

Florida Section Newsletter  
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Distinguished Teaching Award  
to  
Terje Hoim  
Honors College  
Florida Atlantic University

Distinguished Service Award  
to  
Ben Fusaro  
Florida State University

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 Ozgener (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](http://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](http://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.

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Campus News

From Jacksonville University

Dr. Marilyn Repsher has retired after many years of service to Jacksonville University, the Mathematics Department, and the Florida Section of the MAA. the JU Center for Teaching and Learning has been renamed The Marilyn Repsher Center of Teaching and Learning in her honor .

Dr. Paul Crittenden has had two co-authored papers published :1) “ A Novel Method for Determining R-card Sheet Impedance Using the Transmission Coefficient Measured in Free-Space or Waveguide Systems” was published in IEEE Instrumentation and Measurements Magazine.. 2) “Analytical development of the Far Zone radiation Integral for an Arbitrary Planar Spiral Antenna” was published in the IEEE Antennas and Propagation Magazine.

Ms. Chieu Duong taught a mathematics course in England as part of our summer Learning Abroad program.

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Dr. Han Duong, a former JU Mathematics major, joined our Department.

Our newest member is Dr. Erika Ward, who comes to us after earning her Ph.D. from the University of Kansas..

Dr. Pam Crawford graded AP calculus; Dr. Robert Hollister and Ben Wehrung graded AP Statistics.

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Dr. Peter M. Ryan won the 2009-2010 Professor of the Year award.

Drs Ben Wehrund and Pam Crawford co-authored a paper “ Violation of the ISNT Rule in Nonglaucomatous Padiatric Optic Disc Cupping” along with Dr. Alexander Pograbiak, Katherine Pograbiak ( a JU student) and Dr. Rajash Shetty. The paper was accepted for publication in “Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science”.