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Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
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Governor Mike Mears called the meeting to order at 10:20am.

In attendance:

Julie Francavilla (SCF), Coordinator of Student Activities
Daniela Genova (UNF), President-Elect
Scott Hochwald (UNF), VP-Elect Site Selection
David Kerr (Eckerd), Newsletter-Editor
Monika Kiss (Saint Leo), President
Mike Mears (SCF), Governor
Altay Ozgener (SCF), Webmaster
Joni Pirnot (SCF), VP Site Selection
Sidra Van de Car (Valencia), VP Programs
John Waters (SCF), Secretary/Treasurer
Jacci White (Saint Leo), VP-Elect Programs

Visitors:

Victor Francavilla, CAE
Rick Pal, Past President FTYCMA
Ivars Peterson, MAA
Carol Waters

The minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting of April 9, 2011 were approved with minor corrections.

Reports:

John Waters reported that the section has a current balance of \$15,014.20 as of 2/17/12 but that this balance will significantly decrease once all of the expenses from this meeting

are paid. John reported that he submitted the yearly financial report to Sharon Tyron at the MAA on January 13, 2012 and that our account was in balance. John reported that he purchased a printer to aid the section in on-line and on-site registrations but that he was unable to implement on-line registrations for this years meeting because of a technical problem with the software he was trying to use. John said that he will try and get pre-registration on-line for the 2013 meeting.

Mike Mears reported that due to varying state and local sales tax issues across the nation, the section will not be allowed to conduct 'cash & carry' book sales in the future. The section will be allowed to raffle off its excess book holdings over the next year but it cannot sell any books. In the future, the section will hold one display copy of MAA books and people will order their purchases using a 3-ply form. All purchases will be shipped to individuals from the central warehouse. Mike presented the Executive Committee with a list of all national MAA awards and asked us to consider ways in which the Florida Section can be well represented for these awards. Currently, it is the Florida Sections practice to nominate the previous years Florida Teaching Award recipient for the national Haimo Teaching Award. There was some discussion on this issue where, in the end, everyone on the Executive Committee felt that the Florida Section could improve its nomination process so that our section nominees are competitive for these awards. Florida has never had a Haimo Award recipient. Finally, Mike reported that the MAA's national report on calculus will be published soon.

Ivars Peterson, the Director of Communications for the MAA, reported that a new on-line book site is forthcoming. It will be linked to the MAA homepage and advertised via the monthly MAA Alerts. Another possibility he is considering is an on-line, real-time ordering option, for use at sectional meetings, which would allow people who attend the meeting to order books on-line and still receive the special discounted rates. Ivars solicited members of the Executive Committee to consider serving on one of the national committees of the MAA. He also encouraged the Florida Section to 'do something special' for the 2015 centennial celebration.

Sidra Van de Car reported that the program was complete with three plenary speakers. She had a total of 25 abstract submissions. Sidra reported that restricting the abstract submissions to 150 words or less worked well.

Joni Pirnot reports that the sites for the upcoming meetings will be:

- 2013 – University of Tampa, February 22, 23, 2013
- 2014 – Edison State College, Ft. Myers, February 21, 22 2014
- 2015 – Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, TBD

Joni reported that John Sumner will serve as Local Arrangements Chair at the University of Tampa and Don Ransford will serve as Local Arrangements Chair at Edison.

Julie Francavella reported that a student integral contest and a student puzzle contest are scheduled for Friday afternoon with awards presented at the Saturday afternoon luncheon.

Daniela Genova reports that the First Coast Regional meeting was held at Jacksonville University on October 28, 2011 with 8 contributed talks. The Suncoast Regional meeting was held at Florida Southern College on December 2, 2011 with 125 participants, 27 contributed talks and a plenary address. The West Coast Region meeting was held at the University of West Florida over a two day period, November 18,19 2011, with 85 participants, 36 contributed talks and two plenary addresses. Upcoming regional meetings are already planned for West Coast in November 2012 and Suncoast in December 2012.

Altay Ozenger reports that he has added a 'past programs link' to the website to help future Program chairs see the form of previous meetings. Altay also reported that we were asked by national MAA to remove our hyperlinks to AMATYC and FTYCMA.

Jacci White reports that as VP for Programs next year she would like to set up some panel discussions at the 2013 meeting.

Rick Pal reports that this year's national AMATYC meeting takes place at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Jacksonville. All MAA members are most welcome to attend.

Old Business

None

New Business

The Nominating Committee forwarded the slate of new officers as:

Sidra Van de Car – President-elect
Joni Pirnot – Vice-president-elect for Programs
Penny Morris – Vice-president-elect for Site Selection
Janet Samuels – Student Activities Coordinator
David Kerr – Newsletter Editor

Monika Kiss recommended that each office prepare a 'list of tasks' which can be edited and then posted on the sections website as a guide to future officers.

Monika Kiss reported that national MAA has requested sectional support for Project NeXT. The Executive Committee authorized \$500 to be sent from the Florida Section.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.

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President Monika Kiss called the meeting to order at 2:00pm and reported that the Executive Committee had authorized the expenditure of \$500 to national MAA to support Project NeXT.

Secretary John Waters reports that after all expenses for this year's meeting have been paid that our sectional balance should fall around \$10,000.

Monika Kiss gives the Site Selection report and reports that our next two meetings are at:

University of Tampa – February 22, 23, 2013

Edison State College – February 21, 22, 2014

President Monika Kiss moves the slate of new officers:

Sidra Van de Car – President-elect

Joni Pirnot – Vice-president-elect for Programs

Penny Morris – Vice-president-elect for Site Selection

Janet Samuels – Student Activities Coordinator

David Kerr – Newsletter Editor

There were no nominations from the floor and the slate was approved without objection.

The meeting was adjourned with Monika Kiss reading a resolution of thanks to the University of North Florida.