

**Regular General Meeting for the  
Asia Pacific Consortium of Mathematics for Industry (APCMfI)**

Sunday 20 November 2016

Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane

Chair: Masato Wakayama

**Attendees:** Masato Wakayama, Bob Anderssen, Alexandra Hogan, Kei Hirose, Osamu Saeki, Yasuhide Fukumoto, Wil Schilders, Kenji Kajiwara, Graeme Wake, Monique Chyba, Tony Jakeman, Ian Turner, Mat Simpson

**MINUTES**

The meeting commenced at 5:15pm.

1. Welcome – Masato Wakayama

MW welcomed the attendees to the Regular General Meeting. In particular, MW thanked the local organisers of this year's FMfI at QUT.

2. Chair's report – Masato Wakayama

MW delivered the Chair's report, mentioning that the development of APCMfI is progressing well so far. MW noted that the main activity of APCMfI is the Forum Maths-for-Industry, and that the other key activity is the Pacific Journal of Mathematics for Industry.

3. Secretary's report – Alexandra Hogan

AH delivered the Secretary's report. As at 15 November, there were 5 institutional members and 89 individual members. With respect to the website, overall, the website looks very good, although it would be good to increase event advertising. Also, there are currently two parts of the membership application process, therefore, a future project will be to streamline the application form and payment of membership fees.

APCMfI brochures have been distributed widely, which included about 150 brochures distributed at the ANZIAM meeting in Canberra in February 2016. AH suggested that some attention should now be given to the proposed APCMfI newsletter.

It was noted that there is some confusion about how members are listed on the website – it is currently difficult to tell which are institutional members versus individual members.

4. Treasurer's report – Bob Anderssen

RSA delivered the Treasurer's report. In 2015, the income was 33,555 JPY, and in 2016 the income is 264,532 JPY to date. There were no outgoing expenses, as the expenses relating to FMfI in 2016 have been met by IMI. The balance at 15 November 2016 was 298,087 JPY.

RSA noted that the strong success of APCMfI funding to date is due to the generous support offered by IMI at Kyushu University. For example, IMI carried the cost of setting up the APCMfI website.

#### 5. Proposed changes to APCMfI Charter

The APCMfI Charter was created two years ago, with considerable advice from a lawyer at Kyushu University. As APCMfI has developed and grown since this time, some aspects of the Charter may no longer apply, and there are also some new items that may need to be included in the Charter. A general discussion was held about the APCMfI Charter, and some specific points were addressed about sections that now need to be updated. It was agreed that the meeting attendees would discuss each component of the Charter, and that the Secretary would prepare a revised version of the Charter for consideration after the meeting.

- 1.2 a. Remove ‘in a different country’. This is to reflect that sometimes it may be appropriate for an internship to be undertaken within a student’s own country.
- 1.2 Change to ‘national and international’
- 2.1.1 Application for membership. Include ‘student’ as a type of membership. This was agreed. It was also suggested to include a category of ‘retired member’.
- 3.1.1.3, final sentence. The wording currently states that Interim Council Members will resign and be available for re-election. It was proposed that the wording should be changed to reflect that re-election is optional.
- 3.1.1.5 Term. Remove ‘[by majority vote of the other Council members]’, as it is contradictory.
- 3.1.1.7 Remuneration. Remove ‘provided that the’, to improve clarity.
- 3.1.2.3 Steering Committee Meetings. The Charter states that the Steering Committee should meet each quarter, in person or by Skype. It was proposed that ‘or by email’ be included, as it reflects the current practices of the Steering Committee.
- Application for membership. (3). Include a student member rate of 2,000 JPY.

It was also raised that the process for nominating and electing Council members at a Regular General Meeting is unclear in the Charter, and that this should be specified in more detail.

#### 6. Discussion of Pacific Journal of Mathematics for Industry

MW reported that subscriptions to the Journal have been increasing. A particular strategy currently underway to increase the quality of submitted articles is to issue invitations to particular authors of a high calibre to each submit a survey article to the journal.

MW also reported on an email received from Springer. PMJI has been selected for coverage in Thomas Reuters products and services, and PMJI will be indexed and abstracted in the Emerging Sources Citation Index, and will therefore be indexed in the Web of Science database.

## 7. Election of APCMfI Council members

Nominations for membership of the APCMfI Council were sought from the meeting attendees. Three member nominations were also confirmed by email. All new Council members will serve for a term of two years. Office holder roles will be allocated by the Council itself. The appointed members were

Masato Wakayama  
Alexandra Hogan  
Bob Anderssen  
Tony Jakeman  
Graeme Wake  
Zainal Aziz (nominated by email)  
Roger Tan (nominated by email)  
Yichao Zhu (nominated by email)  
Monique Chyba

## 8. Other business

- a. There was a discussion about the benefits for the different categories of APCMfI members. Overall, it was agreed that institutional members receive a printed copy of PJMI, as well as the opportunity to post events on the APCMfI website, and will now have the opportunity to nominate a speaker for consideration for each Forum Maths-for-Industry. Individual members receive the benefit of their FMfI registration. All members receive a reduced price for the Mathematics for Industry Springer book series, receive a copy of the MfI proceedings, and have their details listed on the APCMfI website, therefore benefitting in terms of international networking. It was agreed that all individuals, whether or not part of an institution that is a member, still pay the individual or student membership fee.
- b. It was raised that there could be more up-to-date events advertised on the APCMfI website. All members at the meeting were encouraged to send details of their maths in industry events to the APCMfI Office for advertising on the website.
- c. MC reported on the progress of organising FMfI in Hawaii in 2017 (last week of October). The facilities have been booked. MC is the local organiser and is seeking funding from different sources, including from the National Science Foundation in the USA. The event will be held at the same location as in 2011. Funding will mainly be used to fund the costs of the facilities, and to allow junior faculty to attend (transportation and accommodation). The topic of the forum will be 'clean energy'. If funding can be obtained, the Forum will run for five days. The Thursday evening of the Fom week will be a community event run by graduate students.
- d. After Hawaii, a possibility for FMfI is China (local organiser would be Jin Cheng from Fudan University).

The meeting closed at 6:30pm.