

Annual General Meeting 2020

MINUTES

Due to the current Coronavirus pandemic, this was a virtual AGM.

The 160 Individual Members of the **sigma** Network (registered as at end July 2020) were invited to receive the Chair's Report, ratify Steering Group Membership for 2020/21, and provide feedback via an online portal during the 4 week period up to **4th September 2020**. 32 people responded, making the AGM quorate.

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

The reports were received and approved by the meeting (32/32 voting to accept), and are available on the **sigma** Network website. <http://www.sigma-network.ac.uk/constitution-and-agms/>

4) **Ratification of membership of Steering Group 2020/21**

The following people have agreed to serve on the **sigma** Network Steering Group for 2020/21, and all have an appropriate level of management support within their institutions to carry out this role:

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
Theresa Wege	Loughborough University
Rob Wilson	Cardiff University

The meeting ratified the Steering Group membership for 2020/21 (31 votes for, 1 abstention).

The meeting also approved the following co-opted positions on the Steering Group for 2020/21:

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 Hansa Bissoondeal, who stood down from the Steering Group in 2020.

5) Feedback for the sigma Network in the coming year

The meeting was asked for suggestions that could inform the activities of the **sigma** Network in the coming year. Members provided several specific suggestions for 2020/21, 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 is one example:

“Thank you for the amazing work to David and the steering group. It has been a challenging year, but the sigma community has been so full of support for each other and joy for our profession!”

Finally, a vote of thanks was proposed for David Bowers, who is standing down after four years as Chair of the **sigma** Network. The new Chair will be elected at the first meeting of the new Steering Group in September 2020.