

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Florida Section of the Mathematical Association of America
April 25, 2009
Santa Fe College

President Pam Crawford called the meeting to order at 10:30am.

In attendance:

Joel Berman (Valencia), Past President
Bettina Capuano (Santa Fe), VP Site Selection
Christina Dwyer (SCF), Assistant Coordinator of Student Activities
Julie Francavilla (SCF), Coordinator of Student Activities
Daniela Genova (UNF), VP-Elect Programs
Scott Hochwald (UNF), Governor
David Kerr (Eckerd), Newsletter Editor
Chuck Lindsey (FGCU), President-Elect
Altay Özgener (SCF), Webmaster
Don Ransford (Edison), FTYCMA
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
Dave Yonutas (Santa Fe), Local Arrangements

The minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting of February 13, 2009 were approved.

Reports:

1. Pam Crawford reported that the bylaw revisions are proceeding on schedule and that the revisions will need to be formally approved at the sectional meeting in February 2010. Pam also reported that Puerto Rico has petitioned the MAA to form its own Caribbean Section. This is currently under review at the national office.
2. John Waters reported that our balance as of 4/25/09 was \$10,228.59. John also reported that he would be completing the sections annual report - which is now on line - over the next several weeks.

3. Scott Hochwald reported that National MAA continues to be involved in bylaw revisions at both the national and sectional level and that the assessment of MAA operations continues. Scott reported that all assessment reports can be viewed by members on-line at <www.maa.org>.

4. David Kerr reported that the section subsidized \$350 worth of MAA books for student speakers at the 2009 meeting. National MAA no longer covers this expense but the Executive Committee decided in February 2009 that the Florida Section would continue the practice.

5. Bettina Capuano reported that Santa Fe College will host the 2010 meeting - scheduled for February 19/20, 2010 - and that Valencia Community College - East Campus will host the 2011 meeting. The University of North Florida will host the 2012 meeting.

6. Christina Dwyer reported that they will use a KenKen puzzle instead of Sudoku for the 2010 meeting. Information on this puzzle is available at <www.kenken.com>. Christina also requested that the two student competitions be scheduled for the first day of the meeting and always in two different sessions.

7. Bettina Capuano reported that Santa Fe College is pleased to host the 2010 meeting. All SFC classrooms have internet access, projectors, etc. She also reported that she is considering the possibility of including tours of the SFC acclaimed petting zoo as part of the meeting.

8. Don Ransford reported that the Fall Semester FTYCMA workshop will be hosted by Polk State College - Lakeland on October 3, 2009. One focus of the workshop this year will be the college algebra sequence - elementary, intermediate, regular - in the State University System.

Old Business

There was a great deal of discussion on establishing a 'graduate student grant program' to encourage graduate student participation in our annual meetings. The Executive Committee decided to fund four \$150 grants for the 2010 meeting. These four grants would be specifically targeted to Ph.D. graduate students at UF, FSU, USF and UCF and the grant would help cover their travel expenses up to the \$150 allotment. Interested graduate students will submit their abstracts to Scott Hochwald for consideration and review.

The Executive Committee slightly modified its policy on awarding \$50 prizes to six randomly selected people from the 'pre-registration pool.' We implemented this policy several years ago to encourage pre-registrations. For 2010, we will award only four such prizes but the names will still be randomly selected from the pool of pre-registrants.

New Business

There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05pm and the Executive Committee took a walking tour of the facilities at Santa Fe College.