



British Society for
Research into
Learning Mathematics

Executive Committee 2023-24

Chair

Alf Coles, University of Bristol

Secretary

Laurie Jacques, UCL Institute of Education

Treasurer

Irene Biza, University of East Anglia

Membership Coordinator

Rosa Archer, University of Manchester

Outreach Coordinator

Ouhao Chen, Loughborough University

Publications Officer

Taro Fujita, University of Exeter

Day Conference Organisers

Cristina Mio, University of Glasgow

Bohan Liu, UCL Institute of Education

Online Communications Coordinator

Karen Skilling, University of Oxford

Annual General Meeting

Agenda

2nd November 2024, University of Southampton

1. Apologies for absence

Irene Biza, Cristina Mio, Vinay Kathotia, Gwen Ineson, Sue Pope, Jennie Golding

50 Members in attendance

2. Minutes of the last meeting: Minutes from the previous AGM were shared on screen. The minutes were duly approved.

3. Matters arising from the minutes: There were no matters arising.

4. Executive Committee Reports

i. Chair's report: Alf summarised his report.

DH Question about how sure we are about BSRLM's organisational structure.

HP BSRLM previously looked at charitable status at the time it wasn't

Action: For BSRLM to check the right direction of travel for organisation structure.

DH Question about proposal 2. Wording should be clear that **both** criteria must be fulfilled.

HP Suggest amending to include the cost of attendance at BSRLM conference.

Thanks were given to outgoing exec members.

ii. Treasurer's report: Irene summarised her report. Recorded in the AGM powerpoint.

Thanks Vinay and Gwen as auditors.

DH Questioned value of the RME account of £86.86 in 2023, this has been explained by Irene, the current Treasurer.

iii. Membership Coordinator's report: Rosa summarised her report.

Question: Accessing the journal. Difficulties.

Action: Update website with clearer instructions with how to access the journal on the Website.

iv. Publication Officer's report: Taro summarised his report.

DH Template for the proceedings now on the website.

TF sends out proceedings template in an email.

Question: Support for non-academic writers to submit a paper.

v. Online Communications Coordinator's report: Karen summarised her report.

No questions.

vi. Outreach Co-ordinator's report: a summary of Ouhao's report was displayed.

No questions.

vii. Day Conference Organisers' report: Bohan Liu summarised the conference organisers' report.

No questions.

5. RME Editors report: Jenni Ingram presented the RME editors report.

Advert for replacement editor for Jenni coming out imminently.

Call for editorial board members coming out soon.

TF clarification whether a PME Proceedings for example would be considered as a paper submission in RME. Agreement that copyright resides with author for proceedings.

6. Elections to Executive Committee

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

Treasurer (January 1 2025 to April 30 2028)

Dave Hewitt, University of Loughborough

Proposer: Tracy Helliwell Institution: University of Bristol

Seconder: Tom Francome Institution: University of Loughborough

Outreach Officer (January 1 2025 to April 30 2028)

Jennie Golding, UCL, Institute of Education

Proposer: Professor Cathy Smith Institution: Open University

Seconder: Professor Jeremy Hodgen Institution: University of Nottingham

A round of applause was given to the new members.

7. Proposals

Proposal 1

Context: The constitution of BSRLM is not explicit about what kind of an organisation it is. We would like to bring to the AGM in 2025 the following constitutional change.

Proposal: Change the start of the constitution from the current wording:

<Name 1. The Society has the name “The British Society for Research into Learning Mathematics” (BSRLM)>

To the following:

<Name and status 1. The Society has the name “The British Society for Research into Learning Mathematics” (BSRLM). BSRLM is an unincorporated association.>

Proposal was discussed and agreed to be brought to AGM 2025.

Proposal 2

Context: We would like to establish a solidarity fund for mathematics education researchers in the UK who have been displaced. Proposal

Proposal: We propose that BSRLM establishes a solidarity fund, to be advertised on our website. The fund will offer 2 years free membership and free attendance at online conferences. The following criteria will be used:

having UK Asylum status or Discretionary/Limited Leave to Remain as a result of an Asylum application, and those with Humanitarian Protection (as a result of an asylum application) and a letter of recommendation from a BSRLM member

Unanimously approved.

DH Question about proposal 2. Wording should be clear **both** criteria must been fulfilled.

HP Suggested amending to include the cost of attendance at BSRLM conferences.

Proposer Hilary Povey

Seconded Ian Jones

Amendment unanimously approved.

Proposal 3

Context: Following discussions at two Open Fora and the last AGM, we would like to move to an opt in for paper copies of RME.

Proposal: We propose that issues of RME will be sent to BSRLM members via email, with the option to “opt in” to paper copies available via the BSRLM website.

Unanimously approved.

Action: Make clear access to the online

8. Any other business:

Member Brook Tait introduced himself as wanting meet and discuss the opportunity for researching the overlap between maths and art.