AustMS Accreditation

The secretary has announced the accreditation of:

- Laureate Professor Jonathan M. Borwein of The University of Newcastle as an Accredited Fellow (FAustMS);
- Dr Nadezda Sukhorukova of the University of Ballarat as an Accredited Member (MAustMS).

AustMS Lift-off Fellowships

As announced by the President, applications for Australian Mathematical Society Lift-off Fellowships are now invited, subject to the following rules. Prospective applicants should visit the Society's web site at http://www.austms.org.au/Lift-off for an application template before submitting an application electronically to the secretary of the selection committee at Lift-off@austms.org.au.

The members of the selection committee are: Associate Professor Andrew Mathas, Associate Professor Peter Stacey (Secretary) and Professor Peter Taylor.

Rules for Australian Mathematical Society Lift-off Fellowships

1. The fellowship scheme is to provide short-term support, including living expenses and travel grants, for students who have recently submitted for examination a PhD thesis in the mathematical sciences. To be eligible to apply for a Lift-off Fellowship candidates must have submitted their PhD thesis for examination within the previous three months.
2. Awards will be based on academic excellence.
3. Applicants must have been members of the Society for at least 12 months at the time of application.
4. The Society will establish a selection committee to make recommendations to Council on the award of fellowships.
5. The selection committee will recommend the amount to be granted, to a maximum of $5000, to a successful applicant, taking account of the proposed research activities, need for support and research track record.
6. Applications must be forwarded through (and supported by) the applicant's supervisor and must be accompanied by a thesis abstract and by referees' reports on two papers accepted for publication or at least two examiners' reports on the applicant's thesis. A full CV and a research plan and budget (at most one page) should be included with each application.
7. Applications may be submitted to the secretary of the selection committee at any time.

8. Fellowship recipients must submit a report to the Society at the conclusion of the fellowship.

9. The Society expects to award up to seven scholarships annually for the next three years. However, depending on demand, the Council may increase the amount available for the scheme.

Election of Officers and Ordinary Members of Council

Nominations are invited for the following Officers for the Session commencing after the Annual General Meeting to be held in September 2010:

One Vice-President. Note: According to Paragraph 34(i) of the AustMS Constitution, Professor N. Joshi will continue in office as the Immediate-Past-President, and Professor P.G. Taylor will move from President-Elect to President, after the AGM in September 2010.

According to Paragraph 34(iii), the positions of Secretary and Treasurer will be appointed by Council at its September 2010 meeting; nominations for these positions are no longer being called for on an annual basis.

The present Officers of the Society are:

- President: N. Joshi, FAA
- President-Elect: P.G. Taylor
- Vice-President: A.P. Mathas
- Secretary: P.J. Stacey
- Treasurer: A. Howe

According to Paragraph 34(ii), A.P. Mathas is eligible for re-election.

Ordinary Members of Council

The present elected Ordinary Members of Council are:

1. Members whose term of office expires after the AGM in 2010:
   - D.G. FitzGerald
   - V. Ejov
2. Members whose term of office expires after the AGM in 2011:
   - M.R. Giudici
   - A. Henderson
   - J. Ramagge
3. Members whose term of office expires after the AGM in 2012:
   - J.M. Borwein
   - B.M. Maenhaut
   - A. Ram

Accordingly, nominations are invited for **two** positions as Ordinary Members of Council, who shall be elected for a term of three consecutive sessions. Note that

according to Paragraph 34(iv) of the Constitution, D. FitzGerald and V. Ejov are not eligible for re-election at this time as Ordinary Members. According to paragraph 35 of the Constitution, representatives from South Australia and Tasmania will be required, to ensure that the elected Officers and elected members of Council include residents from all the States and the ACT.

To comply with the Constitution (see Paragraphs 61 and 64), all nominations should be signed by two members of the Society and by the nominee who shall also be a Member of the Society.

Nominations should reach the Secretary (whose name and address appear inside the back cover of the *Gazette*) no later than Friday 18 June 2010.

Alternatively, members are encouraged to send informal suggestions to the Nominations and Publications Committee, by emailing the Secretary at Secretary@austms.org.au.

For the information of members, the following persons are currently ex-officio members of Council for the Session 2009–2010.

Vice President (Chair of ANZIAM):	T.R. Marchant
Vice President (Annual Conferences):	R. Zhang
Representative of ANZIAM:	P.G. Howlett
Public Officer of AustMS and AMPAI:	P.J. Cossey
Chair, Standing Committee on Mathematics Education:	L.N. Wood
AustMS member elected to Steering Committee:	J.H. Rubinstein

Editors:	A.R. Albrecht and K. White (Gazette)
	D.E. Taylor (Bulletin)
	R.R. Moore (Electronic Site)
	M.G. Cowling (Journal of AustMS)
	C.E. Praeger (Lecture Series)
	A.P. Bassom and G. Hocking (ANZIAM Journal)
	A.J. Roberts (ANZIAM Journal Supplement)

The Constitution is available from the Society's web pages, at www.austms.org.au/Constitution.

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Peter Stacey joined La Trobe as a lecturer in 1975 and retired as an associate professor at the end of 2008 after many years as head of department and then associate dean. Retirement has enabled him to spend more time with his family while continuing with some research on C*-algebras and some work on secondary school education. He took over as secretary of the Society at the start of 2010.