

Annual General Meeting

11th July 2017, University of Birmingham

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The meeting was attended by 37 people representing 23 institutions.

- 1) **Chair's Report**
- 2) **Secretary's Report**
- 3) **Treasurer's Report**

The reports were received by the meeting, and are available on the **sigma** Network website.

4) **Ratification of membership of Steering Group 2017/18**

A call for nominations went out in May 2017, via the sigma-network Jiscmail list and the **sigma** Network website. The call included Terms of Reference for the Steering Group. The following people have agreed to serve on the **sigma** Network Steering Group for 2017/18, and all have an appropriate level of management support within their institutions to carry out this role:

David Bowers	University of Essex
Hansa Bissoondeeal	University of Essex
Emma Cliffe	University of Bath
Ruth Fairclough	University of Wolverhampton
Mark Hodds	Coventry University
Eugenie Hunsicker	Loughborough University
Tony Mann	University of Greenwich
Ellen Marshall	University of Sheffield
Mohamed Mehbali	London South Bank University
Alun Owen	University of Worcester
Chetna Patel	De Montfort University
Rob Wilson	Cardiff University
Noel-Ann Bradshaw	Representative of the IMA

The meeting ratified the Steering Group membership by show of hands.

The Chair thanked Cheryl Voake-Jones, who is standing down from the Steering Group due to maternity leave, for her excellent work on the **sigma** Network newsletter and Twitter account. Hansa Bissoondeeal was welcomed to the Steering Group as a new member.

5) Plans for the sigma Network in the coming year

The meeting was asked for suggestions from those in attendance that could feed into the activities of the **sigma** Network in the coming year. Six specific suggestions were submitted, and will be considered by the Steering Group over the coming year.

6) Any Other Business

The meeting celebrated that the prestigious Gold Medal of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications has been awarded to Tony Croft and Duncan Lawson “for their outstanding contribution to the improvement of the teaching of mathematics”. Tony and Duncan established **sigma** in 2005. The meeting acknowledged and expressed huge gratitude for their excellent and inspirational work over the past 12 years which has made the **sigma** Network such a thriving and widely recognised community of practice for mathematics and statistics support in higher education.