

British Society for Research into Learning Mathematics
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
University of Edinburgh, 16 November 2013

Executive Committee (EC): John Monaghan (Chair) (JM), Alison Clark-Wilson (ACW), Sue Forsythe (SF), Ian Jones (IJ), Sue Pope (SP), Cathy Smith (CS), Steve Watson (SW).

RME representative: Jeremy Hodgen (JH).

1. Apologies for absence: Gill Adams, Alison Parish

2. Minutes of the last meeting

JM noted last year's vote for £10 membership fee increase. The minutes of the AGM held on 19th November 2011 were accepted as an accurate record.

3. Executive Committee reports:

Written reports from the Chair, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and BERA SIG co-ordinator were included in the documents handed out at the AGM. The officers each summarised or highlighted particulars in their reports.

i. Chair. JM summarised his report. He thanked all the people who worked for the day conferences at Cambridge, Bristol and Sheffield Hallam with particular thanks to Ken Ruthven for the joint NORME conference. He encouraged BSRLM members to attend the NORME conference next year.

There is a new contract with T&F acknowledging three issues and e-access now available to all members.

JM raised the matter of the workload of the Executive Committee. The EC has discussed this and refrained from employing secretarial support. Workload varies across members but Publications Secretary is a particularly demanding job due to IPs and website, therefore the EC intends to co-opt a member to help with this and, perhaps, other EC activities. No members raised objections to this.

The Leone Burton fund is running low, there is enough for one more New Researchers' Day. JM asked AGM's permission to transfer funds as required, members approved by show of hands. Barbara Jaworski asked if members have opportunity to contribute to the Leone Burton fund, and CS highlighted the donation button on the website.

ii. Treasurer. SF summarised the report, and highlighted the move to the Coop Bank from Nat West. Peter Gates questioned the large fall in the Janet Duffin account, SF replied it was due to an author from US winning last year.

iii. Membership secretary. SW summarised the report, noting growth in membership including overseas members. This growth in membership is in part due to RME hardcopies and in part due to the joint NORME conference.

iv. Publications secretary. CS summarised the IPs from the previous year (58 out of 100 presentations, boosted by joint NORME conference, including international submissions). The website has been updated with a New Researcher's page, monographs, and access to RME, although CS encouraged members in subscribing institutions to continue to use their

library to maintain journal hits. RME articles downloaded via BSRLM cannot be uploaded to VLEs, and Patrick Barmby asked whether this has been widely publicised. The website includes this information. CS said she enjoyed her term as Publications Secretary.

v. BERA SIG coordinator. ACW summarised the report and activities of BERA SIG. Current budget of approx. £800. Some will be used to host an event next year, possibly in a south London school, in collaboration with BERA's Practitioner Research SIG.

5. RME editor's report

JH summarised changes to the editorial team, Yvette Solomon is on board and has pushed the move onto Scholar One. JH thanked Lara Alcock for upping the quality of CRs, and welcomed CS as new CR editor. JH also thanked Editorial Assistant, Dawn Corby, who carried out the role for 6 years, temporary Editorial Assistant, Rachel Marks, and welcomed new Editorial Assistant, Joanna Williamson. Tim Rowland will retire in December 2014 after two terms as editor and a new editor will be sought during 2014. The editorial team are keen to have a successor in place by September 2014 and will need to advertise by May 2014 at the latest. The special issue on experimental methods was regarded a success, next year's special issue will be on Theory in Undergrad Maths edited by Elena Nardi and the team: Irene Biza, Alejandro González-Martin, Ghislaine Gueudet, Elena Nardi, Carl Winsløw. Submissions have dropped off (perhaps due to the REF) and JH called for BSRLM members to submit, highlighting high quality and speedy review process. JH thanked reviewers, the RME Editorial Board and International Advisory Board and BSRLM EC.

6 Elections to EC

i. Chair. Standing Hilary Povey. Endorsed unanimously by AGM.

ii. Publications Secretary. Standing Patrick Barmby and Gill Adams. PB elected by a majority of votes.

7. BCME update

SP thanked those who had already completed reviews and requested reviews to be completed for 20 November. 51 papers have been accepted, possibly subject to minor or major revisions. JM confirmed that the usual BSRLM spring day conference will go ahead (1 March at King's College) in addition to BCME.

8. AoB

Matthew Inglis requested consideration that BSRLM day conferences be sometimes held on a weekday to allow those with care responsibilities (say) to attend. IJ to put this on the agenda for next EC and Open Forum.

AGM thanked JM and CS for their service to BSRLM in the roles of chair and publications secretary.