



Election of Officers and Ordinary Members of Council

Officers of Council

Nominations are invited for the following two Officers for the session commencing after the Annual General Meeting to be held in December 2017: one Vice-President and one President-Elect.

Note: According to Paragraph 34 (i) of the AustMS Constitution, after the AGM in September 2017, Professor K.A. Smith-Miles will continue in office as the President, and Professor T.R. Marchant steps down as Immediate-Past-President, and is not eligible for immediate re-election as a Vice-President.

According to Paragraph 34 (ii), Professor J.A.G. Roberts steps down as Elected Vice-President, and is not eligible for immediate re-election to that office.

According to Paragraph 34 (iii), the positions of Secretary and Treasurer will be appointed by Council at its December 2017 meeting.

The present Officers of the Society are:

President:	K.A. Smith-Miles
Immediate-Past-President:	T.R. Marchant
Vice-President:	J.A.G. Roberts
Vice-President (ANZIAM):	M.R. Myerscough
Vice-President (ANZAMP):	T.M. Garoni
Secretary:	P.J. Stacey
Treasurer:	A. Howe

Ordinary Members of Council

Nominations are invited for three positions as Ordinary Members of Council, who shall be elected for a term of three consecutive sessions.

The present elected Ordinary Members of Council are:

1. Members whose term of office expires after the AGM in December 2017
J. de Gier H.S. Sidhu A.D. Sims
2. Members whose term of office expires after the AGM in December 2018
N.G. Bean A. Devillers D.M. Donovan
3. Members whose term of office expires after the AGM in December 2019
A.P. Bassom J.E. Licata A.C.M. Thomas

According to Paragraph 34(iv) of the Constitution, J, de Gier, H.S. Sidhu and A.D. Sims are not eligible for re-election at this time as Ordinary Members.

To comply with the Constitution, 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 no later than *Friday 23 June 2017*.

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 presently *ex-officio* members of Council for the Session 2016–2017.

Vice President (Annual Conferences):	V. Gaitsgory
Representative of ANZIAM:	J. Piantadosi
Representative of ANZAMP:	V.V. Mangazeev
Public Officer of AustMS and AMPAI:	P.J. Cossey
Chair, Standing Committee on Mathematics Education:	B.I. Loch
AustMS member elected to Steering Committee:	P.J. Forrester

Editors: S.A. Morris and D.T. Yost (Gazette)
 J.H. Loxton (Bulletin)
 R.R. Moore (Electronic Site)
 G.A. Willis (Journal of AustMS)
 J. Ramagge (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 <http://www.austms.org.au/Constitution>.

Nominations to Council Subcommittees

The Nominations and Publications Committee makes recommendations to Council on membership of Council subcommittees and Editors of the Society's publications. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee seeks to foster diversity of representation.

On behalf of the committee, I now call for expressions of interest from members willing to serve in any positions that may become open next year or in future years. The subcommittees of Council for which nominations are sought from Society members from time to time are the AustMS Medal Committee, the George Szekeres Medal Committee, the Gavin Brown Prize Committee, the Mahler Lecturer Committee, the Fellowship Committee, the Accreditation Committee, the Student Conference Support Committee, the Standing Committee on Mathematics Education, the Accreditation Committee and the Membership and Marketing Committee. In addition, Early Career Representatives, who organise Early Career Workshops, are nominated by the committee.

Some of the positions require particular expertise or experience and it will therefore assist the committee if those willing to serve indicate briefly the subcommittees for which they consider themselves best suited and their relevant experience.

The 2018 ANZIAM Medal: call for nominations

Nominations are now sought for the ANZIAM Medal, which is the premier award of ANZIAM, a division of the Australian Mathematical Society. At its annual general meeting in 2017, ANZIAM resolved that from 2017 the ANZIAM Medal would be offered annually.

Closing date: **6 November 2017**.

Nominations for the Award can be made by any member of ANZIAM other than the nominee. A nomination should consist of a brief CV of the nominee together with the nominee's list of publications and a one-page resume of the significance of the nominee's work. Nominations should be forwarded in confidence, electronically in pdf format, to the Chair of the Selection Panel, Professor Kerry Landman, email: kerry.l@unimelb.edu.au

Further details of the application process and the award criteria are on the ANZIAM website: www.anziam.org.au/The+ANZIAM+medal.

The 2018 E.O. Tuck Medal: call for nominations

Nominations are now sought for the E.O. Tuck Medal, an award given in honour of the late Ernest Oliver Tuck, by ANZIAM, a division of the Australian Mathematical Society. The mid-career award is for outstanding research and distinguished service to the field of Applied Mathematics. At its annual general meeting in 2017, ANZIAM resolved that from 2017 the ANZIAM Medal would be offered annually.

