Geschäftssitzung der SMG vom 6. Juni 2023

Assemblée Générale de la SMS du 6 juin 2023

Ort/Lieu       University of Bern
               Room 106

Zeit/Heure    15.30-16.30

Protokoll/Compte-Rendu

1. Genehmigung der Traktandenliste / Acceptation de l’ordre du jour

   The President explains that Item 8 (Election of Honorary Member) has to be changed since N. Hungerbücher pointed out to the Committee that the procedure is different, the Committee and the two former presidents have to agree. J. Rosenthal explains details, and following this, item 8 can be removed. The agenda is accepted with this change unanimously.


   The minutes of the last General Assembly are shown, summarized and then accepted unanimously.

3. Mitteilungen (Präsident, Vizepräsident, Sekretär, Delegierte, Mitglieder) / Communications (Président, Vice-Président, Secrétaire, Délégués, Membres)

   President, Alain Valette: The report presented by the President is available on math.ch.

   The President also reads the reports by E. Bayer, Editor-in-Chief of Commentarii Mathematici Helvetici, and by N. Hungerbücher, Editor-in-Chief of Elemente der Mathematik. In particular, it is mentioned that CMH received 6600 pages of submissions and accepted 900 pages.
Vice President Joachim Rosenthal reports on the requests for travel grants to the SMS. The total requests were in line with the years before the Covid pandemic. All requests on the doctoral student level could be granted. There were also requests coming from undergraduate students to attend some conferences and/or workshops but because of the limited funding these requests were usually denied.

Secretary / Treasurer Christiane Tretter has nothing to report under this item.

Reports of Delegates: The president reports on the IMU General Assembly at Helsinki in July 2022 and the delegates present.

Stephan Schönenberger reports on ICMI and the installment of a new subcommittee with 6 members. Switzerland is only the 9th country to install such a subcommittee, see https://www.mathunion.org/icmi/organization/our-members.

EMS: The President reports that last year at the EMS Council Meeting in June in Bled, SMG was represented by Andras Szenes (UniGE).

ICIAM: no news

ScNAT: Delegate to the Plenum, Marc Troyanov, resigned with very short notice on December 31, 2022. Bruno Colbois was ready to take over from January 1, 2023 (Election follows).

Stiftung: Peter Buser has nothing to report.

Oberwolfach: no news.

Euler-Bernoulli-Gesellschaft: Large Meeting to commemorate the finalization of the last volume of Euler’s Collected Works.

Heinz-Hopf Preis: nothing to report.

DMK Delegate, Andrea Peter (excused), informed beforehand that she has nothing to report.

CMSI: a new delegate since March 2023, is Guido Lob (election later in the meeting)

Member Thomas Mettler will organize the Geometry Day in Brig on October 27, 2023.

4. Genehmigung der Jahresrechnung 2022 / Acceptation des comptes 2022

Secretary/Treasurer Christiane Tretter explains details of the Betriebsrechnung 2022, which was sent to the members in the spring mailing. In particular, she mentions that the effects of the pandemic with restricted possibilities for travel and organization of conferences are fortunately over. She also points out the special sum of an additional
40,000 CHF income due to a change in the mode of payments of Commentarii. In the long run, it is not clear if this sum will remain at this level and one should be prepared not to rely on it in the future.

The Jahresrechnung 2022 is accepted unanimously.

5. Entlastung des Vorstands / Décharge du comité

The activities of the SMG steering committee are approved, with 3 abstentions.


The President explains the procedure that, usually, the Vice-President is the candidate for President and the Treasurer is the candidate for Vice President, and that a new committee member as candidate for Treasurer was sought and found with Martin Gander from Geneva. Martin Gander presents himself briefly online.

The new Committee is elected with 3 abstentions.

7. Wahl von Delegierten / Election des délégués

As new ScNAT Delegate Bruno Colbois is elected unanimously.

As new CMSI Delegate Guido Lob is elected unanimously.

Delegate to Journals: at present this is E. Kowalski. He was never contacted, neither by the Editors nor by the Publisher. Therefore, the President suggests (with Kowalski’s approval) to delete this position.

J. Rosenthal explains that every institute should vote for a Board Member. For Math UZH he informs that V. Schroeder, now retired, will no longer continue. The new Board Member voted for by Math UZH will be Klaus Widmayer, the Steering Committee approves this.

8. Wahl eines Ehrenmitglieds / Election d’un membre honoraire

Deleted (see beginning).

9. Aktivitäten 2023-2024 / Activités 2023-2024: In 2024 we will have the Matura Awards.

The president invites applications for the organization of the Fall Meeting and for the Doctoral Day. For the Spring Meeting with GA Thomas Blomme has volunteered to organize it in Meielisalp.
The Abel Prize Day will take place in 2024 with 4 talks on the Abel Prize recipients 2021-24 during a week on „Tropical and Symplectic Geometry“.


Alain advertises to apply for support for meetings before mid of July since then ScNAT finances half.

Martin Gander reports on an event to attract young women to Math, there was a meeting in Les Diablerets which Martin found very good. He asks if SMG supported it (no), and the President agrees this would be a good idea.

10. Varia / Divers

A new member since January, Ostap Cherkashin (Zurich), mentions a security problem with the SMG website. One can retrieve names, email addresses and so on relatively easily by typing in first letters etc. He offers to help resolve the problem.