

North West Branch

Minutes from 2017 Annual General Meeting

5:45pm Thursday, 18th May 2017

Frank Adams Room, Alan Turing Building, Manchester University

1. **Attendees and Apologies for Absence**

Present:

Branch Officers: E.A. Chadwick, S. Lind

Branch Committee Members: D. Bewsher, D. F. Percy, R. Stenhouse

Branch Members and others: 20 persons present

Apologies: M. Eastwood, R. Knott, J. Reynolds, R. Thersby

2. **Minutes of the Previous AGM**

The minutes of the AGM on 18th May 2016 were accepted. (Proposed D. Bewsher, seconded D. Percy)

There were no matters arising.

3. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman, Edmund Chadwick, presented his report commenting that the North-West Branch had a full programme of eleven meetings in 2016, including a sixth form lecture, a joint meeting new venture with the students SUMS (Salford University Mathematics Society) set up with IMA grant funds, a joint meeting with students Galois group at University of Manchester, a trainee teacher lecture, three careers talks including a mini-conference with three speakers, and six seminars by invited speakers including two by Ron Knott who was being proposed as the new chair.

Venues for the meetings were generously provided by MMU, University of Manchester, UCLan, University of Salford and Manchester Grammar School. All meetings were well attended and committee participation was good, with excellent refreshments.

Edmund also noted that he had visited Winstanley College as an IMA outreach representative and took the IMA outreach kits and gave a presentation based on the excellent revamped IMA web-site with videos on climate change and fluid mechanics amongst others.

At the AGM last May, two new committee members were welcomed Stephen Lynch from MMU and Rachel Stenhouse (nee Sharkey) from MGS.

He mentioned that the committee members have been excellent, with Margaret invaluable as secretary and Steve as Treasurer, with all the other committee members making substantial contributions.

He noted that future prospects for the North-West branch continue to be good, with an enthusiastic committee and increasing attendance at branch events, and another full programme of events for 2017 have been put in place. The Manchester events will in future be held at UoM, where excellent support has been provided by the School of Mathematics.

He thanked all the committee members, invited speakers, as well as the outstanding support from the IMA secretariat at Southend-on-Sea for their support.

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Programme 2016-2017

- 15th September **Trainee Teacher Lecture (UoM)**
A Date with Mathematics
Dr Ron Knott (University of Surrey)
- 2nd November **Careers Talk (UCLan)**
Careers in mathematics
Dr Steve Lind (University of Manchester)
- 15th November **Joint IMA / SUMS meeting (Salford)**
Careers and Employability Mini-Conference
Sherry Zhang and Danny Bland
- 16th November **Careers Talk (UoM)**
Careers in mathematics
Dr Danielle Bewsher (UCLan)
- 23rd November **Joint IMA / Galois Group meeting (UoM)**
A Date with Mathematics
Dr Ron Knott (University of Surrey)
- 6th December **Invited Lecture (UCLan)**
Planets, Pulsations and the Discrete Fourier Transform
Professor Don Kurtz (UCLan)
- 23rd February **Invited Lecture joint IMA / MathsJam (UoM)**
MathsJam
Dr Katie Steckles (Organiser of Manchester MathsJam)
- 13th March **Sixth Form Lecture (Manchester Grammar School)**
Beautiful Music – An Amazing Mathematical Fluke?
Malcolm Savage (Savoir Limited [Railway Technology Solutions])
- 18th May **Annual General Meeting and Presidential Address**
Cultural challenges facing the mathematical sciences
Professor Chris Linton (IMA President and Loughborough University)

4. Treasurer's Report

Steve Lind presented his report. A copy of the statement of income and expenditure during the year ending 18th May 2016 was displayed with comments as follows.

<u>Balance brought forward 18th May 2016:</u>		£270.64
<u>Income</u>	IMA Grants	£500.00
	Bank Interest	£1.01
<u>Expenditure:</u>	Speakers' Expenses	£121.61
	Refreshments & Meals	£120.00
<u>Balance carried forward 18th May 2017:</u>		£530.04

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5. Election of Officers for 2017-2018

The members present elected the following Branch Officers:

- **Chair:** Ron Knott
Proposed (D. Percy) Seconded (E. Chadwick)
- **Secretary:** Margaret Eastwood (Manchester Metropolitan University)
Proposed (B. Lionheart) Seconded (E. Chadwick)
- **Treasurer:** Steve Lind (University of Manchester)
Proposed (R. Stenhouse) Seconded (E. Chadwick)

Edmund Chadwick (University of Salford) automatically becomes past chair for one year.

6. Election of Committee members for 2017-2018

The members present elected the following Committee Members for 2017-2018

Dr. Danielle Bewsher (University of Central Lancashire),
Bill Lionheart (University of Manchester),
Steve Lynch (Manchester Metropolitan University)
Dave Percy (University of Salford),
John Reynolds (Retired),
Rachel Stenhouse (Manchester Grammar School),
Mike Tanner (Mitan Limited)

Proposed by Steve Crowther, and seconded by David Hoyle.

7. Any Other Business

A comment was made from the floor regarding the financial standing of the branch. Whilst it was noted that the branch committee had been frugal with the budget this year, it was also suggested that the reserves could be used to pay for speakers from outside the area to give talks for the branch.

The meeting closed at 6.00pm.