

History of the SMC

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History The Scottish Mathematical Council held its first meeting on 25 September 1967. Initially the Council had 15 members of whom 6 were nominated by the Edinburgh Mathematical Society, 6 by the Glasgow Mathematical Association and 3 by the Scottish Branch of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications.

The size of the Council has remained essentially unaltered and membership is currently governed by the following extract from the SMC constitution:

"The Council shall consist of not more than 16 members, distributed as follows at the time of their election:

- 4 university teachers of whom at least one shall be a university professor;
- 6 school teachers or advisers or lecturers from institutions providing initial teacher training, with the proviso that there be at least one member from each category;
- 3 lecturers from further education or industrial mathematicians, with the proviso that there be at least one member from each category;
- not more than 3 other members."

Chairmen

1967-73	Professor R.A. Rankin, University of Glasgow
1973-74	Professor W.D. Collins, University of Strathclyde
1974-80	Professor E.M. Patterson, University of Aberdeen
1980-84	Professor A.G. Mackie, University of Edinburgh
1984-87	Professor J. Hunter, University of Glasgow
1987-93	Professor J.M. Howie, University of St. Andrews
1993-96	Professor D.A.R. Wallace, University of Strathclyde
1996-2001	Professor A.C. McBride, University of Strathclyde.
2001-	Dr I. Anderson, University of Glasgow.