

Illinois Section MAA
Business Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2023
College of DuPage

Aaron Zerhusen called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes from the 2022 business meeting. Motion carried.

Section Representative's Report: Tim Comar called attention to the MAA slide show. He observed that the slides will also scroll at the plenary talks. The slides include the MAA's mission, MathFest information, the announcement of the new MAA journal Scatterplot, and a list of available MAA journals. He also called attention to the Math values Blog, the MAA press (now published through AMS), Open Math workshops, Project NExT, PIC math, and the MAA lecture series. Other slides included information on the MAA Section Lecturer series, including Polya, AWM, and NAM speakers, information on MAA Connect, benefits of MAA memberships for individuals and departments, MAA Programs weekly newsletter, MAA Math Alert, SIGMAAs, and the AMC math contest. The presentation will also be available on MAA Connect. As chair of the Awards Committee, Tim also encouraged nominations for distinguished teaching, early career teaching, and distinguished service. (The 2023 Distinguished Teaching Award was presented to Steve Cohen of Roosevelt University, and the Distinguished Service Award to James Olsen of Western Illinois University.)

Nominating Committee Report: Ellen Ziliak presented the following slate for election: Sarah Bockting-Conrad of DePaul University for Section Information Coordinator; Kevin Palencia Infante of Northern Illinois University for Director of Public College; and Rita Patel of College of DuPage and Jeanette Mowkry of Dominican University for Directors at Large. Aaron asked for nominations from the floor. After no additional nominations, the slate was elected by acclamation.

Two Year College Committee Report: Keven Hansen presented the following changes to the ISMAA/IMACC Joint Articulation Guide. There were no changes to content. Instead the edits were focused on correcting errors and bringing the guide into alignment with IAI course descriptors. Seventeen pages (of 74) had proposed changes.

1. The cover page date was edited to indicate the intent to update the guide annually.
2. A footnote directing those using the guide to the IAI website has been added to ensure users check the itransfer.org website for any recent changes.
3. The standards statement has been generalized so it doesn't require updating for each new release of national standards by AMATYC and/or MAA.
4. Some typographic errors within the course content or course objective sections of some courses have been eliminated (but no actual content changes were made).

5. All course descriptors and prerequisites have been updated to reflect the current language of the relevant AIA panels (math general education and math majors).
6. For Differential Equations, the course content and objectives were not changed even though the course description was replaced to match IAI's change in 2016. A note under the course content has been added to indicate this course will be reviewed during the 2023-2024 academic year. A subcommittee has been appointed for this purpose.
7. The Pre-Transfer (Developmental) Courses section has not been changed, nor has the section on Computer Science Courses. Developmental course revision will be likely undertaken in the coming year.
8. The guide will be available at <https://www.imacc.org/curriculum-guide/> once revisions are approved.

Keven moved approval of these changes on behalf of the Two Year College Committee. Motion carried.

Budget: Aaron announced that the budget was approved at the board meeting the previous evening.

Section NExT: Emily Olson introduced the new Section NExT fellows. She invited everyone to join them for a social hour after the banquet at Brickhouse Tavern and Tap in Downers Grove.

Hortensia Soto, Section Visitor from MAA, invited questions from meeting attendees. Discussion topics included how to build numbers of math majors (with ideas of rebuilding the curriculum and broadening gateways to math, encouraging math and another subject, and data science), community engagement, and how to increase the number of students in math courses.

Aaron Zerhusen thanked outgoing board members Wilfredo Urbina-Romero, Edward Boamah, Chris Tweddle, and Ellen Ziliak for their service.

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 pm.