



# Ramanujan Mathematical Society

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## Minutes of the General Body meeting held on 28.12.2020

1. The General Body (GB) meeting of the Ramanujan Mathematical Society (RMS) was held on 28th December, 2020 from 5:30 PM to 7:40 PM **online** via Zoom arranged by the local organiser of the 35th Annual Conference Professor Jugal Prajapat.
2. The President Professor S. Ponnusamy welcomed everyone, and requested the Secretary to present his report.
3. The Secretary of RMS, Professor C.S. Aravinda, welcomed the members present at meeting. He began by recounting that most of 2020 – the year which marked the 100th death anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan – was a tough year because of the raging COVID-19 pandemic. Recalling the sad passing away of many luminaries, including the centenarian Professor S.S. Shrikhande of 'the Euler spoilers' fame, Professors C.S. Seshadri and Roddam Narasimha who also served in distinguished capacities of the past RMS office, Professors A.M. Vaidya and P.V. Arunachalam who translated *The Man Who Knew Infinity* into Gujarati and Telugu respectively, and others closely associated with the activities of the RMS, he proposed that everyone present shall observe two minute silence as a mark of respect to the departed souls who served the cause of mathematics with dignity and purpose.
4. The minutes of the last GB meeting held on 2nd August 2019 in the Seminar Hall at the Guest House building of the University of Pondicherry was tabled for confirmation by the Secretary. Dr. Vandana Bansal proposed acceptance and Professor Renuka Devi seconded the previous GB meeting minutes, which was then passed by the present GB.
5. It was reported that 72 new members joined since the last annual conference, taking the total number of life members from 1511 to 1583 until the conduct of this GB meeting. Professor Tirunelveli Shanmugam proposed that admitting the new members to RMS be accepted, and Professor T. Tamizh Chelvam seconded it. And the GB approved. The notable of inclusion of the Vice President of the American Mathematical Society Professor Ken Ono was mentioned.
6. The Secretary reported that RMS is functioning smoothly. Then presented his report on the work undertaken from the time of conclusion of the previous annual conference of the RMS held in Pondicherry, highlighting completion of the mandatory registration renewal of the RMS, major revamping of the RMS website for a user-friendly navigation, and preparation for the conduct of the two conferences online. The members present unanimously lauded the Vice President Professor Ambat Vijayakumar and the convener Professor Vinodkumar for spearheading the International Conference on Number Theory and Discrete Mathematics (ICNTDM) event with finesse.
7. The revised Bye-laws document passed at the GB meeting in July 2018 had not been submitted for approval during the registration renewal that year. The pending job was taken up at the present meeting again and GB had no objection to submitting for approval to the registration office at Trichy and complete the process.
8. The Academic Secretary Professor K.S. Charak in his report mentioned that one compact course was conducted during the year, and reported on the smooth conduct of the ICNTDM.

9. The audited statement of accounts was presented by the Treasurer Professor Durairajan. Dr. Vandana Bansal proposed acceptance, Professor Pratulananda Das seconded, and the GB approved.
10. Detailed reports of the JRMS, Lecture Notes Series (LNS) & Collected Works (CW) and MNL publication activities were presented.
11. As regards the venue for the 36th annual conference of RMS, the only proposal that was received was from Dr. K. Somasundaram of the Amrita University, Coimbatore. The GB was unanimous in approving it. Given the still prevailing uncertainty due to the pandemic, it would be planned as an **online conference** tentatively in July 2021, while keeping the possibility to turn it to a regular physical location conference in case situation eases by then.
12. The President Professor Ponnusamy tabled requests from the Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore and Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur seeking RMS to be a co-host of their upcoming conferences. It was agreed that the committee consisting of the President, the Vice President and the Academic Secretary, will deliberate and take decisions keeping in mind the high academic standing of the RMS before lending the name of RMS as a co-host.
13. Regarding the proposal for an office building of RMS in Trichy, the President informed that appropriate governmental authorities have been approached.
14. Regarding the publication of the Hindi and Telugu translations of *The Man Who Knew Infinity* by Robert Kanigel, the President reported that the efforts are on to realise the project.
15. Vice President Professor Vijayakumar mentioned that, consequent to the change of plans from the Azim Premji University, the APU-RMS Teachers Training Program ceases to exist henceforth. This information will be updated on the RMS website.
16. It was agreed that the RMS is an associate member of The Mathematics Consortium (TMC).
17. Professor Sampathkumar reported on his detailed discussion with Professor Kumar Murty to set up an RMS Publications Committee (RPC), consisting of 10 members with Professor Kumar Murty as the Chair and a convener. The objective of the RPC is to advise on all matters related to the publication activity of RMS. The Secretary presented the names of people who have accepted to be on RPC, and read out the two page draft document on the responsibilities and composition of the RPC. The proposal was welcomed by the GB. It was further resolved that an in-depth study on the constitution and functions of the RPC will be made and the matter discussed at the next EC meeting of RMS.
18. The GB meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



Secretary  
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