

**Draft minutes of the Irish Mathematical Society Annual General Meeting
held on 29th August 2025 at Maynooth University**

Present: A. Baykalov, C. Boyd, P. Browne, S. Buckley, L. Creedon, J. Dillon, R. Flatley, R. Gaburro, F. Hegarty, M. Ibrahim, C. Kelly, D. Kitson, B. Kreussler, A. Krishnan, J. Lansdown, P. Lynch, D. Mackey, M. Mackey, D. Malone, M. Manolaki, M. Mathieu, P. Mellon, P. Ó Catháin, A. O’Farrell, G. Pfeiffer, K. Pfeiffer, R. Quinlan, H. Šmigoc, N. Snigireva, W. Tang, S. Wills.

Apologies: T. Huettemann, J.P. McCarthy, A. O’Shea.

(1) **Agenda / Conflicts of interest**

The agenda was accepted and no conflicts of interest were declared.

(2) **Minutes**

The minutes of the AGM held on 30th August 2024 at Queen’s University Belfast were accepted.

(3) **Matters Arising**

None.

(4) **Correspondence**

- The International Mathematical Union (IMU) is seeking nominations to three committees: the IMU Executive Committee, the Commission for Developing Countries (CDC) and the International Commission on the History of Mathematics. The deadline for nominations is 15th November. Interested members should contact the IMS committee.
- Registration for the International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM) 2026 is now open. The ICM will take place in Philadelphia, USA, from 23-30 July.
- The IMU has circulated a statement from the International Science Council (ISC) titled “International scientific collaboration: Vital yet vulnerable”. ISC statements are available at council.science/statements/.

(5) **President’s Report**

R. Quinlan highlighted several activities of the Society during the year including the Women in the Mathematical Sciences Day in May, the Annual Meeting in August and the seven conferences which received support from the Society. A full report will appear in the Bulletin. Romina Gaburro and the local organisers of the RIA-ICEDIM Women in the Mathematical Sciences Day, Nina Snigireva and Niall Madden, were thanked. As were the local organisers of the Annual Meeting in Maynooth: Stephen Buckley, Galatia Cleanthous, Christian Ketterer and Oliver Mason. Next year’s annual meeting will take place at Trinity College Dublin with thanks to Katrin Wendland and Tristan McLoughlin. Committee members Helena Šmigoc, Ronan Flatley and Nina Snigireva and Treasurer Cónall Kelly have reached their final year on the committee and were thanked for their excellent service to the Society. The Editor of the Bulletin, Tom Carroll, and webmaster Michael Mackey were thanked for their continued service.

(6) **New members**

Nine membership applications were approved since the last AGM. The new members are: Hassan Alkhayoun, David Barnes, Jason Curran, Indranil Ghosh, Jesse Lansdown, Tristan McLoughlan, Jack McNicholl, Donald Laurence McQuillan, Aisling Twohill.

(7) **Nomination for honorary membership**

Professor David Conlon (California Institute of Technology) was nominated for honorary membership of the Society by D. Wilkins, A. O’Farrell and D. Kitson.

D. Malone outlined Professor Conlon's mathematical career: Professor Conlon is an Irish mathematician working in combinatorics, particularly Ramsey theory. He was an undergraduate in Trinity College Dublin and his Ph.D. at the University of Cambridge in 2009 was supervised by Tim Gowers. Following a Junior Research Fellowship at Cambridge, he moved to the University of Oxford and became a Professor in 2016. Since 2019, he has been a Professor at the California Institute of Technology. Prof Conlon represented Ireland at the International Mathematical Olympiad in 1998 and 1999. He has won a range of prizes, including the European Prize in Combinatorics (2011) and the LMS Whitehead Prize (2019). In 2014 he was a sectional speaker at the International Congress of Mathematicians. He is currently a Simons Visiting Professor at the Simons Laufer Mathematical Sciences Institute (formerly MSRI). Prof Conlon is a regular visitor to Ireland, delivering seminars, colloquia and Maths Week talks. The nomination was approved by the meeting.

(8) **Treasurer's Report**

Accounts for 2024 were presented. The amount of funding allocated to conferences has increased this year. Savings certificates have been purchased as a rainy day fund. Membership fees for 2025 have been paid to the EMS and IMU. The report was approved and the Treasurer, C. Kelly, was thanked.

