



Special Interest Meetings

Applications for funding Special Interest Meetings are now considered twice a year, at the start of June and the start of December. The next two closing dates are 28 November 2014 and 5 June 2015.

If funding is being sought from both AustMS and AMSI, a single application should be made at <http://www.amsi.org.au/component/content/article/881>.

If funding is not being sought from AMSI, please use the application form available at <http://www.austms.org.au/Special+Interest+Meetings> and send it to the secretary at Secretary@austms.org.au.

Lift-off Fellowships

Members are reminded of the Society's Lift-off Fellowships which 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.

The fellowship rules, application form and details of past fellowship holders can be found at <http://www.austms.org.au/Lift-Off+Fellowship+information>.

Special General Meeting

The Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 11 December at the University of Melbourne. Immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting will be a Special General Meeting to consider changes to the Society's constitution.

The Special Meeting is required because since 1991 the Society's constitution has not been consistent with the ACT Associations Incorporation Act 1991. In particular, the Act requires constitutional changes to be approved by a Special Resolution at a general meeting of the Society whereas the Society's constitution has also allowed such changes to be approved by a postal ballot of members. For this reason the ACT Office of Regulatory Services did not approve the constitutional changes agreed to by members in a postal ballot conducted on 2 September 2013. These

changes will therefore be put to the Special Meeting, as will further changes to make the constitution consistent with the Act. It is also anticipated that Council will propose to the Special Meeting a change in the Society's financial year, to enable the annual conference to be held in December on a regular basis.

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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. Retirement has enabled him to spend more time with his family while continuing with some research and some work on secondary school education. He took over as secretary of the Society at the start of 2010.