



The Mathematical Association of America

Bylaws of the Florida Section

(As Amended on February 22, 2003)

Article I

Name and Purpose

1. The Name of this Section shall be the Florida Section of the Mathematical Association of America, Inc.
2. The purposes of the Florida Section shall be to assist in the improvement of education in the mathematical sciences at the collegiate level by carrying out the purposes of the national organization within the territory defined below in Article II.

Article II

Membership

1. The membership of the Florida Section shall be as follows:
 - a. The membership of the Mathematical Association of America, Inc. resident in the State of Florida or the Caribbean areas, unless a member has notified the Secretary otherwise.
 - b. Members of the Mathematical Association of America, Inc. who reside in the territory not included in any Section and who notify the Secretary that they wish to be members of this Section.

Article III

Officers

1. The Officers of this Section shall be the President, President-Elect, Past President, Vice-President for Programs, Vice-President-Elect for Programs, Vice-President for Site Selection, Vice-President-Elect for Site Selection, Secretary-Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and the Coordinator of Student Activities. In some years there shall be a Secretary-Treasurer-Elect or Newsletter Editor-Elect. (See 4. Below)
2. The Executive Committee of this Section shall consist of the Officers of the Section and the Section Governor *ex officio*.
3. Each Section Officer must be a member of the Mathematical Association of America, Inc. and of this Section.
4. The President-Elect and the Vice-President's-Elect shall be elected each year at the Annual Meeting of the Section and shall assume office upon the adjournment of the meeting. They shall succeed to the named office in the following year. The Secretary-Treasurer-Elect or the Newsletter Editor-Elect, who may be the current Secretary-Treasurer or Newsletter Editor, shall be elected in the years, respectively, 1993+3i, 1991+3i and shall assume office upon the adjournment of the meeting. They shall succeed to the named office for three-year terms in the years, respectively, 1994+3i, 1992+3i, after adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Section. The Coordinator of Student Activities shall be elected in the years 2000+3i to a three-year term and shall assume office upon the adjournment of the meeting. Only the Secretary-Treasurer and the Newsletter Editor may serve consecutive terms in the same office. Nomination, election and tenure of the Section Governor shall be as specified through the national office.
5. One or more candidates for each office shall be nominated by a committee chaired by the Past President and appointed by the Executive Committee, but this shall not preclude nominations from the floor at the annual election. Any member of the Section is eligible for election of any office except as noted in paragraph 4 above. The Committee shall nominate in such a way that should its nominees be elected the resulting Executive Committee would be representative of the varied professional and geographic affiliations of the Section membership.
6. The duties of the Section Officers shall be as follows:

- a. The President shall preside at each meeting of the Section, call and preside at meetings of the Executive Committee (proposing an agenda circulated in advance when possible but allowing additional business as time permits), appoint committees of the Section and be an *ex officio* member of each committee unless otherwise directed by the membership of the Section at an official Section meeting, or unless otherwise directed in the Bylaws, and perform other duties as required by the national association or the Executive Committee.
- b. The Past President shall chair the Nominating Committee.
- c. The President-Elect shall serve as coordinator of regional meetings.
- d. The Vice-President for Programs shall chair the Program Committee and the Vice-President-Elect for Programs shall serve on that Committee. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President for Programs shall act as President.
- e. The Vice-President for Site Selection shall chair the Site Selection Committee, and the Vice-President-Elect for Site Selection shall serve on that Committee. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President for Programs, the Vice-President for Site Selection shall act as President.
- f. The Secretary-Treasurer shall, among other duties,
 - i. be responsible for Section minutes, records, and official correspondence of the Section,
 - ii. appropriately distribute information from the national office,
 - iii. assist and support other Section Officers in the performance of their duties,
 - iv. coordinate with the Local Arrangements Committee and the Program Committee in the planning of the Annual Meeting,

