

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
Florida Section of the MAA  
February 20, 2004  
University of Central Florida

President Judy Jones called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Lee Armstrong, Local Arrangements Committee; Pam Crawford, VP-elect-Programs and Acting Governor; Steph Fitchett, VP-Site Selection; Ben Fusaro, Coordinator of Student Activities; Scott Hochwald, President-elect; David Kerr, Past-president; Lubo Markov, VP-Programs; Bill Rush, Newsletter Editor; Joe Skala, Secretary/Treasurer; and John Waters, VP-elect-Site Selection were in attendance.

The minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting of April 26, 2003 were approved.

Reports:

1. Pam Crawford, reporting on behalf of our Governor, Marilyn Repsher who could not attend the meeting, read a statement from Marilyn which will be posted on the FL-MAA website in the May 2004 newsletter. Two items of particular note were:
  - a. The MAA's work with AMATYC in the development of a new faculty development program entitled - Project Access. This program is available to faculty at two-year institutions and is similar to Project NeXT. Information about the program is available on the MAA website at [www.maa.org](http://www.maa.org) or on the AMATYC website at [www.amatyc.org](http://www.amatyc.org).
  - b. The upcoming centennial anniversary of the MAA. The national office is preparing a display for this event and has asked sections to send material appropriate for the centennial celebration to Washington.
2. Joe Skala gave the Secretary/Treasurer's Report which indicated that the section has approximately \$8,000 on balance. Joe reported that the publishing companies had donated \$1,325 this year to the section so that they could set up tables at the annual meeting. Joe also reported that there were 120 "preregisters" for the meeting - over twice the number from the 2003 meeting. Joe reported that the "\$50 lottery prizes" were largely responsible for this high number of pre registrations and he recommended that we continue this raffle in the future.
3. Bill Rush gave the Newsletter Editor's Report which indicated that we continue to set new log-in records with our FL-MAA website. February 2, 2004 marked the most hits on a single day - 230. February 2004 set a new monthly record with 796 hits and, to date, there have been over 13,000 hits on the website. Bill reported that there are 568 people on our FL-MAA listserv and he reiterated that May 10th is the deadline for the May 2004 newsletter.

4. Scott Hochwald, President-elect, reported that the Central Region met on January 16th with 80 in attendance and that the Suncoast Region met on December 5 with 104 in attendance. Scott reported that the First Coast Region is planning to meet in April 2004.

5. Ben Fusaro gave the Coordinator of Student Activities Report in which he said that MAA national has grant money to host student mathematics conferences. Embry-Riddle applied for one of these grants this year and will be hosting a meeting in March. Ben proposed that the section subsidize undergraduate student attendance at the annual conference banquet and the Executive Committee endorsed this idea and approved a cost structure for the banquet regarding students of:

For undergraduate student presenters: Free  
For any undergraduate student: \$5.00

6. Steph Fitchett gave the Vice-president for Site Selection Report wherein she confirmed our next annual meeting at Manatee Community College on February 25/26, 2005 and the 2006 meeting will be hosted by FAU Honors College in Jupiter on February 17/18 2006.

7. Lubo Markov gave the Vice-president for Programs Report thanking everyone who was involved in the development of the program with special thanks to the speakers who volunteered to give presentations at the meeting.

8. Lee Armstrong gave the Local Arrangements Committee Report indicating that "all was ready" for the annual meeting. Lee expressed his gratitude to UCF faculty and staff Lori Dunlop-Pyle, Patrick Higgins, Heath Martin, Ram Mohapatra for their work in coordinating this meeting. The Executive Committee extended its gratitude as well to Lee, Lori, Patrick, Heath, and Ram for all their hard work in support of the MAA.

9. David Kerr gave the Nominating Committee's Report which consisted of a slate of officers of:

Steph Fitchett, FAU Honors College - President-elect  
Li Zhou, Polk CC - Vice-president-elect for Programs  
Guesna Dohrman, Tallahassee CC - Vice-president-elect for Site Selection  
Daniel Jelsovsky, Florida Southern C - Coordinator of Student Activities

10. Debbie Garrison reported that FTYCMA will be hosting the national AMATYC meeting in November 2004 in Orlando. Information on the meeting is available on the FL-MAA website, the FTYCMA website, or the AMATYC website. Debbie also reported that FTYCMA is working on developing a state-wide curriculum for pre-college algebra courses.

Action Items:

1. The Executive Committee assigned David Kerr to act as a liaison between the national office and the section archives to determine what kind of information should be sent to Washington in support of the centennial celebration.
2. The Executive Committee formally approved the recommendation that the annual meeting dates be moved to the third weekend of February, whenever possible, so as to not conflict with Spring Break at some state institutions.
3. President Judy Jones proposed that section funds be used to help cover travel expenses for section officers attending national MAA meetings when they are formally representing the section. The Executive Committee approved this proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.