 31 May 2013 be received.

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### 7. Subscriptions and journal prices to Members for 2014

Resolved That Members' subscriptions for 2014 be as follows:

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Ordinary Member	\$130	Sustaining Member	\$260
Reciprocal Member	\$65	Reduced Rate Member	\$33
Education Member	\$65	Retired Member	\$33
Early Career Member	\$65		
Division of Applied Mathematics (ANZIAM)	\$12		
Division of Applied Mathematics (reduced rate members)			\$6
Life Membership at Retirement for Members over 55 years			\$650

Resolved That Journal prices to Members for 2014 be as follows:

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	Ord, Sust. Rec. & Ed. Membs	Red.-rate, Ret. & Life Membs
Journal AustMS		
Resident in Australia	\$102.30	\$51.70
Resident overseas	\$93	\$47
ANZIAM Journal		
Resident in Australia	\$88	\$44
Resident overseas	\$80	\$40
Bulletin		
Resident in Australia	\$97.90	\$49.50
Resident overseas	\$89	\$45

Gazette free to all paying members

Note:

- (a) Existing Ordinary Members who renew their subscriptions before January 1st 2014 are entitled to a rebate of \$5, which should be deducted from their payments.
- (b) Members may pay for up to three years in advance, at the 2014 rates of membership.
- (c) Early Career Researchers/Workers (ECRs) are allowed reduced membership fees, at 50% of the ordinary rate, for up to five years after their PhD.
- (d) Members over 70 years who have belonged to the Society for 30 years are entitled to free membership.
- (e) All new Ordinary Members are entitled to pay their first year's subscription at the concessional rate of \$65 (no rebate).
- (f) The journals produced by AMPAI are subject to GST.
- (g) All membership dues, accreditation fees and journal subscriptions are income tax deductible.
- (h) Payments can be made by credit card.

## 8. Appointment of Auditor

Resolved That Mr. James Daniels CPA, Federation Tax and Accounting,  
**7** 116 Crawford St, Queanbeyan NSW 2620 be appointed as Auditor of the Society for the 2013/2014 financial year.

## 9. Editors' Reports

Resolved That the Editors' Reports be received.

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## 10. Report of ANZIAM

Resolved That the Report from ANZIAM be received.

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## 11. Decisions made by Council

The following decisions were highlighted by the President.

- (i) Following the constitutional changes approved by members, Council resolved to remove the restriction that free membership of the Society would be available to undergraduate students only in exceptional circumstances.
- (ii) Council revisited its decision, made last year, to discontinue the Society's Program Review Scheme and decided to collaborate with AMSI in the development of a revised scheme.
- (iii) Council resolved to seek the opinion of members at the Annual General Meeting on moving the time of the annual conference to December from 2016 and on seeking to increase the number of joint meetings (for example with ANZIAM, with the Combinatorial Mathematics Society of Australasia and with foreign mathematical societies).

Members at the Annual General Meeting offered a variety of opinions on the desirability of moving the time to early December and then, by a show of hands, a clear majority supported a move. Several members spoke in favour of the benefits of joint meeting and none against.

- (iv) Following a proposal from ANZIAM to alternate Early Career Workshops between the AustMS and ANZIAM meetings, Council approved provisional funding for two workshops in 2014. To even out gaps between workshops, there will henceforth be two workshops in even years and a short workshop, not requiring overnight accommodation, in odd years.

A member commented on the importance of maintaining workshops attached to the Society's meeting in odd years and the Secretary reported that Council was strongly supportive of the continuation of workshops but needed to avoid making a substantially increased financial commitment to them.

- (v) Council established a working party, chaired by the President, to review the funding of Special Interest Groups and Divisions.

- (vi) Council received a request from the ANZAMP Special Interest Group to become a Division of the Society. Council decided that a threshold of roughly 80 Ordinary Members of the Society should be a requirement for the establishment of a Division and further decided that the membership requirements of any other Divisions should match those of ANZIAM. ANZIAM currently requires that its members should be members of the Society unless they are not normally resident in Australia, in which case they should be members of a society with which the Society maintains a reciprocity agreement. It was noted that ANZIAM is considering requiring its non-resident members to be reciprocal members of the Society and it was agreed that if Council approves this change then it will apply to all Divisions.
- (vii) Council received a request from the Women in Mathematics Special Interest Group to receive annual funding to establish Travel Grants for Women in Mathematics and Grants for Carers. It approved initial annual funding of \$6,400 for the first of these and \$1,600 for the second.

The Special Interest Group also flagged a proposal to seek funding from the Society, AMSI and relevant universities to establish an annual Advocate for Women in Mathematics, to give talks and facilitate forums related to mathematics in three cities around Australia. Council agreed in principle to contribute an annual amount of \$2,000 to such a scheme but deferred a final decision until it receives a detailed scope and full budget.

- (viii) Following a recommendation from Steering Committee, Council established a working party to seek ways of extending our membership base, including improving the retention of members.
- (ix) Following recommendations from the Prize Committees for 2011, 2012 and 2013, Council resolved to change the rules for the Gavin Brown Prize so that articles are eligible if they are published in the 9 calendar years preceding the year of award rather than the preceding 6 years. It also resolved that, henceforth, in each year the prize will be for publications in any area of the mathematical sciences. The membership of the Prize Committee will therefore be changed to mirror that of the Society's two Medal Committees.
- (x) Council has conferred Honorary Membership of the Society on

Professor C.E. Praeger AM FAA FAustMS in recognition of her outstanding work for the Society and for mathematics in Australia;

Professor J.H. Rubinstein FAA FAustMS in recognition of his outstanding work for the Society and for mathematics in Australia;

Dr A.A.T. Howe in recognition of his outstanding work for the Society as Treasurer for 20 years.

