

Moving towards a single classroom facing organisation in mathematics education

In considering the possibility of the five classroom facing mathematics associations (AMET, ATM, MA, NAMA, NANAMIC) joining together to form a single new association, it is necessary to set up the new association. The simplest form for this association is as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO).

The Charity Commission provides a model, and this has been used to produce the attached constitution. It is impossible for members of any of the associations to agree to start the process without knowing what they will be joining. The constitution can only be changed by a 75% vote of those attending a general meeting.

Name of the CIO: The name Association for Mathematics in Education says what the new association will be about. AMiE also has the advantage that amie.org.uk has been secured as a possible website address.

Next Steps

Initial membership and initial trustees: The initial members would be the five associations who would also appoint the initial trustees. There will be one trustee each from AMET, NAMA and NANAMIC plus two trustees each from ATM and MA. In addition, legal advice is that two or three trustees should be appointed who are NOT trustees or officeholders in any of the five associations. These nine or ten trustees would set up the new charity ready for the possible transfer of the five associations.

Membership approval: Most of the associations require a 2/3 vote of those attending a general meeting to dissolve their association and to transfer to another. The wording of the resolution will ensure that this does not take place unless members of all five associations agree.

Continuation of present associations: It will be necessary to continue with the current associations beyond the vote of the members to ensure, for example, that all members agree to their details being transferred to the new CIO and that the process for choosing new trustees and office holders has been agreed.

Other issues regarding the running of the new CIO: It is recommended that the constitution be as future-proof as possible as changes require a 75% vote and Charity Commission approval. However, the initial trustees would set up the procedural and working arrangements which can be changed by a simple majority vote at a General Meeting.