WFNMC General Meeting

27/7/26 2:30pm local time (Kuala Lumpur)

Present: R Geretschlaeger (RG) – President, D Athmane (DA), K Bankov (KB), R Barbossa (RB), S Blasberg (SB), L Caceres (LC), I Chan (IC), D Crawford (DC), S Dorichenko (SD), A Kepert (AK), TS Khai (TSK), E Khinko (EK), A Kimaro (AK), E Lee (EL), E Motta (EM), R Pinarbasi (RP), S Ramly (SR), T Sanders (TS), A Soifer (AS), I Tsvetkova (IT), C Wetherell (CW), A Zawawi (AZ), M Zeljko (MZ).

Online: K Ciesielski (KC), L Donner (LD), W Lu (WL), S Roka (SR)

1. Welcome: RG welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that all present classed as members and so were eligible to vote, where appropriate.

RG then presented the agenda for the meeting.

2. In Memoriam: RG noted that the last four years had been difficult ones for the organisation and that he had lost 9 people who had been very active within the organisation, including several Erdos award winners. He asked everyone to stand while he read their names and pictures of those concerned were displayed.

Warren Atkins, Agnis Andjans, George Berzsenyi, Ron Dunkley, Tony Gardiner, Bruce Henry, Andy Liu, Jozsef Pelikan, KP Shum.

3. Erdos Awards: RG reminded everyone that these were awarded by the organisation for sustained and notable contributions to the mathematics competition world. He noted that the full citations could be found on the WFNMC website at www.wfnmc.org.

Sandor Roka (Hungary)

Michal Krych (Poland)

Edmilson Motta (Brazil)

As the last of these was present at the meeting, RG asked KB, the Chair of the Awards Committee to make the presentation.

4. Constitution Modifications: KC introduced the two small, proposed constitution modifications, along with a brief rationale for the changes.

a) All the Officers of the organisation are limited to two four-year except for the President, who is limited to one four-year term. The first proposal is:

Proposal 1: The President is limited to two four-year terms.

b) Currently, the role of Chair of the Awards Committee is filled automatically by the Immediate Past President.

Proposal 2: The Chair of the Awards Committee is filled by any Past President, as elected by the Executive.

RG invited the meeting to vote on these proposals.

Proposal 1: Passed unanimously.

Proposal 2: Passed unanimously.

5. Election of President and Executive for 2026-2030: KC noted that RG had been an excellent President over the last four years and had taken a very active role in many activities. He proposed that RG be elected President for a second term. There were no other proposals.

Motion: RG be appointed President for 2026-2030 passed with 1 abstention.

RG thanked the meeting for re-appointing him. He then discussed the remainder of the Executive. SD is timed out from his role as Vice-President and RG thanked him for all his service, noting that he had also served the Executive as the Secretary before that. The meeting gave SD a well-deserved round of applause. Meike Akveld is stepping down from her role as Vice-President to focus on her roles within the Kangaroo organisation. DC is timed out from his role as Secretary.

RG noted that all the other positions within the Executive could remain the same and proposed the following three changes:

Proposed as Vice-Presidents for 2026-2030 DC and SR

Proposed as Secretary for 2026-2030 LD

TS proposed that the whole slate be voted on at once, which was approved by general agreement.

Motion: To adopt the proposed Executive for 2026-2030 passed with 2 abstentions.

6. Current Projects

RG reminded the meeting of the support that AMT provides to WFNMC, and has done since WFNMC was formed, and thank them for their continued help.

a) Satellite Conference in Burgas 19-21 August 2026: This provides an opportunity for those who were unable to attend the meeting in Kuala Lumpur with a chance to meet and network. RG said he hoped more such regional conferences could be held in the future.

b) Co-operation with ICMI: RG noted that WFNMC usually holds a one day mini-conference to coincide with ICME. He also pointed out that competition research is becoming more prevalent as more recognition of the value of competitions occurs.

c) Journal: RG asked that everyone consider writing articles for the Journal, particularly those who have given a talk at the meeting. Details of how to format articles and where to send them could be found on the website.

d) Book Project: Previous meetings have resulted in books based on the papers given. This time, the publishers have requested that we concentrate on problems, with solutions. Any contributions, including particular problems that were mentioned as part of any talks, should be sent to RG, CS or LD, who will be editing the book.

7. Future Meetings:

a) ICME and the WFNMC Mini-Conference. ICME 2028 will be held in Prague and it is hoped that WFNMC will be able to organise a one-day conference for the day before registration there.

b) WFNMC Meeting 2030: RG reported that no volunteers had come forward as of yet and asked that anyone who was interested let him know.

8. AOB: a) AS thanked SR and his team for all their work to make this conference so successful.

b) RP suggested Armenia as a possible venue for WFNMC XI and said he would make some enquiries.

RG Closed the meeting at 3:30

D Crawford

Secretary