Closing date: **6 November 2017**.

Nominations for the AWARD can be made by any member of ANZIAM other than the nominee or members of the Selection committee. A nomination should consist of a brief CV of the nominee together with the nominee's list of publications, a one-page resume of the significance of the nominee's research and a one-page resume of the nominee's service contribution. Nominations should be forwarded in confidence, electronically in pdf format, to the Chair of the Selection Panel, Professor Peter Taylor, email: P.Taylor@ms.unimelb.edu.au.

Further details of the application process and the award criteria are on the ANZIAM website: www.anziam.org.au/The+EO+Tuck+Medal.

The 2018 J.H. Michell Medal: call for nominations

Nominations are now sought for the J.H. Michell Medal, an award given in honour of John Henry Michell, by ANZIAM, a division of the Australian Mathematical Society. The award is for outstanding new researchers in Applied and/or Industrial Mathematics.

Closing date: **6 November 2017**.

Nominations for the AWARD can be made by any member of ANZIAM other than the nominee or members of the Selection committee. A nomination should

consist of a brief CV of the nominee together with the nominee's list of publications and no more than a one-page resume of the significance of the nominee's work. Nominations should be forwarded in confidence, electronically in pdf format, to the Chair of the Selection Panel, Associate Professor Mark Nelson, email: mnelson@uow.edu.au.

Further details of the application process and the award criteria are on the ANZIAM website: www.anziam.org.au/The+JH+Michell+Medal.

Alf van der Poorten Travelling Fellowship

As a result of a generous donation from the van der Poorten family, applications for the 2017 Alf van der Poorten Travelling Fellowship are now invited, subject to the following rules. Prospective applicants should visit the Society's web site at <http://www.austms.org.au/Alf+van+der+Poorten+Travelling+Fellowship> for an application template before submitting an application electronically to the selection committee at van.der.poorten@austms.org.au before 16 May 2017.

The members of the selection committee are: Professor Sid Morris (Chair), Associate Professor David Pask and Associate Professor Jessica Purcell.

Rules for Alf van der Poorten Travelling Fellowship

1. The Alf van der Poorten Travelling Fellowship is offered to early-career researchers who have obtained their PhD in pure mathematics from an Australian university.
2. To be eligible to apply, a candidate must have qualified for their PhD within five years of the closing date, allowing for career interruptions, and they cannot have previously been awarded the Alf van der Poorten Fellowship. Applicants must have been members of the Society for the consecutive twelve-month period immediately prior to the date of application. (Back dating of membership to the previous year is not sufficient.) Preference may be given to applicants who are resident in Australia.
3. The Alf van der Poorten Fellowship will be awarded in odd numbered years, unless no one of sufficient merit is found, in which case no Fellowship shall be awarded.
4. The Fellowship Committee of the Society will make recommendations to the President of the Society on the award of the Alf van der Poorten Fellowship.
5. Applications for the Alf van der Poorten Fellowship should include the completed application form, detailing a travel and research plan and budget (at most one page), a budget justification, letters of support from all institutions being visited, a full CV and a letter from the awarding institution confirming when the applicant qualified for the award of their PhD. Applications should be sent to van.der.poorten@austms.org.au by May 16 in the year of the Fellowship.

6. The applicant should arrange for two letters of support from experts in their field to be sent directly to the committee care of van.der.poorten@austms.org.au. These letters should comment on the track record of the applicant and on the merits of the Fellowship application. One of these letters can be one of the letters of support from a host institution.
7. The selection committee will recommend the amount to be granted, to a maximum of \$10,000, to a successful applicant, taking account of the proposed research and travel activities, the need for support and the research track record of the applicant relative to opportunity.
8. The Selection Committee reserves the right to consult with appropriate assessors.
9. In applying for an Alf van der Poorten Fellowship applicants agree that if they are successful then their names, a citation and photograph can be published on the web pages and in the journals of the Society and they agree to submit a report on their Fellowship after its conclusion.
10. The Alf van der Poorten Fellowships will be awarded, in the first instance, every odd numbered year from 2015 to 2029. The amount of the Fellowship may be changed in consultation with the family of Alf van der Poorten.

AustMS support for Special Interest Meetings

Applications for support for Special Interest Meetings are now considered twice a year. For 2017, closing dates are 19 June and 13 November. If funding is being sought from both AustMS and AMSI, a single application should be made at <http://research.amsi.org.au/workshop-funding/>. 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.

Applicants should be aware that the volume of applications in recent times has led to maximum grants well below the \$6,000 specified in the Society's conference support rules.

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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 his interest in mathematics. He took over as secretary of the Society at the start of 2010.