

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Florida Section of the Mathematical Association of America
February 19, 2010
Santa Fe College

In attendance:

Joel Berman (VCC), Past President
Bettina Capuano, (SFC), Local Arrangements
Pam Crawford, (JU), President
Christina Dwyer (SCF), Assistant Coordinator of Student Activities
Daniela Genova, (UNF), VP Site Selection and VP-elect Programs
Scott Hochwald (UNF), Governor
David Kerr (Eckerd), Newsletter Editor
Chuck Lindsey, (FGCU), President-elect
Altay Özgener (SCF), Webmaster
Janet Samuels (SCF), Assistant Coordinator of Student Activities
Monika Vo, (Saint Leo), VP Programs
John Waters (SCF), Secretary-Treasurer
Jacci White (Saint Leo), VP-elect, Site Selection

David Bressoud (Macalaster), President, MAA

President Pam Crawford called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

The minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of April 25, 2009 were approved.

Reports:

1. David Kerr reported that Margie Hall from Stetson University is our nominee this year for the national Haimo Teaching Award. Her nomination package was submitted to national but results will not be known until the Fall Semester 2010.
2. Scott Hochwald reported that MAA national has received a grant to study 'Calculus I' at the collegiate level. Initially, some 500 colleges and universities throughout the country will be selected to receive a survey to begin the compilation of data. Scott encourages all Florida institutions, if they are so pre-selected, to participate in this important national endeavor.

Scott reported that the MAA has positioned itself fairly well for the Great Recession and though it did lose some value on its endowment last year, the MAA did not have to dig into reserves to cover operating expenses.

Scott reported that in the future there will be two kinds of student memberships in the MAA - undergraduate and graduate. Graduate students will receive all three MAA journals in electronic form; undergraduates will receive only the College Math Journal and the Mathematics Magazine electronically.

Scott reported that 2015 is the centennial anniversary of the association. Fred Zerla is

currently preparing a brief summary of the history of the Florida Section.

As this was to be his last meeting as Governor of the Florida Section, Scott thanked everyone on the Executive Committee for their support and, then, Pam Crawford, thanked Scott for his outstanding performance and superlative service these last three years.

3. Monika Vo reported that the program was complete and that she was very pleased with the format this year - both with the depth and breadth of the plenary sessions and the contributed paper sessions. There was a question, early in the planning process for the meeting this year, about whether or not 45-minute talks are too long for contributed paper sessions. The Executive Committee was split on this issue and there was a great deal of discussion on it. Many of the pros and cons of 45-minute talks versus 20-minute talks versus some combination of both were discussed and, in the end, it was decided to let the Vice-president for Programs decide the format of the program each year.

4. John Waters reported that we had 175 preregistrations for this meeting which is a new record high.

John also reported that national has changed their reporting requirements slightly with the Section's 'year-end report' now due at the end of the state-wide meeting as opposed to July 1 annually.

5. David Bressoud reported that at the national level the membership of the Board of Governor's will change slightly. The editors of the three MAA publications will no longer serve on the Board but the six Council Chairs of the MAA's national committee's will serve on the Board.

David reported that strategic planning continues on the national level. This year the areas of research will be SIGMAA's and Publications/Books.

David reported that the MAA is also looking into the mechanics of its 'Departmental Membership' program. Specifically, the MAA is considering whether or not the three journals, which the department receives, should continue in paper format or go to electronic format and whether or not a certain number of student memberships should be included in the departmental membership. David reiterated that departmental memberships are just for the Mathematics Department at an institution and that these journals should not be given to the institution's library for binding and cataloging. There is a different rate for institutions desiring a library membership with the MAA.

David reported that he is very enthusiastic about the upcoming Calculus I survey with the MAA using the survey to answer some basic questions about Calculus I - who is enrolled, what are the completion rates, what is being taught, etc. Like Scott, David encouraged every institution, teacher or student who is asked to complete the on-line survey to do so.

6. Joel Berman reported that the new slate of officers will be:

President -elect: Monika Vo (Saint Leo)
Vice-president-elect for Programs: Sidra Van de Car (VCC)
Vice-president-elect for Site Selection: Joni Pirnot (SCF)
Webmaster: Altay Özgener (SCF)

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

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In the absence of President Crawford, Vice-president Vo (in accordance with our Bylaws) called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

1. The first order of business was to formally vote on the changes to the Bylaws which the Executive Committee and the national Committee on Sections had recommended. When the proposed changes were moved, Fred Zerla offered an amendment to Article III, Section III which stated that the Governor of the section would be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee of the Florida Section. Fred asked that that phrase "...nonvoting member" be stricken from our bylaws. Fred's amendment was seconded and approved unanimously. With this amendment, the Bylaws were approved unanimously.

2. John Water's gave the Secretary-Treasurer's Report and Scott Hochwald gave the Governor's Report. Scott reiterated that all forthcoming membership renewals with the MAA will include the option of members receiving all three MAA journals electronically for the price they had been paying for one paper journal. Scott reiterated that from now on all student memberships in the MAA will be electronic. Undergraduates will receive two journals and Math Horizons; graduate students will receive all three MAA journals plus Math Horizons.

3. Joel Berman placed the slate of officers

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in nomination. There were no nominations from the floor and the slate was approved by acclimation.

4. There was no old or new business.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.