

NANAMIC CIO 2017 AGM Report by the Chair – John Barton

2016-7 has been an interesting year in post-16 mathematics education. We have been awaiting the publication of the Smith review, but this has been delayed by the government for more than 6 months. This means that much of the sector is continuing to work in a system which is ready for change.

However, many other changes have taken place in the Maths examinations at all levels.

Although NANAMIC's membership is static the influence of the organisation continuing to be very strong, especially through our work with the National Centre for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics (NCETM), the Education and Training Foundation and the Advisory Committee on Mathematical Education. We also continue to work with the other maths associations through the Meeting of Mathematics Subject Associations (MMSA) and the Joint Mathematical Council (JMC).

Working with other Mathematics Organisations

We continue to be represented at the Joint Mathematical Council of the UK (JMC) which “promotes the advancement of mathematics and the improvement of the teaching of mathematics”. Sally Barton is a member of the executive committee, giving us the opportunity to represent views and experiences of the post-16 sector as part of the wider mathematical education community.

Similarly, we continue to attend the Meeting of the Mathematical Subject Associations (MMSA). This gives us the opportunity of seeing what is happening in the wider area of mathematics education, from primary to training the next generation of maths teachers in collaboration with the other mathematical associations.

The secretariat of the Advisory Committee on Mathematical Education (ACME) is also represented at the MMSA and is seeking to establish a good working relationship with each mathematical association. ACME “is an independent committee that develops advice on mathematics education policy in England”.

Consultations

We have addressed and continue to address issues which are of importance to our members. This year we have been consulted on a number of issues, especially around the introduction of the new Functional Skills. We have continued to inform you of ways in which you can respond to these consultations as individuals. We continue to respond to appropriate consultations as individuals, as an association and as members of the MMSA or the JMC.

Along with other subject associations, we have been involved in promoting the new Chartered College of Teaching. Membership is open to all graduates and members of subject associations (such as NANAMIC) are entitled to discounted membership.

CMathTeach

This recognition continues to be offered through NANAMIC as well as the other mathematics subject associations. Take up of this continues to be very slow and this designation's future continues to be discussed, especially as the new College of Teaching will probably be offering a Chartered Teacher designation.

Website

We are pleased to report that our website continues to provide free links to resources and details of our courses. We try to keep it up-to-date but apologise for anything which should have been removed. Check it out (www.nanamic.org.uk) and be prepared to make recommendations for additional resources or for sections to be removed.

Twitter

We are pleased to report that, as well as our bi-monthly email update, we also have a Twitter account @NanamicCio and its followers continue to grow. This is a valuable way of quickly getting information out to the community. Follow us and re-tweet our tweets!

Committee Personnel

After last year's conference and AGM, I was re-appointed as the chair, Sally Barton was appointed as the membership secretary, Anne Fieldhouse was appointed as Honorary Secretary and Andrew Davies was appointed as Honorary Treasurer. Peter Johnstone, Mudassar Khurshid, Peter Whitehead and Patrick Wyatt did not want to be trustees but were again co-opted onto the committee.

Fiona Allan has been a committee member of NANAMIC since 1998, serving as vice-chair 2004-7. Joan Ashley joined the committee in 2001, serving as secretary 2004-10. They both decided to step down as trustees in July 2016. We are very grateful for their contributions to NANAMIC over so many years. I am pleased to say that Joan has continued to help us with organisation, sharing her experience over many years. I paid tribute to them both in our September 2016 email newsletter.

Administrator

For a number of years, we had an employed administrator, Lesley Way. Her role involved membership, representing NANAMIC, being a point of contact, organising CPD and conferences, invoicing, chasing payments etc.

The last twelve months have been challenging, especially in the lead-up to the conferences, but we have managed to maintain the organisation using various unpaid members of the committee. This has resulted in us managing to bring down our year-on-year overspend.

Charitable Status

NANAMIC has now registered with Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs to be able to receive Gift Aid on donations. We have trialled this and we hope to be able to offer this over the coming months.

Additional Trustees and Committee Members

We are always looking for additional committee members and trustees. The current committee is happy to receive applications for others to join the committee and will co-opt suitable applicants. It is hoped that some of those co-opted will then allow their names to go forward to a future AGM to be appointed as trustees.

If you are interested, please send an email expressing this to chair@nanamic.org.uk.