

Minutes of the 9th ANZAMP AGM, Online via Zoom

Meeting commenced at 5:00pm (AEDT) on Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

1. **Minutes:** The minutes of the 2020 AGM were approved by Tim Garoni.

2. **Apologies:** Peter Bouwknecht.

3. **Report of the Chair:** David Ridout thanked the outgoing executive for their work.

ANZAMP membership numbers are currently at 287 (275 in 2020, 273 in 2019) with 115 (114 last year, 123 in 2019) ordinary members, 155 (161 in 2020, 150 in 2019) student members, 18 (18 in 2020, 17 in 2019) NZ members (approx) and 74 female members (20 of which are ordinary and 54 student, compared with 12 ordinary and 47 student in 2020).

Regarding finances, compare bank balances in March 2016 (\$74,345) with February 2021 (\$83,481). This includes a \$60,000 term deposit.

Regarding conference delegate numbers (excluding plenaries):

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total	62	71	46	54
Students	19	23	21	15

4. **Report of the Treasurer:** Milena Radnovic reported that over the last year, the opening balance was: \$76,709.31 as at 3/3/2020, the income was \$11,968.98, including member subscriptions, conference fees, reimbursements and sponsorship for meetings.

Expenditure: \$5,196.82, including some conference expenses, Guttmann student prize, APCTP membership and ANZAMP domain costs.

Term deposit initiated at 1/5/2020: \$60,000.

Net operating income as at 26/1/2021: \$23,481.47.

Murray Batchelor asked how much we expected to get back from the term deposit. It was said that the interest rate for the term deposit was 1.25% p.a.

David Ridout mentioned that aligning with AustMS investments may still be under consideration, especially since now the interest rate for term deposits is quite low. We will consider approaching AustMS to discuss investment strategies.

In the past, the budget has been audited by Monash University. Tim Garoni said that it should be fine once again to approach Monash to audit in the next annual period.

5. **2021 ANZAMP Seminar Series:**

Due to the COVID situation, instead of an annual meeting ANZAMP will host a general mathematical physics seminar series throughout 2021. Michael Assis has been engaged to convene this seminar. He will be sending an email in the next day or so to begin organising. It is expected to run weekly or fortnightly during March-May and August-October. We hope to alternate between international speakers, local speakers and student talks.

There will be a one-off "Guttmann-esque" prize awarded to the best student talk of the series.

Jan De Gier asked about celebrating ANZAMP 10th anniversary in 2021. David Ridout responded that the executive understood the 10 year celebration should be in 2022, since the first meeting was in Lorne in 2012.

6. **Date and location for 2022 and 2023 ANZAMP meetings (plus future planning):**

The 2021 meeting that was planned to be held at the Stamford Grand in Glenelg (Adelaide) had originally been postponed to 2022, when we hoped in-person attendance would be feasible. Unfortunately local organisers have had to step down.

We are now planning to go back to the old plan for the 2022 meeting to be hosted by a Melbourne consortium comprising Tim Garoni (Monash), David Ridout (Melbourne) and Nathan Clisby (Swinburne), with the program committee chair being Yang Shi.

Plenary speakers (still to be confirmed include) Rei Inoue, Johanna Knapp, Zhengwei Liu and James Tener. There is also the possibility of running a satellite conference in honour of Omar Foda. Peter Bouwknecht and Sergei Kuzenko have kindly agreed to assist.

There is still no location decided for the 2022 meeting. Should it be close to or in Melbourne? Tasmania? Or perhaps the Mornington or Bellarine Peninsula, e.g. RACV Cape Schanck Resort? The point was reiterated (from the last AGM) about Tasmania being difficult to travel to from WA. Members were invited to comment or make suggestions to the Executive.

Regarding future meetings (2023, 2024), volunteers are needed.

Judy-anne Osborn asked about sources of funding. David Ridout responded that we apply and receive funding from APCTP. There is some uncertainty with other sources.

