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Distinguished Teaching Award  
to  
Monika Vo  
Saint Leo University

Distinguished Service Award  
to  
Scott Hochwald  
University of North Florida

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Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
May 22, 2010  
Valencia Community College - East Campus

President Chuck Lindsey called the meeting to order at 10:10am.

In attendance:

Joel Berman (Valencia), Local Arrangements  
Pam Crawford (Jacksonville), Past President  
Christina Dwyer (SCF), Assistant Coordinator of Student Activities  
Julie Francavilla (SCF), Coordinator of Student Activities  
Daniela Genova (UNF), VP Programs  
Scott Hochwald (UNF), Governor  
David Kerr (Eckerd), Newsletter Editor  
Chuck Lindsey (FGCU), President  
Mike Mears (SCF), Governor-Elect

Altay Ozgener (SCF), Webmaster  
Rick Pal (Valencia), FTYCMA  
Joni Pirnot (SCF), VP-Elect Site Selection  
Janet Samuels (SCF), Assistant Coordinator of Student Activities  
Sidra Van de Car (Valencia), VP-Elect Programs  
Monika Vo (Saint Leo), President-Elect  
John Waters (SCF), Secretary/Treasurer  
Jacci White (Saint Leo), VP Site Selection

The minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting of February 19, 2010 were approved with minor corrections.

Reports:

1. John Waters reported that our balance as of 4/30/10 was \$9,910.65. He reported that total attendance at the February 2010 meeting was 235 - exceeding 200 for the first time in several years. John also reported that he would be completing the sections annual report - which is now on-line - over the next several weeks. In response to a question from Daniela Genova, John said that the individual regions in the state can use the section's account (making deposits into it and having reimbursements made out of it) if they want to but the individual regions are not required to do this.

2. Scott Hochwald reported that revisions to the national MAA bylaws are now complete and that they will be voted on at MathFest. Scott reported that the Florida Section's bylaws will also be voted on at MathFest and, once approved, they can then be uploaded onto our website.

3. David Kerr reported that the section subsidized \$400 worth of MAA books for student speakers at the 2010 meeting. National MAA no longer covers this expense but the Executive Committee decided in February 2009 that the Florida Section would continue the practice.

4. Daniela Genova reported that she is considering three plenary speakers for the 2011 meeting, which will be held on February 11, 12, 2011, and that she has already extended invites to two out-of-state speakers. There was some discussion on the length of the presentations in the contributed paper sessions. For the last several years, we have made them all a standard 45 minutes but this upcoming year, Daniela will allow speakers to select either a 20 minute time slot or a 45 minute one.

5. Jacci White reported that the University of Tampa will host the Suncoast Regional meeting in December 2010 and then may decide to also host the state wide meeting in 2013. Jacci reported that the 2011 meeting will be at Valencia Community College - East Campus on February 11,12, 2011 and that the 2012 meeting will be at the University of North Florida.

6. Christina Dwyer reported that they will hold the student competitions on Friday afternoon of the meeting and then present awards at the opening plenary on Saturday morning. Additionally, Christina said that they will be preparing certificates for the top winners from each school.

7. Monika Vo reported that as President-Elect she will contact all of the regions in the state and, hopefully, identify the regional coordinators. Currently, only Suncoast, First Coast and West Coast are active.

8. Rick Pal reported that the Fall Semester retreat will be hosted by Polk State College on October 15, 16, 2010 with the course 'Intermediate Algebra' being the focus of the retreat. Rick also reported that FTYCMA is currently considering changing its name to more accurately reflect the state college nature of the institutions. Rick also reported that the national AMATYC meeting will be in Jacksonville in November 2012.

#### Old Business

There was no old business.

#### New Business

Scott Hochwald asked the Executive Committee to consider eliminating the FL MAA certificates that, in the past, have been prepared for all speakers at the meeting. Scott requested that we prepare certificates only for plenary speakers and student speakers. The Executive Committee approved this action.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

## Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Executive Committee Meeting  
Florida Section  
Mathematical Association of America  
February 11, 2011  
Valencia Community College  
Orlando

Balance (04/30/2011) \$9,910.65

### Financial Highlights

#### Outgoing

Monika Vo Travel \$ 86.70

Expenses MAA Suncoast –includes MAA books 547.50

Total \$634.20

#### Incoming

Deposit MAA Suncoast \$706.00

MAA Books 268.45

Subversion 964.00

Reim. for Kauffman 626.91

MAAFL Pre-registration 5,187.50

Total \$7,752.86

Current Balance: \$17,029.31 through 02/11/2011

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- We have five vendors pre-paid for this conference with a possibility of six (We usually have four vendors)
  - We have 166 pre-registered, sold 94 banquet, and 74 luncheon tickets (We are likely to break 200 participants for the second year in a row)
  - There are two reports I fill out annually. The Section Financial report (On the backside of this report) and the Section Annual Report which gets completed after this meeting takes place (Watch your emails for questions)

**Florida MAA Regional Meeting Report**  
February 11, 2011  
Submitted by Monika Vo, President-elect

**Suncoast Region:** The 2010 Suncoast Regional MAA meeting took place on the campus of University of Tampa in Tampa, Florida, on Friday, December 10, 2010. This year's plenary speaker was Rebecca Wooten, and her talk was titled "Parametric Analysis of Carbon Dioxide in the Atmosphere." There were 115 people who attended the conference with only 80 preregistered.

**First Coast Region:** The First Coast Region will hold its annual meeting at Jacksonville University in March 2011. Pam Crawford reported that they are following a very successful format developed by Daniela for the past two meetings held at UNF. They meet on a Friday afternoon for talks, followed by a dinner Friday evening. The date of the event is yet to be determined.