

BRITISH LOGIC COLLOQUIUM

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING 2004

The meeting was held at the University of Leeds on September 6th, 2004. It commenced at 18:05. The members present were Laura Crosilla, Anuj Dawar, John Derrick, Roy Dyckhoff, Mirna Džamonja, Olivier Esser (observing), Thomas Forster, Nicola Gambino, Lorenz Halbeisen, Bill Handley, Martin Hyland, Alan Hutchinson, David Knipe, Angus Macintyre, Dugald Macpherson, Richard Marshall, John Mayberry, David Miller, Jeff Paris, David Pym, Eike Ritter, Edmund Robinson, Nimish Shah, Anton Setzer, Peter Seymour, Peter Simons, Charles Stewart, John V Tucker, Stan Wainer, Philip Welch, and Tim Williamson.

(0) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

The minutes were approved.

(1) MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

On (5), we are still awaiting the British National Committee recommendation on our level of membership in DLMPS. On (10), suggestions for the possible establishment of a Ph.D. prize and postgraduate bursaries were discussed at the Committee Meeting in March 2004. It was decided that none of these ideas were feasible, due to the time needed for a proper management of Ph.D. prizes, and to the financial resources inadequate for a postgraduate bursary. We do however emphasise our liberal policy of supporting various logic-related projects, and in particular encourage Ph.D. students to apply. On (11), in 2003 we joined the newly formed British Philosophical Association as a Corporate Member, and one of our members, Tim Williamson, is on the Executive Committee of BPA.

(2) PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

The President extended our congratulations to Boris Zilber for the Senior Berwick Prize awarded to him by the London Mathematical Society, and to Peter Simons on his becoming a Fellow of the British Academy.

BLC was consulted about the panel composition for the RAE 2008 and we have reported that we are content with the present composition of the panels. In the meantime some changes to the panel composition were made

and in particular Linguistics was included in the Languages panel; we did not have an influence on this choice. We have also been asked to nominate members of the panels relevant to BLC and have made some nominations.

(3) SECRETARY'S REPORT

Most of the activities in 2003 were described in the Report of the Committee for 2003, which was made available during the meeting. An important upcoming activity is the election of the Committee. All present members of the Committee are happy to stand, while nominations are invited from the BLC members to suggest possible new members of the Committee and Executive Officers. Such nominations should be communicated to the Secretary by email and each nomination should have a Proposer and a Seconder. The deadline for receiving the nominations is October 31st. Members are reminded that before sending in the nomination they should ensure that the person nominated is willing to stand. The Secretary is to send an announcement containing this information to all members shortly.

(4) TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 2001

Copies of the checked accounts for 2003 were available to members. The Treasurer gave a brief explanation of various items on the accounts, including an explanation of a small error on the accounts that was noticed by David Miller (4 GBP), which is to be corrected in the final version. Our balance remains healthy. Members are encouraged to apply for funds to fund logic-related activities.

With the understanding that the error in the accounts is to be corrected, the accounts were approved.

The Treasurer also reported on the membership levels. These are solid, with membership on a slight increase, mostly in the student category. There is a repeated call to members to encourage logicians to apply for membership in BLC, which strives to be an organisation representing all UK logicians.

(5) PRESENT AND FUTURE BLC MEETINGS

The President reported that the Annual Meeting in 2005 will be held in Bristol, to be organised by John Mayberry and Philip Welch, and the 2006 Meeting is to be held in Oxford under the organisation of Alex Wilkie and others. Our thanks go to Leeds for organising a very pleasant and interesting meeting in 2004.

(6) OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Nimish Shah informed us of an upcoming meeting on the Nature of Mathematical Proof.

(b) John Tucker asked the Committee to comment on the impact of the International Review of Mathematics. The President and Angus Macintyre, who was the author of the Landscape Document on Logic, both expressed their disappointment that Logic was so poorly represented in the final IRM report. This is very different from what was written in the Landscape Document, which was a comprehensive and lengthy document. It is unfortunate that there does not seem that there is much that can be done about the final IRM report at this point.

The meeting closed at 18:35.

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BLC Secretary
September 8, 2004.