



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

**Agenda Item within the Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday, 19th September 2017, 5:00pm, EDEN007, Liverpool Hope University**

**Secretary’s Business : Report on activities 2016 / 17 : 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 was resumed. Minutes of past meetings are now archived on the LivMS Website where access to them is available to all members.

Our thanks go to Colin Wright for his advice and assistance in maintaining this facility.

**2. Contacts with Local U3As**

The LivMS decided at its meeting held 1st February 2017 that the [LivMS](http://www.livmathssoc.org.uk/cgi-bin/sews.py?LivMS) Reduced Subscription Rate as currently accorded to MA/ATM members be made available to U3A members. Subsequent discussions re-exploration of common interests have included (i) your Secretary KMcK meeting briefly with David Martin, U3A National Advisor Mathematics and Statistics, at the ATM Annual Conference held in Stratford-upon-Avon in April 2017 and, subsequently, (ii) your Secretary and Chair MJ meeting with Gill Russell, U3A NW Regional Trustee, and Neil Stevenson, U3A NW Region Chair, at the University of Liverpool 24 July 2017. It was made clear by KMcK and MJ that they were representing LivMS and not UoL. Also, that KMcK and MJ had no executive powers to make any substantive commitment on behalf of LivMS without due Committee agreement. GR and NS are to pursue with their local colleagues the ideas that we discussed in the light of their own merit and of the evolving U3A policy re the U3As establishing a wider outward-looking approach to external bodies, such indeed as maybe the LivMS.

**3. Scottish FunMaths Roadshow representation**

We have learned of the “final retirement” of Pat Lyden who, since Ian Porteous’ days, has promoted the FMR extensively in SW Scotland. She has passed those responsibilities to “Science Connects” who are the STEM organisation for that Region based in the University of Glasgow. The name of our new contact is Aileen Hamilton.

**4. FunMaths Roadshow Business**

4.1 A sample of FMR material was displayed on a sales stand at the ATM Annual Conference 2017 (details above).

Whilst not many copies were sold, it provided the opportunity for useful new contacts to be established and existing ones cemented.

4.2 Our Treasurer, Peter Newstead, reports that no new developments of Roadshow material have been made during the year. The Roadshow has continued to sell at a somewhat reduced level. We have now made one sale of the Welsh version. The situation regarding this version will be reviewed during the coming autumn.

**5**. **Request that LivMS be deemed an NCETM Stakeholder Organisation**

When we, in Liverpool, were made aware pre 2006 of the pending establishment of NCETM we convened an informal consultancy group ready for the NCETM NW Regional Co-ordinator to draw upon when appointed. Subsequently we met with Liz Henning, as appointee, on many occasions.

Thereafter 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 emailed Charlie Stripp, Director NCETM, that taking account of our background and current activities, requesting that LivMS be judged as satisfying such criteria required by NCETM to be deemed an NCETM Stakeholder Organisation.

**6. University interest in Departmental and Allied Outreach activities**

Ken Badcock, UoL Executive Pro Vice-Chancellor for Science and Engineering, has expressed an interest in attending one of the LivMS Popular Lectures or a future Awards Evening for one of our family of Challenge Competitions. He has been provided with the relevant details but up to the time of preparing this report no response had been received due to his being away on leave.

Ken McKelvie

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