

Minutes from Executive Committee Meeting
Manatee Community College
Lakewood Ranch Campus

APRIL 24, 2004

Present: Pam Crawford, Guesna Dohrman, Stephanie Fitchett, Debbie Garrison, Scott Hochwald, Dan Jelsovsky, Judy Jones, David Kerr, Altay Ozgener, Marilyn Repsher, Bill Rush, Joe Skala, John Waters, Li Zhou.

1. President Hochwald called the meeting to order.
2. Joe Skala reported that there were 180 attenders at the 2004 meeting at UCF - 108 pre-registers and 72 on-site registrations. Joe reported that approximately 50% of all the people who attended the meeting were MAA members. Joe also reported that the \$50 cash prize in a random drawing from the pool of preregistered attenders was very successful and he hoped that the section could continue this in the future. The Executive Committee agreed and decided that 6 such prizes would be awarded in conjunction with the 2005 meeting. Joe also encouraged regions to promote MAA book sales, and the specially authorized discount available only during the state-wide meeting, at their Fall Semester regional meetings.
3. Marilyn Repsher reported on a new national initiative entitled Project ACCESS which is a program similar to Project NeXT but geared toward instructors in two-year colleges. Individuals may apply directly on-line at the MAA website <<http://www.maa.org>>. Marilyn also reported on the diversity and richness of the PREP Program and the professional development opportunities available each summer from the MAA.
4. Bill Rush provided a statistical report on the section's website and recommended that the Executive Committee solicit a report from the President-elect each year which would summarize and report on any annual meetings of the six regions in the state. The Executive Committee agreed and a new "President-elect's Report" will be solicited for the newsletter.
5. Dan Jelsovsky reported that MAA national is currently funding undergraduate mathematics conferences. Details for applying for a grant are available on the national website. There is a submission deadline of May 15th each year. Dan indicated that he would like to provide undergraduate students a small stipend for presenting at the annual meeting in addition to subsidizing their meal at the banquet. The Executive Committee passed a motion allowing the Coordinator of Student Activities to spend no more than \$50 per undergraduate student in whatever combination of stipends, books, or food subsidies the coordinator felt was appropriate.
6. John Waters and Guesna Dohrman reported the following site selections:

February 25-26, 2005 at Manatee Community College
February 17-18, 2006 at the Honors College of FAU in Jupiter
February 16-17, 2007 at Tallahassee Community College
February 15-16, 2008 at Florida Southern College
7. Pam Crawford reported on the 2005 program and the commitment of David Bressoud from Macalester College as our Polya Lecturer and Brian Conrey from the American Institute of Mathematics as a plenary speaker. Brian is an expert on the Riemann Zeta Function and Pam hoped that several thematic talks could be centered around this topic.
8. The Executive Committee passed a motion that the section's nominee for the national Haimo Teaching Award be the previous year's recipient of the section's distinguished teaching award. This would give the section and the individual time to prepare the nomination packet which is due March 1st each year.

9. Debbie Garrison, reporting on behalf of FTYCMA, informed the Executive Committee that the national AMATYC meeting was scheduled for Orlando in November 2004.

10. Scott Hochwald adjourned the meeting and several members of the Executive Committee then toured the facilities at Lakewood Ranch.