

## **Annual General Meeting**

# 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019, Dublin City University

### **MINUTES**

The meeting was attended by 66 people (30 Individual Members with voting rights, and 36 visitors). In addition, 12 Individual Members who could not attend in person submitted their views online. Overall 46 institutions were represented.

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

The reports were received and approved by the meeting, and are available on the **sigma** Network website. <a href="http://www.sigma-network.ac.uk/constitution-and-agms/">http://www.sigma-network.ac.uk/constitution-and-agms/</a>

### 4) Ratification of membership of Steering Group 2019/20

The following people have agreed to serve on the **sigma** Network Steering Group for 2019/20, and all have an appropriate level of management support within their institutions to carry out this role:

Hansa Bissoondeeal University of Essex
David Bowers University of Essex
Emma Cliffe University of Bath
Nick Goddard University of Chester
Mark Hodds Coventry University

Mary Lorimer Loughborough University
Tony Mann University of Greenwich
Ellen Marshall Sheffield Hallam University

Alun Owen Coventry University
Chetna Patel De Montfort University

Rob Wilson Cardiff University

The meeting ratified the Steering Group membership for 2019/20.

The meeting also approved the following co-opted positions on the Steering Group for 2019/20:

Representative of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications Duncan Lawson Representative of the Scottish Maths Support Network T.B.C.

Representative of the Irish Maths Learning Support Network T.B.C.

Membership database officer (University of Bath) Ed Southwood

The Chair thanked Ruth Fairclough, Mohamed Mehbali and Michael Grove, who stood down from the Steering Group in 2019.

### 5) Plans for the sigma Network in the coming year

The meeting was asked for suggestions that could feed into the activities of the **sigma** Network in the coming year. The Chair pointed out that last year's AGM, twelve suggestions were received and the majority had been successfully implemented. Attendees provided several specific suggestions for 2019/20, and these will be considered by the Steering Group over the coming year.

Positive feedback was also received from Members about the work of the **sigma** Network (and no negative comments received). The quote below was provided by a Member who was unable to attend in person, and was well received (and greatly appreciated) by the meeting:

"As a new member to the SIGMA network, I have been extremely impressed by the quality of workshops on offer. I have also been impressed by the willingness of members to share ideas and support other members of the network. This has been invaluable."

#### 6) Any Other Business

There was no further business.