

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
Florida Section of the Mathematical Association of America  
February 11, 2011  
Valencia Community College - East Campus

President Chuck Lindsey called the meeting to order at 9:45am.

In attendance:

Joel Berman (Valencia), Local Arrangements  
Pam Crawford (Jacksonville), Past President  
Julie Francavilla (SCF), Coordinator of Student Activities  
Daniela Genova (UNF), VP Programs  
David Kerr (Eckerd), Newsletter-Editor  
Chuck Lindsey (FGCU), President  
Mike Mears (SCF), Governor  
Altay Özgener (SCF), Webmaster  
Rick Pal (Valencia), FTYCMA  
Janet Samuels, (SCF), Assistant Coordinator of Student Activities  
Sidra Van de Car (Valencia), VP-Elect Programs  
Monika Vo (Saint Leo), President-Elect  
John Waters (SCF), Secretary/Treasurer  
Jacci White (Saint Leo), VP Site Selection

Visitors:

Nancy Johnson (SCF)  
Paul Zorn (St. Olaf), President, MAA

The minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting of May 22, 2010 were approved with minor corrections.

Reports:

Rick Pal reports that FTYCMA is currently in the process of amending its constitution and beginning preparations for the national AMATYC meeting which will be held in Jacksonville in 2012. Rick also reports that the annual FTYCMA Fall Retreat will be held on October 15/16, 2011 at Polk State College.

Paul Zorn reports that 2015 will be the 100 year anniversary of the founding of the MAA and that Mathfest will be held in Washington, DC that year. Paul encourages the Florida Section to think about holding its 2015 meeting at a site of similar historical significance to the section. Paul reports that the MAA is in good financial position and that the primary source of income for the MAA comes from memberships and book sales. Paul believes that each of us should encourage all people in our departments to join the MAA. He also announced that a campaign entitled 'The Greater MAA Fund' will be launched in the near future with the proceeds from this

campaign supporting Project NeXT, faculty development and student activities at national meetings.

John Waters reported that our balance as of December 31, 2010 was \$10,410.20 but that this balance will change over the next few weeks as the receipts for this annual meeting are processed. John felt that our ending balance would remain around \$10,000 once all our bills are paid. Mike Mears asked John to prepare a 5-year balance sheet to determine long-term trends within the section. John said that he will prepare and then maintain this 5-year balance sheet.

David Kerr reported that 'cash and carry' book sales will no longer be allowed at the sectional meetings. This is a new national policy set in place because of varying state and county sales tax regulations throughout the nation. Instead, the section will maintain display copies of MAA books and that attendees at our meetings will order their books directly from the national MAA.

Daniela Genova reported that the program for the upcoming meeting was complete with a wide variety of talks and presentations. She thanked all of the speakers, especially the plenary speakers, for their contributions in creating a rich and diverse program. Daniela reported that this was the first time in several years that we gave speakers the option of presenting a 20 minute talk as opposed to the usual 45 minutes. Although this option was available from the outset, Daniela reported that very few mathematicians selected it. For future meetings, Daniela recommends that we limit the length of abstracts to make our program more uniform. It would be easy to set this limit - specifying it from the outset in the initial Call for Presentations.

Jacci White reported that the 2012 annual meeting will be held at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville and that 2013 is tentatively scheduled for the University of Tampa.

Janet Samuels reported that two student competitions are planned for this meeting. The awards will be presented at the Friday night Award's Banquet with \$50 and \$25 for first and second place in the integral contest, respectively and the winner of the Ken-Ken/Sudoku contest being awarded a MAA book.

Monika Vo reported that the West Coast Region (Pensacola region) held a regional meeting in November 2010 and the Suncoast Region held its annual meeting in December 2010 at the University of Tampa. First Coast has scheduled a regional meeting for March 2011.

Altay Özgener reported that all of our website files have been successfully moved to the national MAA website. Our new URL is <[sections.maa.org/florida](http://sections.maa.org/florida)>. He also reported that he will start uploading a complete final copy of our programs into a separate section of our archives. He also reported that the PowerPoint presentation 'State of the MAA 2010-2011' will soon be linked on our site.

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

Mike Mears reported that 2011 is our year for submitting a nominee to receive the national MAA Service Award. This award is only authorized for Florida every five years. After discussion within the Executive Committee, Mike appointed Chuck Lindsey, Janet Samuels and Monika Vo to serve on a 3-person committee to select the section's nominee. The name will be submitted to national this summer.

Chuck Lindsey requested that we begin a discussion at our next Executive Committee meeting on 'prices.' It is true that our prices, especially for meals, are going up and Chuck believes that we should look into this. Some initial ideas included charging vendors more money for a table; having vendors sponsor students at the banquet/luncheon; moving the banquet/luncheon off-campus, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25am.