

Illinois Section of the Mathematical Association of America Business Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2024

Bradley University

Keven Hansen called the meeting to order at 4:36 pm.

The minutes of the 2023 business meeting were approved as written.

Section Representative (Tim Comar): Tim noted that the slide show from MAA (that was being shown prior to the business meeting and the plenary sessions) is also available on MAA Connect. He highlighted some points on the slide including opportunities to serve on MAA committees, the MAA's new data science journal *Scatterplot*, MathFest in Indianapolis in August (early registration through April 15), and Project NExT (applications due April 15). He also encouraged attendees to use MAA Connect.

Nominating Committee (Aaron Zerhusen): Aaron presented the following slate: Tim Comar of Benedictine University for Chair Elect, Cara Sulyok of Lewis University for Secretary/Treasurer; Scott Zinzer of College of DuPage for Director for Community Colleges, Angela Antonou of University of St. Francis and Catherine Crawford of Elmhurst University for Directors at Large, and Christina Jamroz of University of St. Francis for Section NExT coordinator.

Keven asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved and seconded to elect the slate as presented. The motion carried.

Keven thanked outgoing board members Emily Olson of Millikin University (Section NExT Coordinator), Chris Bailey of College of DuPage (Director for Community Colleges), and Pat Kiihne of Illinois College (Secretary/Treasurer). He then presented a special thank you award to Pat Kiihne in recognition of her twelve years of service as Secretary/Treasurer.

Aaron encouraged section members to let him know if they'd like to get involved on committees or on the board.

Awards Committee (Tim Comar): Tim reported there were two submissions for the OUR awards. These awards will be presented after the last plenary session. He also indicated there would be a Distinguished Service Award presented at the banquet. (This award was presented to Aaron Zerhusen of Dominican University.) He encouraged nominations for the teaching awards. The Early Career Teaching Award winner is automatically submitted to national MAA for consideration for the Alder Award, and the Distinguished Teaching Award is presented to national MAA for consideration for the Haimo Award.

Finance Committee Report (Dan Hrozencik): Keven announced that the budget as submitted by the Finance Committee was approved at the board meeting last night.

Two Year College Committee (Chris Bailey): Keven provided copies of the proposed Differential Equations Update in the articulation guide. He also noted a revision from the Guide Addenda

panel. Historical information on addenda from year to year will no longer appear in the current guide. However there will be a link to this information available with the current guide.

It was moved and seconded to approve these changes to the articulation guide. Motion carried.

New Business: Pat described the transition process for the Secretary/Treasurer position. Cara will open a new bank account for the section at a location convenient for her. Pat will finish the fiscal year and then close the current section bank account. All section moneys will be with Cara by the end of the summer. Pat will also bring historical materials to Cara during the summer.

The 2025 ISMAA annual meeting will be at the University of St. Francis in Joliet March 28-29, 2025. Keven indicated that we still need a site for the 2026 meeting, preferably downstate.

Keven mentioned that the board is exploring “Zoom a Math Professor” as a revival of the Section Lecturer Series that had been available for high schools. This program had stopped because of geographical issues; often no volunteer lecturer was available near the requesting high school.

Section Visitor Edray Goins reported that the MAA will be bringing out a new version of MAA Connect in another year or so. He asked that members send comments about features we like and those we don’t to national MAA.

Keven announced the board’s next meeting will be Saturday September 21.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Kiihne, out-going ISMAA Secretary/Treasurer