(9) **Conference support fund**

The following workshops were supported this year:

- Irish SIAM student chapter conference (UL), 24th January 2025.
- EMS-CDC meeting (UCC), 10-12 April 2025.
- Layer Phenomena 2025 (Galway), 24-25 April 2025.
- 4th Irish Linear Algebra and Matrix Theory Meeting (MIC), 29th April 2025.
- IMS Women in Maths (Galway), 12th May 2025.
- Groups in Galway, 15-16 May 2025.
- LMS Harmonic Analysis and PDE's (UCC), 15th May 2025.

Applications to the conference support fund are encouraged.

(10) **Bulletin**

Issue 95 of the Bulletin is now available. Members are encouraged to submit articles to the Bulletin, particularly items with a connection to the Society. A special issue of the Bulletin will be published to mark the 50th anniversary of the Society. Members can contact the Editor, T. Carroll, with any questions.

(11) **Report from Irish Committee for Mathematics Education (ICME)**

R. Flatley gave a report on behalf of A. O'Shea (Chair). A full report will be published on the IMS website.

M. Hanly, R. Flatley and J. Grannell are finalising reports on second-level mathematics textbook quality and have made preliminary contact with a publisher. The Chief Examiner has not yet responded to a report prepared by R. Quinlan, J. Crowley and K. Pfeiffer on the 2023 Higher Level Leaving Cert exam paper. The IMS President wrote to the NCCA in September 2024 to ask that the society have representation on the NCCA committee which is reviewing the Leaving Certificate Mathematics Curriculum. The NCCA responded that they were not able to facilitate this. An ICME survey on the proposed curriculum changes has been submitted to the NCCA and circulated to members of the Mathematics Development Group.

J. Crowley organised a webinar on 13th May where the article "A Scoping Survey of ChatGPT in Mathematics Education" was discussed.

The ICME plans to write to the Minister of Education to raise concerns about the secondary school examinations, syllabi and textbooks.

Feedback and suggestions from members are welcome. Contact the ICME secretary K. Pfeiffer.

(12) **Report from Irish Committee for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Mathematics (ICEDIM)**

R. Gaburro (Chair) reported on ICEDIM activities.

The committee currently has nine members. In Autumn the committee ran an online seminar series. For next year the committee is considering holding an in-person event in Autumn. The RIA-ICEDIM Women in the Mathematical Sciences Day 2025 took place on 12th May at the University of Galway as part of the international May12 celebrations. Nina Snigireva and Niall Madden were thanked for organising the meeting. The RIA Physical, Chemical and Mathematical Sciences Committee was also thanked for supporting the meeting.

Organisers are being sought for future meetings. Interested members should contact the ICEDIM secretary N. Madden.

(13) **Elections**

The current terms of the following committee members come to an end this year: Cónall Kelly; Derek Kitson; Christopher Boyd; Ronan Flatley; Thomas Huettemann; Helena Šmigoc; Nina Snigireva.

C. Kelly, R. Flatley, H. Šmigoc and N. Snigireva have reached the end of three consecutive terms and are consequently not eligible for re-election to the committee. The remaining committee members are eligible for re-election.

The following nominations were received and election to these positions was approved by the meeting:

Candidate	Role	Nominated by	Seconded by
Dana Mackey	Treasurer	Cónall Kelly	Helena Šmigoc
Derek Kitson	Secretary	Nina Snigireva	Romina Gaburro
Christopher Boyd	Member	Peter Lynch	Nina Snigireva
Spyridon Dendrinis	Member	Romina Gaburro	Derek Kitson
Thomas Huettemann	Member	Nina Snigireva	Romina Gaburro
Arundhathi Krishnan	Member	Ronan Flatley	Derek Kitson
Katrin Wendland	Member	Rachel Quinlan	Cónall Kelly

(14) **Proposal for a statement of solidarity with scholars in Gaza**

A proposal from a member that the Society issue a statement in relation to Gaza was presented for discussion. It was expressed that a statement should aim to highlight matters specific to mathematics and call for academic activity to continue unhindered. The practicality of issuing statements was raised and a general ethics statement was suggested. It was agreed that the committee would seek further views and suggestions from the membership.

(15) **AOB**

- M. Mathieu announced that the Mathematical Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy is adopting an open access model and submissions are encouraged.
- E. Gill encouraged members to get involved in events for Maths Week and to register events on the Maths Week website.

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