

# The Mathematical Association of America

# **North Central Section**



### North Central Section Bylaws

# **ARTICLE I**

### Name and Purpose

- 1. The name of this section shall be the North Central Section of The Mathematical Association of America.
- 2. The purpose of the North Central Section shall be to advance the mathematical sciences, especially at the collegiate level, by carrying out the purposes of the national organization within the territory defined below in Article II, Section 1.a.

# **ARTICLE II**

## **Membership**

- 1. The membership in the North Central Section shall be as follows:
  - a) Members of The Mathematical Association of America residing in Minnesota with zip codes 55000 through 56799, North Dakota with zip codes 58000 through 58899, that part of South Dakota having zip codes 57000 through 57013 and 57100 through 57699, the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and that portion of Ontario consisting of Thunder Bay and west.
  - b) Members of The Mathematical Association of America not being resident in the territory of this Section, who have become members of this Section in accordance with Article VI of the by-laws of The Mathematical Association of America.

# **ARTICLE III**

#### **Officers**

- 1. The officers of the Section shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, President-Elect, and Information Officer. Each Section officer must be a member of the Mathematical Association of America and of this Section.
- 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Section, the Section Governor, the immediate Past-President, the Student Chapter Coordinator, and two members at large.
- 3. The President-Elect shall be elected annually at the spring meeting. The President-Elect shall become President for a one-year term at the expiration of the one year term as President-Elect. The Information Officer, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Student Chapter Coordinator shall each be elected for a term of three years. The term of office of members at large of the Executive Committee is two years. All terms of office begin on July 1 or immediately following the Spring Meeting, whichever occurs later.
- 4. Candidates for President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Information Officer, Student Chapter Coordinator, and the members at large of the Executive Committee shall be nominated by a committee appointed by the President; other nominations may be made by any member at the time of the annual election.
- 5. The President shall preside at all business meetings of the Section and all meetings of the Executive Committee, shall have general charge and shall execute the affairs of the Section. The President shall appoint all committees unless otherwise directed by the members at a meeting, and shall be an ex officio member of all committees.
- 6. The Secretary shall record the minutes of each Executive Committee meeting and each Sectional Business meeting, keep all expository records, notify members of meetings, call for papers to be presented at the meetings, handle all the mailings, conduct correspondence for the Section, and submit an annual report to the Committee on Sections.
- 7. The Treasurer shall receive all monies paid into the Section, deposit such monies in a bank to the account of the Section, and shall pay all bills of the Section out of the Section funds, keep all accounts and financial records of the Section, and submit an annual report to the national office. The Treasurer shall also be the Book Sale Representative for the Section with responsibility for the sale of books at each of the Sectional meetings.
- 8. The Information Officer will edit the Newsletter and run the Section web site, posting items sent by other officers and also posting other items the Information Officer thinks appropriate. The Information Officer will set up and maintain links to other sites as appropriate, and will solicit, compose, and post the Section Newsletter twice a year.
- 9. The President-Elect shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President.
- 10. The Executive Committee shall conduct the affairs of the Section between meetings. It is empowered to fill any vacancy among the officers of the Section until the time of the

annual election. In case of a vacancy in the office of President-elect, a candidate for the office of President will be selected by the nominating committee and presented for election at the annual election.

# **ARTICLE IV**

### **Meetings**

- 1. The Section shall hold two regular meetings each year, one in the fall and the other in the spring.
- 2. The time and place of these meetings shall be decided by the Executive Committee.
- 3. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the procedure in all business meetings of the Section.
- 4. Programs for all meetings shall be arranged by the Executive Committee.
- 5. The Section may hold special meetings, the time and place of which shall be determined by the Executive Committee, unless otherwise designated by a resolution passed at a regular meeting.
- 6. The members of the Section shall be notified in writing by the Secretary of any regular or special meeting at least fifteen days in advance of the meeting, or notification of the regular or special meeting shall be posted on the section web site and members notified in writing of the posting at least fifteen days in advance of the meeting. A quorum shall consist of not less than twenty members of the Section and no business may be validly transacted at meetings where less than a quorum is present.

# **ARTICLE V**

### **Finances**

- 1. A registration fee for each non-student member shall be collected at each regular meeting. The Executive Committee will determine annually the amount of the fee.
- 2. The assets of the Section shall be used exclusively to further the purposes of the Section.
- 3. In the event of the 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**

#### **Amendments**

- 1. Amendments may be proposed by any member of the Section or by the Executive Committee. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing by the Secretary to all members of the Section at least fifteen days prior to the time of the meeting at which the amendments are to be considered, or proposed amendments shall be posted on the Section web site and members notified in writing of the posting at least fifteen days prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendments will be considered.
- 2. An amendment presented according to Article VI(1) may be approved, rejected or approved with minor modifications, 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.

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