

## Follow up to 24 January Information Evening

We would like to thank all those who attended the members meeting on Tuesday regarding the proposed merger. We would like to assure you that all your opinions are valued.

The process started 5½ years ago with discussions in the Meeting of the Mathematics Subject Associations. We looked at various alternatives but recognised that we are often not invited by government and other bodies because they do not know which association to approach. The results of our deliberations were shared with the committees of all five associations and they agreed to us proceeding. They also agreed four documents: a statement, a draft proposal, a statement of intent and a list of frequently asked questions. Minutes of these meetings can be found [here](#).

It was decided that, to become one association, it is necessary to create a new charity (CIO). It is impossible for the associations to dissolve unless this CIO has been created. It is therefore proposed to create this charity at this year's AGMs. The following year there will be a proposal to dissolve all the associations into the new charity which will require a 2/3 majority at each AGM.

The following timeline sets out what will be proposed and when, together with the consequences of the vote.

Date		
March 2023	Members of each association will receive a proposal to create the new CIO.	
3 April 2023	There will be a vote to create the new CIO.	
	<b>If passed in all 5 associations</b>	<b>If not passed in any of the 5 associations</b>
May – July 2023	The constitution for the new CIO will be submitted to the Charity Commission	The process will stop
	The initial trustees* will be appointed by the associations	
July 2023 – March 2024	Initial trustees begin the process of deciding working arrangements, place of headquarters, staffing, types of membership etc	
April 2024	There will be a vote to begin dissolving the 5 associations into the new charity – agreed by all associations	
	<b>If passed in all 5 associations</b>	<b>If not passed in any of the 5 associations</b>
	All 5 associations will continue for the next 12 months	The process will stop
	All members will be asked permission to transfer their data to the new CIO.	
February 2025	The initial trustees will nominate a chair, secretary and treasurer. Members will be asked to nominate trustees	
April 2025	At the first AGM, the initial trustees will all stand down and new trustees will be appointed by the members	
From April 2025	The activities of the five associations will cease.	

\* The initial trustees will be appointed by the five associations: 2 from ATM, 2 from MA, 1 from AMET, 1 from NAMA, 1 from NANAMIC. In addition, they will appoint 2 or 3 who are not trustees of any of the five associations.