

Florida Section of the Mathematical Association of America
Executive Committee Meeting
Lakewood Ranch – Manatee Community College
February 25, 2005

In attendance: Guesna Dohrman, Steph Fitchett, Debbie Garrison, Scott Hochwald, Judy Jones, David Kerr, Altay Ozgener, Bill Rush, John Waters, Li Zhou. John Kennelly from MAA National also attended.

President Hochwald calls the meeting to order at 9:45am and the minutes from the April 24, 2004 Executive Committee meeting are approved.

David Kerr reported that on the national scene, MAA has received a grant from NSF to fund the Gateways Project – the construction of a portal to link mathematical resources on the web at a single site. The MAA's Digital Library <http://www.maa.org/MathDL> will form a major component of the portal but there will be many other resources accessible there as well. He also reported that the MAA is beginning a 5 year strategic planning cycle with Professional Development, Revenue, and the American Mathematics Competitions (USA Math Olympiad, and International Math Olympiad) being the first areas to be addressed.

John Kennelly informed the Executive Committee that sections can invest section monies in the MAA Investment Pool as a way to establish an endowment for the Florida Section.

Bill Rush reported that all numbers on the FL-MAA website are up over last year:

Activity	February 2004	February 2005
Membership on listserv	568	733
Hits annually	13,000	18,389
Hits during February	716	819

Bill also informed the Executive Committee that he purchased a new digital camera for the section. Finally, Bill reported that for this year's sectional meeting we went with two different registration forms – one for students, one for faculty. The Executive Committee felt that this had worked out well and recommended that we use two forms for the 2006 meeting.

Steph Fitchett provided a report on the regional meetings. Suncoast, First Coast, West Florida and Central Florida continue to be active while Big Bend and Gold Coast have not met for several years. John Kennelly reported that some regions in some sections hold what are called "state dinners" for their regional meetings. These involve a formal get together but one in which there are only a couple of plenary addresses and then a social dinner.

John Waters reported that the sites for the next three annual meetings have been determined. They are the Honors College of FAU for 2006, Tallahassee CC for 2007, and Florida Southern College for 2008.

Pam Crawford reported that the development of the program went well and she thanked Altay Ozgener and Bill Rush for maintaining the program on-line.

Judy Jones gave the Nominating Committee's report. The new officers are:

Jacci White, St. Leo University, President-elect
Joel Berman, Valencia CC, Vice-president-elect for Programs
Eduardo Fernandez, Eckerd College, Vice-president-elect for Site Selection

David Kerr gave the report for the Awards Committee which selected Bill Caldwell from UNF for the Distinguished Service Award and Pat McDonald from New College of Florida for the Distinguished Teaching Award.

Debbie Garrison reported that FTYCMA will be focusing on state-wide standards for the College Algebra course at their fall retreat. She also reported that Cliff Morris was this year's recipient of the FTYCMA Service Award.

For new business, the Executive Committee established a policy in which the section will provide funding to Executive Committee members to attend the annual February meeting whenever they do not receive funding from their host institutions.