



Schweizerische Mathematische Gesellschaft
Société Mathématique Suisse
Swiss Mathematical Society

Minutes of the General Assembly 16.05.2024 Meieli's Alp

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The president calls the meeting to order at 16:05.

1. Approval of the agenda

Unanimously approved.

2. Approval of the previous minutes

Unanimously approved.

3. Communications

President

- The activity report for 2023 is in preparation, **should be ready by the end of May 2024**. We had 7 events in 2023.
- At the meeting for the Foundation ('Stiftung') on March 1st 2024, the dissolution was approved and the remaining money will be transferred to the SMG.
- SCNAT is providing matching funding for
 - individual travel related to research (about 4-5k)
 - conferences and workshops: we need to provide a list of events until the end of August. In 2024 we had about a dozen of events, and so far none for 2025. **We need to provide a list of events until August 12 to SCNAT and we ask the communities for proposals until end of June 2024.**
- EMS: we have two volunteers to go the the council meeting: Alain Valette and Christiane Tretter. The reports for last years meeting are missing.
- Two societies, the VSMP (Verein Schweizer Mathematiker und Physiker) and DMK (Deutschschweizer Mathematiker Kommission) have contacted the president via Andrea Peter and Guido Lob about activities in Switzerland to reduce the teaching volume of mathematics in high schools. **The president will prepare an email to Andrea, Guido, Norbert and Hansjürg Stocker that the SMG fully supports opposition, and we should try to contact also the engineering community in Switzerland.**

- The SMG supported the outreach program “Mathe im Advent” of the DMV with 250 Euros for 2023, not wired yet, and we propose to do the same this year. **500 Euros need to be wired.**

Vice-President

- We got so far one request for travel support which was approved.
- For the Matura Awards, we got so far 3 nominations. The ceremony will be on September 11th, 2024. **President will check if he can attend, otherwise maybe the vice-president could attend.**

Treasurer

- So far all potential auditors have refused to serve. **The treasurer will ask Gilles Vilmart and Bart Vandereycken from Geneva University.**

Members

- Foundation (‘Stiftung’): no support any more except of a letter for UBS to confirm support for the kangaroo program, a European school contest. UBS donated 15’000 CHF in 2023, and there were 57’000 participants! SMG could act as quality control, this should be transferred from the former foundation to the SMG.

4. Special communication

Two journals, Commentarii Mathematici Helvetici and Elemente der Mathematik, each provided a short annual report for 2023.

- SMG members can get a subscription for the Elemente for only 32 CHF a year.
- Elemente has a good web based paper handling system from Norbert.
- Eva Bayer retires as editor in chief, and a new editor in chief is needed.

Various aspects of finding a successor, widening the scope covered by the editorial board and using an electronic handling system for the manuscripts are discussed. The SMS Steering Committee will take the lead to address these issues.

5. Renewal of the bylaws

With the end of the foundation, the SMG should formally become an association (‘Verein’), which it de facto is already, and the bylaws (‘Statuten’) should be adapted to the format of an association. For this work, the team of Alain Valette and Hanspeter Kraft is already active.

6. Approval of the annual financial statements

Unanimously approved.

7. Discharge of the steering committee

Unanimously approved.

8. Approval of Auditors

- The auditors for the last two years were not formal approved. The general assembly approves them a posteriori unanimously: for 2022 Sebastian Bader and Thomas Wihler, for 2023 Jan Dreissman and Thomas Wihler. For 2024, the general assembly approves unanimously Gilles Vilmart and Bart Vandereycken, provided they accept to serve.
- For the ICMI sub-commission, Norbert proposes Stéphane Clivaz (Haute école pédagogique du canton de Vaud) as ICMI delegate, and Andreas Schulz (PH ZH) as new member of the ICMI sub-commission. The board accepts this unanimously.

9. Planned activities 2024/2025

- Swiss doctoral day organized by Philippe Habegger was a big success with over 40 participants.
- The Abel Day (held every 4 years) will be organized in fall by Joachim Rosenthal in Zurich.
- For the fall meeting, the SMG could support the Swiss Numerical Analysis day in Geneva and thus this could become the fall event. However extending the classical format of the Swiss Numerical Analysis Day seems difficult. **The treasurer will talk to the local organizers in Geneva.**
- For the spring meeting 2025, Joachim Rosenthal proposes to organize the meeting in Zurich in the area of post quantum cryptography. **It would be good to reintroduce the newly arrived professor scientific talks at these events.**

10. Varia

There were no varia.

The meeting is adjourned at 17:20.