IMTA Constitution

1. NAME

The Association shall be known as: "**Cumann Oidí Matamaitice na hÉireann**" or "**Irish Mathematics Teachers' Association**". This may be shortened to **IMTA**.

2. AIM

The aim of the Association shall be to further the study and teaching of Mathematics and to foster co-operation between teachers of Mathematics, especially by means of the following:

2.1 The encouragement of the formation of regional branches;

2.2 The provision of professional development for members through, for example, workshops, lectures, TeachMeets, and symposia both in-person and online;

2.3 Continuous review of curricula and examinations;

2.4 Promotion of research and experimental projects in mathematical education;

2.5 Liaison with kindred associations and with educational authorities;

2.6 The publication of a newsletter / journal to contain articles and contributions from Branches, individual members, various groups and other contributors;

2.7 The maintenance of the Association website.

3. MEMBERSHIP AND BRANCHES

3.1 All those interested in mathematics and mathematics education may apply for membership

3.2 There shall be three categories of membership:

(a) Membership for pre-service mathematics teachers, Newly Qualified Teachers and retired mathematics teachers;

(b) School membership;

(c) Individual membership.

3.3 Persons who, in the opinion of Council (see point 5 below), have contributed notably to mathematics or mathematics education may be elected honorary members.

3.4 Council shall decide on regulations for the formation of Branches from time to time.

3.5 Members shall register through the national website and select their Branch. If no branch exists in their area, a member should select the Branch closest to them or the National Branch.

Council shall keep a centralised membership list to include their email addresses, the addresses of the School, College, Institute or University at which they teach, where relevant, and their selected Branch. Branch representatives on Council will have access to the relevant data. This list will be made available to the Branch where relevant.

3.6 Each Branch Treasurer shall furnish to Council, annually, a Statement of Accounts to August 31 within a fortnight of that date.

4. SUBSCRIPTION

4.1 The annual subscription for members shall be determined annually by Council before the start of the following academic year.

4,2 Members shall pay their subscriptions (where relevant) annually when they register via the Association's website and select their Branch as set out in point 3.5. Subscriptions are valid for the academic year in which they are paid. However, subscriptions paid close to the end of the academic year may be deemed to be for the following year, at the discretion of Council.

4.3 Council will provide 50% of the annual net income registered for a Branch to the Branch from time to time, once the Branch has fulfilled point 3.6 above.

5. THE COUNCIL

5.1 The Council shall have the following functions:

5.1.1 To administer the affairs of the Association;

5.1.2 To represent the branches and members;

5.1.3 To implement the Aims of the Association;

5.1.4 To negotiate on behalf of the Association with all relevant stakeholders, including (but not limited to) the NCCA, Department of Education, Oide, and the SEC.

5.2 The Outgoing Council

5.2.1 The term 'outgoing Council' refers to the Council at any time currently in office, and whose work, other than that of its officers, ceases at the end of the AGM. The term 'outgoing officers' refers to the five officers, namely the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Co-

ordinator, of the outgoing Council. The work of the outgoing officers ceases at the start of the first quorate meeting of the new Council after the AGM.

5.2.2 Each outgoing officer who is not elected to the new Council at the AGM shall have the option of being a member, not necessarily an officer, of the new Council for the duration of that Council. If an outgoing officer is elected to an office on the new Council, he/she shall, at the end of that second office, be entitled to the option attached to an officer outgoing from that Council.

5.3 The Council shall consist of the following:

5.3.1 Those outgoing officers who choose to exercise their right, set out in point 5.2.2, to membership of the new Council;

5.3.2 The subject representative(s) on NCCA Subject Development Groups, where they exist;

5.3.3 The Newsletter editor(s);

5.3.4 Members from the post-primary sector, with each branch electing one member;

5.3.5 Two members from the third level sector, to be nominated to Council at the AGM;

5.3.6 One member from the primary sector, to be nominated to Council at the AGM, where possible.

5.3.7 Members who can be co-opted at the discretion of Council annually, subject to Council having no more than 20 members.

5.4 First Meeting of the new Council

Each officer of the outgoing Council shall, no later than the end of the First Meeting of the new Council, confirm to the Secretary (outgoing or incoming) of the Association, who shall communicate the information to the new Council, whether he/she intends to exercise the right to be a member of the new Council. This right, if unconfirmed, will lapse at the end of the first quorate meeting of the new Council subject to the following:

The First Meeting of the new Council shall choose a chairperson *pro tem* who will conduct an election of officers to the new Council. Following the election of these officers, insofar as that can be done at the meeting, the new Council chairperson, or in his/her absence another new officer, shall take over the chairing of the First Meeting, and of subsequent meetings of the Council. If no officer is elected at the appointed first quorate meeting, then the first subsequent quorate meeting will become the First Meeting and all the provisions set out above for outgoing officers shall be transferred to this new First Meeting.

5.5 In the event of a Branch representative not being able to attend a particular meeting, the member's branch may nominate a replacement.

5.6 A meeting will be quorate if there is an attendance of 50% plus 1.

5.7 In the event of a vacancy occurring, the Council shall have power to fill such vacancy.

5.8 The Council shall also have power to set up Sub-Committees when such are required. Members of subcommittees do not have to be members of Council, but each subcommittee should have at least one Council member.

6. ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE OF COUNCIL

6.1 The terms of office of Council shall extend from the conclusion of the AGM to the conclusion of the next AGM.

6.2 Council shall, at its first meeting, elect from among the incoming Members, the officers of the Association:- Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Co-ordinator.

6.3 Volunteers shall be sought for, and agreement reached on, the positions of Newsletter editor(s) (if vacant), social media officer, competition coordinators and Irish officer.

6.4 Each of the officers listed in point 6.2 shall serve for no more than 6 consecutive years in the post. Unless they are willing and are re-elected.

There is no maximum term of office for any other position on Council.

7. EXPENSES

Expenses incurred on behalf of the Association shall be paid by the Honorary Treasurer on the recommendation of Council.

8. THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL MEETINGS

8.1 The Annual Conference shall be held at a time and place decided by Council.

8.2 During the Annual Conference, the Annual General Meeting shall be held. At this meeting, the report of the Honorary Secretary, the Statement of accounts and the Honorary Treasurer's report to August 31st shall be presented, and nominations to Council for the coming year shall be announced.

8.3 Notice of the AGM shall be sent to members in a timely fashion.

8.4 At the Annual General Meeting, any member shall have the right to move a resolution which, having been duly seconded, arises, in the opinion of the Chairperson out of the report of the Honorary Secretary or of the Honorary Treasurer. Other resolutions will be governed by point 8.6.

8.5 At the Annual General Meeting, any member shall have the right to move a resolution not covered in 8.5, or to propose an amendment to Rules in this Constitution, provided that two months' notice of the motion is sent in writing to the Honorary Secretary who shall forward it to all members of the Association when sending notice of the meeting.

8.6 An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called at any time by the Honorary Secretary either at the discretion of the Council, or at the request, in writing and/or email, of not less than thirty members.

8.7 Rule 8.4 shall not apply to resolutions and / or amendments to the Rules of this Constitution proposed by the Council.

8.8 A resolution shall be duly carried upon receiving a majority of the votes of the members present.

9. INSURANCE

Each Council of the IMTA shall take out, or renew, a public liability insurance policy on behalf of the Irish Mathematics Teachers' Association, except in extraordinary circumstances such as the Covid pandemic.