Nalini Joshi asked if there has been a meeting organised in Queensland or South Australia yet. There have been two in Queensland, and due to COVID the one planned to be hosted by Flinders fell through.

David Ridout asked if there would be any members from NSW willing to host a future meeting. Judy-anne Osborn responded that Newcastle might be a possibility. It was recalled that the 4th annual meeting was held in Newcastle in 2015.

7. Constitution changes:

A special ballot was held recently in order to approve the following proposed change to the ANZAMP Constitution.

Original: 20. There shall be in each financial year an Annual Conference of ANZAMP. During each Annual Conference a General Meeting of ANZAMP shall be held.

Replacement: 20. There shall be in each financial year an Annual Conference of ANZAMP, unless the ANZAMP Executive determines that holding a conference is infeasible. Irrespective of such determinations, there shall be in each financial year a General Meeting of ANZAMP, normally to be held during the Annual Conference.

This proposal passed with 27 votes for and 0 against.

8. Website update / Code of Conduct:

ANZAMP webpage development are on hold while AustMS organise updates to their own webpages. AustMS has assured ANZAMP that updating ANZAMP pages is still a priority.

A draft ANZAMP Code of Conduct was presented to AustMS for approval in July. It was approved, with some minor revisions, in November. The AustMS has not yet finalised its Code of Conduct Procedures document.

Nalini Joshi said that the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion committee provided a draft document to the AustMS in November 2019. There were issues relating to the Corporation Act in the ACT. The advice received was to wait until new model rules were forthcoming. Some discussion was held around the details of the situation for AustMS, the outcome of which is that AustMS is currently seeking legal advice. Consequently, ANZAMP should wait until AustMS sort this out.

Nalini Joshi suggested naming contacts or a society officer to whom anyone with grievances can approach. Members were reminded that they should adhere to the current code of conduct.

9. APCTP matters:

Murray Batchelor continues to be the Australian representative on the APCTP General Council.

Paul Pearce continues to sit on the APCTP Board of Trustees.

After some negotiation, a new Memorandum of Understanding between ANZAMP (a “member entity”) and the APCTP was signed for 2020-22.

The APCTP has agreed to continue with the 50% reduction in fees (\$10,000 reduced to \$5,000 USD per year).

Breakdown:

(\$ USD)	2020	2021	2022
ANZAMP	1,000	3,000	3,000
MATRIX	1,000	1,000	1,000
ANU/AIP	3,000	0	0
Total	5,000	4,000	4,000

Regarding the \$3,000 from ANU, the transfer was approved in December 2020, but not actioned, due to complications from changes to financial policy from COVID at ANU. It is understood that this payment is still being processed.

Paul Pearce commented that APCTP activities have been impacted by COVID. APCTP has increased its virtual activities and intends to go back to ordinary meetings as soon as possible. In 2022, it is hoped that meetings will be run physically (i.e. face-to-face), perhaps with virtual international participants.

10. **Other business:**

On February 9, Murray Batchelor attended a council meeting of the AIP. Murray has taken up convening of a Theoretical Physics Topical Interest group of AIP. Could ANZAMP explore becoming a cognate society of AIP? Murray would be happy to explore this as a possibility and report back.

David Ridout said that he thinks it could be a good idea to find out more. For example, reduced fees for AIP membership for ANZAMP members, or to join or form topical interest groups.

Jan De Gier commented that since ANZAMP is a Division of AustMS, it may not be so easy to become a cognate society.

Meeting closed at 5:55pm.

Members In Attendance (23)

Michael Assis, Murray Batchelor, Vladimir Bazhanov, Chris Bradly, Joshua Capel, Nathan Clisby, Jan De Gier, Tim Garoni, Phillip Isaac, Nalini Joshi, Jonathan Kress, Jon Links, Ian Marquette, Judy-anne Osborn, Paul Pearce, Thomas Quella, Milena Radnovic, Christopher Raymond, David Ridout, Yang Shi, Gabriele Tartaglino Mazzucchelli, James Tener, Yao-Zhong Zhang