**12. Annual Meetings:**

Resolved  
**10** To confirm that the fifty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Society will be held from Monday 8th December to Friday 12th December 2014 at the University of Melbourne, jointly with the New Zealand Mathematical Society, with Associate Professor P.T. Norbury as Director.

Resolved  
**11** To provisionally determine that the fifty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Society will be held from Monday 28th September to Thursday 1st October 2015 at Flinders University with Associate Professor V. Ejev as Director.

**13. Membership of Council for the Session 2013/2014**

The Council for the 2013/2014 session is as follows:

President	P.J. Forrester
President-elect	T.R. Marchant
Elected Vice-President	A. Henderson
Secretary	P.J. Stacey
Treasurer	A. Howe
Member (to 2014)	J. Bamberg
Member (to 2014)	N. Boland
Member (to 2014)	A.R. Francis
Member (to 2015)	J.A. Filar
Member (to 2015)	A.L. Glen
Member (to 2015)	D.G. Mallet
Member (to 2016)	S. Morrison
Member (to 2016)	J.G. Sumner

*Ex-officio members:*

Chair of ANZIAM	P. Broadbridge
Vice-Pres. (Ann. Confs.)	S.O. Warnaar
AustMS Memb.	

elected to Steering C'ttee	N. Joshi
Rep. of ANZIAM	J. Piantodosi
Chair, Standing C'ttee Math Ed	L.N. Wood
Public Officer, AustMS & AMPAI	P.J. Cossey

*Editors:*

Gazette	S.A. Morris and D.T. Yost
J. AustMS	J.M. Borwein and G.A. Willis
ANZIAM J.	A.P. Bassom and G. Hocking
Electronic Editor	A.J. Roberts
Bulletin	G.L. Cohen
Lecture Series	C.E. Praeger
Web Site	R. Moore



**14. Vote of thanks to retiring Members of Council:**

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring members of Council, namely:

Professor P.G. Taylor (Immediate-past-President),  
Professor K.A. Smith-Miles (Vice-President),  
Associate Professor F. Larusson (Ordinary Member),  
Dr M. O'Reilly (Ordinary Member).

These thanks were carried by acclamation.

**15. Any other business:**

Professor Hassell reported on a resurgence of interest in statistics in the United States of America, which could possibly be attributed to the impact of Nate Silver, and suggested investigating the possibility of inviting him to give a lecture tour, along the lines of the Mahler Lectureship. The Chair of ANZIAM commented that the annual ANZIAM lecturer is a statistician every third year.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at approximately 5 p.m.

Item 7                    **58th AGM (2014) of AustMS**

Subscriptions to Members for 2015

Ordinary Member	\$ 134
Sustaining Member	\$ 268
Recip./Educ. Memb./ECR Member	\$ 67
Reduced-rate Member	\$ 34
Retired Member	\$ 34
Life Membership at Retirement for Members over 55 years	\$ 680
ANZIAM Member	\$ 30
Reduced rate ANZIAM Member	\$ 15
Institutional Member	\$1714

All new Ordinary Members are entitled to pay their first year's subscription at the concessional rate of \$67 (no rebate). Existing Ordinary Members receive a \$5 rebate if subs paid before 1/1/2015.

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**Journal Prices to Members for 2015**

	Ordinary, Sustaining, Reciprocal & Education Membs	Reduced-rate, Retired & Life Members
<b>Journal AustMS</b>		
Resident in Australia	\$107.80	\$53.90
Resident overseas	\$98	\$49
<b>ANZIAM Journal</b>		
Resident in Australia	\$92.40	\$46.20
Resident overseas	\$84	\$42
<b>Bulletin</b>		
Resident in Australia	\$102.30	\$51.15
Resident overseas	\$93	\$46.50
<b>Gazette</b>	free to all members paying subscriptions	

Journals produced by AMPAI are subject to GST  
(hence Aust/overseas differences above).

# Item 13            **58th AGM (2014) of AustMS**

## Membership of Council, 2014/2015

President	T.R. Marchant
Immediate Past President	P.J. Forrester
Elected Vice-President	A. Henderson
Secretary	P.J. Stacey
Treasurer	A. Howe
Member (to 2015)	J.A. Filar
Member (to 2015)	A.L. Glen
Member (to 2015)	D.G. Mallet
Member (to 2016)	S. Morrison
Member (to 2016)	J.G. Sumner
Member (to 2017)	J. de Gier
Member (to 2017)	H.S. Sidhu
Member (to 2017)	A. Sims

### *Ex-officio members:*

Chair of ANZIAM	L.K. Forbes
Vice-Pres. (Ann. Confs.)	S.O. Warnaar
Incoming Vice-Pres. (AC)	V. Gaitsgory
AustMS Member elected to Steering Committee	N. Joshi
Rep. of ANZIAM	J. Piantadosi
Chair, Standing Cttee Math Ed	B.I. Loch
Public Officer, AustMS & AMPAI	P.J. Cossey

### *Editors:*

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