



(INCORPORATING THE LIVERPOOL BRANCHES OF THE MA AND THE ATM)

## Agenda Item within the Annual General Meeting Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 5:00pm, tbc

### Secretary's Business : Report on activities 2017 / 18 : Ken McKelvie

#### 1. Minutes of Past Committee Meeting and AGMs

In accord with the practice agreed at the 2017 Annual General Meeting, the uploading of formal documentation continues. Minutes of past meetings are archived (albeit maybe fitfully) on the LivMS Website where access to them is available to all members. Colin Wright's provision of advice and assistance in maintaining this facility is appreciated.

#### 2. Contacts with Local U3As

The offer to U3A members of the [LivMS](#) Reduced Subscription Rate, as currently afforded to MA/ATM members, is ongoing. Whilst this is in accord with the U3A policy re-the U3A's establishing a wider outward-looking approach to external bodies, we are not aware of any local U3A members yet having taken it up. Informal contacts suggest possible off-putting causes might include (a) a fear of "concentration on techniques", (b) the absence of a customary "social element", (c) unfamiliarity with "event locations".

#### 3. FunMaths Roadshow Business

A sample of FMR material was again on display at a national Mathematics Teaching Conference, this year at BCME9 - British Congress of Mathematics Education - held 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> April 18 at U of Warwick. It was here that a participant introduced himself to KMck as a secondary schoolteacher. He commented that it was established practice for students from his school to run Roadshow sessions in a local primary school as transition-preparation events. We know that this is common practice in many UK schools. On enquiry as to the location of his school his response was "Shanghai".

The ongoing feedback was, as ever, that the Roadshow appears to continue to enjoy high esteem..... world-wide!

#### 4. Relationship of LivMS and NCETM/FMSP/AMSP/MEI and possible future other concomitant 'anagrams'

One issue is carried forward without resolution. From the time of the inception of NCETM, members of LivMS contributed to several NCETM CPD events, for example presenting "LivMS FunMaths Roadshow" material in venues as scattered as Manchester, Newcastle and London.

It was thus a disappointment that at the time of the reorganisation of NCETM, formal notification of the new structure seemed to pass us by and consequently we felt that it created the impression that our contributions hitherto were perhaps being underrated. KMck has recently spoken with Charlie Stripp, Director NCETM, and requested that taking account of our earlier inputs and our current activities, LivMS be judged as satisfying such criteria required by NCETM to be deemed an NCETM Stakeholder Organisation. So far, zero interaction.

Apart from including a reference to Liverpool Fun Maths Roadshow as an entry in FMSP "How to Support Students with STEP/AEA", KMck has been unable to trace any other mention elsewhere.

Ken McKelvie  
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