



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

## MAA-FL Section

*Date | time | place* **2/26/2016 9:35 AM** | Saint Leo University *Meeting called to order by* Joni Pirnot

### Attendance

Brian Camp (Saint Leo), VP-elect Site Selection  
Daniela Genova (UNF), Newsletter Editor  
Scott Hochwald (UNF), Past-president  
Daniel Jelsovsky (Florida Southern), VP-elect Programs  
David Kerr (Eckerd), Secretary / Treasurer  
Monika Kiss (Saint Leo), VP Programs  
Altay Özgener (SCF), Webmaster  
Joni Pirnot (SCF), President  
Don Ransford (FSWSC), Student Activities Coordinator  
Jacci White (Saint Leo), Governor

#### Guests:

Ryan Kasha, President, FTYCMA  
Mike Mears, Past-governor  
Francis Su, President, MAA

### Approval of Minutes from the 2015 Executive Committee Meeting

The minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting of April 18, 2015 were approved.



### Reports

Joni Pirnot gave the President's Report. She reported that next year will mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Florida Section and she hopes that we will continue to look forward with lots of new initiatives.

David Kerr gave the Secretary/Treasurer's Report and reported that there were 144 people who pre-registered for the 49th annual meeting. David also reported that 38 people had pre-registered for the newly instituted Friday luncheon. Three of these people were new attendees to the annual meeting and thus received the luncheon at no cost. David also reported that the financial condition of the section is strong with a current balance around \$15,000 but that this balance would decrease over the next few weeks as expenses for the 49th annual meeting were paid. David also reported that the year-end financial summary report for 2015 had been sent to the national MAA in January.

Jacci White gave the Governor's Report and reported that MAA departmental memberships are now available with one benefit of the program being the fact that institutions are allowed unlimited student memberships. Cost of the departmental membership varies with the size of the institution and with the terminal degree they offer. Jacci reported that MathFest 2016 will be held in Columbus, Ohio. She also reported that the Board of Governors will be updating the MAA's governance system over the next several years. Jacci asked for people in the Florida Section to consider serving on one of the national committees of the MAA. Francis Su also reiterated this point and told us that it is especially difficult to fill the writing award committees. He said they need people who read the MAA journals consistently and who browse the journals a lot.

Daniela Genova gave the Newsletter Editor's Report. She said that the national office of the MAA would like to send out a section-wide e-mail three times a year either containing the newsletter itself or containing a link to the newsletter.

Monika Kiss gave the Vice-president for Programs Report and informed the Executive Committee that she had to turn some contributed papers submissions down because of lack of space in the program. She also reported that most of the rooms were dedicated to specific themes, e.g., student talks, math education talks, etc. There was some discussion here about formally coordinating thematic sessions in future FL-MAA meetings and having the speakers, who submit an abstract for presentation in a contributed papers session, inform us as to which session they would like to present in. After some discussion, the Executive Committee decided that we are just too small to try to mirror the procedures of the national Joint Mathematics Meetings. The VP's for Programs will continue to be responsible for constructing a program for the annual meeting in the best way they see fit.

Brian Camp gave the Local Arrangement's Committee Report. He reported that most of the presentations are scheduled in Kirk or Lewis with the plenary sessions and meals in the Student Activities Center. Brian reported that two publishers had committed to the meeting. For the Site Selection Report, Brian informed the Executive Committee that the 2017 meeting would be at SCF, the 2018 meeting at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, and they are thinking of Valencia College in 2019.

Ryan Kasha gave the FTYCMA Report and reported that the Fall 2016 Retreat would be held at SCF and that the retreat would focus on MAT 1033. He also reported that Altay Özgener would be the new incoming president.

Scott Hochwald gave the Nominating Committee's Report. He reported that Brian Camp was being nominated for President-elect; Chuck Lindsey for VP-elect Programs; Anthony Okafor for VP-elect for Site Selection.

Don Ransford gave the Student Activities Coordinator Report. He reported that we are doing 'paint sudoku' as one of the student competitions this year but that he is also thinking of expanding student competitions for the 50th anniversary meeting next year. Some ideas include a computational problem solving competition, a poetry & prose competition, a dedicated hospitality room for students to work on problems throughout the meeting, etc. Francis Su further suggested that an estimating fun game has been used successfully by other sections. Here students work in teams and submit interval answers to questions such as 'how many stop signs are there in NYC?' There was some discussion here on whether or not there should be two winners to the integration contest – say, a FR/SO winner and a JR/SR winner. The Executive Committee decided to table this discussion until its May 2016 meeting.

Altay Özgener gave the Webmaster's Report and reported that all of the pages on our website have been updated and expired material removed.

Francis Su, President of the MAA, informed the Executive Committee that the new CUPM Guidelines have just been released and are available on-line through the maa.org website. He also informed us that the MAA is

currently in the process of developing an 'institutional practices' guide. Finally, he asked all members of the Executive Committee to reach out and encourage membership in the MAA.

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### Old Business

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### New Business

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Next year marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the section. Our meeting that year will be held on the Bradenton campus of SCF. The Theatre Department there has already committed to presenting a math play in conjunction with our meeting but with a cost of \$10 per person. The Executive Committee will discuss this at its May 2016 meeting and decide whether or not this cost could be rolled into the registration fees.

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### Adjournment

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2/26/2016 11:03 AM

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 am and was followed by a walking tour of the Saint Leo facilities.