

COUNCIL REPORT TO THE 2006 CMSA AGM

On behalf of the CMSA, it is my pleasure to write this report for the 2006 CMSA Annual General Meeting.

The 2006 Council

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The council met three times during 2006: April, July and November. Most of the business centered on planning for 31ACCMCC (Alice Springs July 8-12 2006) and 32ACCMCC (Otago Dec 2007), changes in the management of the Australasian Journal of Combinatorics. Earlier in the year Ian Wanless coordinated a CMSA Submission to National Strategic Review of Mathematical Sciences Research in Australia.

31ACCMCC

One of the highlights for the year included an enjoyable conference at Alice Springs organized by a team from Charles Darwin University very capably led Ian Roberts and Ian Wanless. There were around 60 participants and 40 talks.

At the conference there were presentations of the 2005 CMSA Medal to Prof Derek Holton and Honourary Life Membership to Prof Ed Dawson. There was a general meeting of CMSA also conducted at 31ACCMCC.

Membership

Membership for the CMSA for 2006 numbers 259, of which 90 are (ordinary) life members, and 2 have honorary life memberships.

The Australasian Journal of Combinatorics

Elizabeth Billington, Editor-in-Chief reports:

Since 2005, three issues of the Journal have been produced per year, in February, June and October. Volume 37 (February 2007) is about to go to the printers. We are continuing with the printers Watson Ferguson and Company, who do an admirable job with reasonable turn-around time.

From Volume 28, September 2003, each journal issue has running heads, and a

uniform format for addresses etc., thanks to the work of Paul Bonnington who modified the stylefiles. This has considerably improved the look of the Journal.

This year Paul has stepped down as Chief Managing Editor, although he continues as Production Editor, dealing with the final PDFs for the printers, and other technical matters. I should like to thank Paul very much indeed for all his great work on the Journal, and for agreeing to continue in the role of Production Editor.

We welcome Gordon Royle to the position of Chief Managing Editor, as he gradually takes over more of the work Paul did. Welcome also to Catherine Greenhill and Diana Combe, who joined the team of Managing Editors earlier this year. Asha Rao continues as a Managing Editor, and Charles Little returns to this position early in 2007 after extended leave for all the past year. Many thanks to all our Managing Editors who do a splendid job finding referees from amongst the overworked academics all over the world.

The number of submissions to the Journal continues to rise, with a very large number from Asia. We have decreased our backlog, and are rejecting far more papers these days. The number of pages per issue has dropped back from a high of 352 to a more manageable 320.

I'd also like to thank Peter Adams for all his work as Financial Manager of the Journal. Peter reports that the number of subscriptions is sufficient to keep the Journal running at a small annual surplus. Consequently there will be no increase in the price of Journal subscriptions in 2007.

Thanks are of course also due to all our many referees, who help ensure the quality of the Journal.

Finally, I also encourage CMSA members to submit their high quality papers to the Journal.

Elizabeth Billington
Editor-in-Chief
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CMSA Newsletter

This year saw the end of Prabhu Manyem's tenure as Editor for the CMSA Newsletter. Prabhu had introduced some important innovations and style changes for the newsletter, including moving it to an electronic-only newsletter. Prabhu's contributions to the running of the newsletter have been very appreciated by all, and Prabhu was thanked by the council earlier this year. The new editor is University of Auckland based PhD student Eyal Loz.

Paul Bonnington
President
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