

Executive Committee Meeting

Florida Section Minutes
Mathematical Association of America

April 21, 2012 10:00 am
University of Tampa
Plant Hall (PH) Room 327 (Conference Room)

1. Welcome and introductions

Present:

Penny Morris – PSC
Scott Hochwald – UNF
Daniela Genova – UNF
John Waters –SCF
David Kerr - Eckerd
Jacci White - SLU
Monika Kiss – SLU
Altay Özgener – SCF
Mike Mears – SCF
Joni Pirnot – SCF
Anna Wasilewska – SCF
John Sumner - Chair of UT Math Dept.
Emilio Toro – UT

2. Approval of minutes of Feb 17, 2012 meeting with the change that Emilio Toro is the local arrangements chair for 2013 and name corrections on page 2 for Julie and Altay.

3. President's Report (Daniela Genova) Daniela reported about a member complaint about the recent conference. Some suggestions included a longer break between plenary and main sessions since they are often in different buildings. A second email from Dr. Xiaoming Wang (wxm@math.fsu.edu), the Department chair of FSU would like to host the meeting in the future. In the past, the conference was hosted at FSU in a conference center with a cost of \$2000 that the FSU Math department covered.

4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report (John Waters) John distributed his financial report with a beginning balance of \$15,014.20 with total expenses of \$7417.22 (conference expenses, travel, book sales, and food) and Incoming of \$5070 (pre-registration and after conference deposit) for a current balance of \$12,666.98. Travel expenses included travel to the National meeting because a member of our section won

the Meritorious Service Award. There were approximately 130 people in attendance at the meeting. John would still like to do registration online and will check into some programs that might accomplish this.

5. **Governor's Report** (Michael Mears) Mike had 3 items for his report. In the latest MAA Focus, there is a picture from our section meeting with our section flag. Second, we should go through our secretary if we want to do a National mail out. Third is the stopping of support of section officers to go to Mathfest, so our section will discuss this later in the meeting.

6. **Newsletter Editor's Report** (David Kerr) There was not much to report. We have electronic submission with real time reporting. David sends out periodic email reminders to the FL regional voluntary MAA list. Maybe we can include a listserv notice in the registration packet or program next year and send an announcement about it to the national MAA list for Florida. Also make it more prominent on our section website. Monika will look into an email list for graduate student coordinators to help out reach. David will send the letter to Monika for distribution.

7. **Vice-President for Programs' Report** (Jacci White) Jacci distributed a speaker survey, requesting suggestions for speakers. Our section qualifies for one national speaker for the meeting next Spring.

8. **Vice-President for Site Selection's Report** (Scott Hochwald) Scott mentioned that there are 3 schools listed in the minutes, including Eckerd for 2015 for February 20-21. 2017 is the 50th anniversary of the Florida Section. SCF is interested in 2017 and SLU is interested in hosting for 2016.

9. **Coordinator of Student Activities' Report** (Janet Samuels, Christina Dwyer, Anna Wasilewska) Anna reported that we will have the integration and other math contests. We would also like to work activities that are a little more active in 2014. Wrangle was suggested by Monika. It is a form of team competition that MAA is currently doing for high school kids with old AMC questions. They would like a room with 25 seats with desks rather than tables if possible. They will also use this for hospitality for students before and after. They will make an email flier, sent to department chairs to encourage participation by students.

10. **President-Elect's Report** (Sidra Van de Car) reported that the First Coast meeting is January 2013 at Flagler College, Suncoast is

Dec. 7, 2012 at SCF, West Coast meeting is November 16-17 at UWF. Cary Grant is the best person to contact for details on the First Coast meeting. Big Bend is in Tallahassee and we met at TCC for the statewide before so they might be a good place to start looking for a contact or to contact Ben Fusaro. Terje is a possible person for South. Sidra is a great contact to get something going again in the Central Florida region.

11. **Vice-President-Elect for Programs Report** (Joni Pirnot) Joni will be doing the program for the Suncoast region as a warm up.

12. **Chair of Local Arrangements' Report** (Emilio Toro) that we will walk around the campus and have 4 or 5 members of the math department to meet us and walk around campus with us and then accompany anyone who wants to go to lunch. Thank you Emilio! There is a parking lot in historic Hyde Park, about two blocks from here. Most of the talks will take place in the school of business. Reserved so far we have: Reeve's theater (holds 180) all 12-7 Friday and 8-noon on Saturday, another 80-90 auditorium from 2-7 on Friday. For Friday night we have 9th floor of Vaughn center. For Friday morning still needed is a small room for the MAA board meeting around 10-noon and then a larger 40ish room from 8-1PM.

13. **FTYCMA Report** (Penny Morris) May 8 will be the core meeting to discuss the retreat. They will return to being a retreat type of organization rather than sessions. They will continue with that format on Friday morning at the State MAA-FL meeting. AMATYC is at the Hyatt in Jacksonville in November. JDUMOUCHE@fscj.edu will be coordinating some of the activities for AMATYC. AMATYC information can be posted on the MAA-FL website and then advertise our upcoming meetings at AMATYC if possible.

14. **Overlooked Reports** - none

15. **Old Business**

16. **New Business**

- Nominating Committee: Chair - Monika, Altay, and Scott. Monika will send the website nominating blurb to be posted on the website.
- Awards Committee: Chair - David, Jacci, Scott. David will send the website call for nominations blurb to be posted on the website.

- National MAA Award recipients will be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses that are not covered by their school. Moved and approved. This can be reconsidered if we have budget shortage in the future. A policy and procedure manual will contain this as well as job duties. Monika will collect items for the manual. Please send any other prior policies to Monika. Math Fest representative will be Monika to attend the MAA representative meeting. Daniela will ask who needs to be notified. Our future goal will be an officer as our representative, who is externally funded when possible.
- Proposed program changes were distributed by Daniela. They include a request to shorten sessions. Some discussion led to the suggestion that we do 20 minute sessions with a 10 minute break. No format changes are formalized at this time. There will still be workshop options, and attempt to organize special session. Maybe an MAA history special session.
- Executive committee job descriptions – Several came in and Monika will review what is complete and what is still needed. Daniela will resend the list of responsibilities for job descriptions. Descriptions and policies should all be submitted to Monika.kiss@saintleo.edu by July 4, 2012.
- Proposal for new committees/positions (membership, history preservation) David will contact Fred for the possibility of writing a history for the website. Jaci will coordinate a special session on MAA-FL history and invite people to come share stories and then Jaci will record the stories for the web page. Scott will coordinate the scanning of prior MAA-FL items for the webpage.

17. Site Tour