- v. collect Section registration fees and receive the allowance provided by the national association, retain all funds of the Section, pay its bills and maintain a checking account (drawing interest if possible and for which the Secretary-Treasurer's signature is sufficient),
 - vi. provide members of the Executive Committee with an annual written report of the Section's finances, and,
 - vii. perform duties suggested by the national office.
 - g. The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for collecting information, editing, producing and distributing the Newsletter. The Newsletter Editor serves as the Section's Public Information Officer.
 - h. The Coordinator of Student Activities shall be responsible for arranging the involvement of students in the Annual Meeting and encouraging the formation and continuation of Student Chapters of the Mathematical Association of America at the various institutions of higher learning throughout the Florida Section.
7. The Executive Committee shall conduct the affairs of the Section between meetings of the Section. In matters requiring immediate action, the President, Governor and Secretary-Treasurer may act on behalf of the Executive Committee.
8. If a vacancy among the Officers of the Section occurs, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy by appointing a member of the Section to serve until the next meeting of the Section; at that meeting, an election shall be held to fill the vacancy.

Article IV

Meetings

1. The Section shall hold one regular meeting each year.

2. A motion concerning the time and place of this meeting shall be reported at least two years in advance by the Committee on Site Selection at the Annual Meeting and the report of the Committee acted upon by a vote of the membership.
3. The Annual Meeting shall be planned by the Program Committee in coordination with the Local Arrangements Committee, the Secretary-Treasurer and others. The Executive Committee shall make suggestions for speakers and it may also suggest topics of interest. The Coordinator of Student Activities shall work with the Program Committee to provide an opportunity for student participation in the Annual Meeting. The Program Committee shall consider suggestions from the national office concerning program organization and the membership shall be solicited for program suggestions as well as contributed papers.
4. A Special Meeting may be called either by the Executive Committee, by a resolution of the membership at a meeting, or by petition presented to the Secretary-Treasurer with verification of signatures of 1/10 of the membership of the Section. The details of the meeting shall be arranged by the Executive Committee.
5. Each member of the Section shall be notified in writing at least fifteen days in advance of any Regular Meeting or Special Meeting of the Section.
6. A quorum shall consist of the members present at a meeting.

Article V

Assets

1. The Secretary-Treasurer shall collect a registration fee from all members who attend the Annual Meeting.
2. The assets of the Florida Section shall be used exclusively to further the purposes of the Section, and in the event of dissolution of the Section the remaining assets will be returned to the national organization to be used for a purpose consistent with the purposes of the national organization.

Article VI

Committees

1. Standing committees of the Section include the Executive Committee, Nominating Committee, Program Committee, Site Selection Committee, a Local Arrangements Committee, and the Awards Committee. The President may appoint other ad hoc committees to carry out the work and activities of the Section.
2. The Executive Committee shall appoint the members of the Nominating Committee in such a way that the Nominating Committee is representative of the varied professional and geographic affiliations of the Section's membership. The Program Committee shall consist of the Vice-President for Programs and the Vice-President-Elect for Programs. The Site Selection Committee shall consist of the Vice-President for Site Selection and the Vice-President-Elect for Site Selection. The Awards Committee shall consist of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Past Presidents and the committee shall be chaired by the 4th Past President.
3. A Local Arrangements Committee shall be agreed upon with the members from the prospective host institution and chaired by a Section member from that institution. The Secretary-Treasurer shall provide to that Chair helpful information from the national office and from previous Local Arrangements Committees.
4. Other projects undertaken by the Section, through action of the membership or the Executive Committee, may be implemented by a project coordinator; such projects may include the Secondary School Lecture Program, the Annual High School Exam, and Articulation. The President shall appoint or reappoint such coordinators unless otherwise specified.
5. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be observed by any member of the Section, space permitting. Prior notification to the President is necessary if an observer wishes to speak on a particular issue. The Secretary-Treasurer shall notify the membership when possible of the time and place of Executive Committee meetings through announcements in the Newsletter

or at a business meeting.

Article VII

Amendments

1. These Bylaws may be amended by a majority of the votes cast by members at any meeting of the Section, subject to the approval of the Board of Governors of the Mathematical Association of America.
2. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing by the Secretary-Treasurer to all members of the Section at least fifteen days prior to the time of voting.

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