Fall 2013 Governor’s Report

The following is a brief summary of items discussed, reported on, or voted on at the 2013 Board of Governors Meeting in Hartford, CT on July 31, 2013. Portions of this report come directly from reports in the Board of Governors Meeting Agenda or a Summary of Actions taken at this meeting.

Future Meetings:

- JMM 2014 will be held at the Baltimore Convention Center. Meeting highlights include:
  - MAA invited addresses by Sarah-Marie Belcastro, William Dunham, Helaman and Claire Ferguson, Jill Pipher, and Michael Starbird
  - Joint AMS-MAA invited addresses by Carl Pomerance and Benson Farb
  - Porter Lecture by Eitan Grinspun
  - MAA Lecture for Students by Carl Cowen
  - A short course on Reading, Writing, and Doing the History of Mathematics, organized by Amy Shell-Gellasch
  - Six invited paper sessions
  - Twenty nine contributed paper sessions
  - Fifteen minicourses
  - Nineteen panel discussions
  - Four poster sessions, one of which is the large undergraduate poster session
  - Four workshops

- MathFest 2014 will be held in Portland, OR. This meeting will mark the 100th anniversary of Pi Mu Epsilon and there will be special events in the program associated with that milestone. The Hedrick Lecturer for 2014 is Bjorn Poonen. Erika Camacho, Ricardo Cortez, and Keith Devlin will deliver MAA invited addresses. Joe Gallian will give the Leitzel Lecture.

- MathFest 2015 will be held in Washington, DC. This will be the MAA’s centennial meeting. The length of the meeting is to be increased by a day and the program will include a variety of events and sessions that commemorate the centennial. The meeting will take place in the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel (where two joint mathematics meetings were held in recent years). MathFest will be combined with the Bridges conference on mathematics and art. Karen Smith will be the Hedrick Lecturer.

Upcoming meeting dates and locations (see http://www.maa.org/meetings for more information):

MathFest:

- 2014 Portland, OR, August 7 – 9
- 2015 Washington, DC, August 5 – 8
- 2016 Columbus, Ohio (101st summer meeting of the MAA – to be held in the same city as the first summer meeting)
- 2019 Cincinnati, Ohio

Joint Mathematics Meetings:

- 2014 Baltimore, Maryland, January 15–18
- 2015 San Antonio, Texas, January 10–13
- 2017 Atlanta, Georgia, January 4–7
- 2018 San Diego, California, January 10–13
- 2019 Baltimore, Maryland, January 16 – 19
• Board Actions – several actions were taken, including:
  • Accepted the proposed 2014 Operating Budget.
  • Approved the Member Plus dues rate of $249. For more information about the 2014 membership categories and dues rates which have now all been approved, please see http://www.maa.org/membership/membership-categories.
  • Accepted the Oklahoma-Arkansas bylaws with the approved amendment that members of the section can recommend changes to the bylaws to the executive committee of the section and with the understanding that there is future work with regard to all section bylaws. In particular, the Council on Prizes and Awards is to draft a bylaw amendment for all sections to adopt with regard to the section’s Haimo nomination committee.
  • Approved recommendations from the Council on Committees on the Mary P. Dolciani Award Committee, AMS-MAA Joint Committee on Mathematicians with Disabilities, and Joint MAA-AMS-SIAM Gerald and Judith Porter Public Lecture committee.
  • Approved revised Guidelines for the Sliffe Award.
  • Approved several prizes, lecturers, and members of editorial boards, including the 2014 Haimo Award winners, 2014 MathFest Leitzel Lecturer, 2014-2016 Pólya Lecturer, Editor-Elect of Mathematics Magazine, proposed editorial boards for the College Mathematics Journal and Math Horizons.
  • The following were elected by the Board with terms to begin February 1, 2014:
    • Allen Hibbard (Central College) was elected to a two-year term on the Audit Committee. At that time, Jennifer McNulty (University of Montana) becomes chair of the Audit Committee.
    • Chuck Garner (Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology Georgia) as Governor-at-Large for High School Teachers
    • Bob Megginson (University of Michigan) as Governor-at-Large for Minority Interests
    • Chris Stevens (Saint Louis University) as chair of the Council on Prizes and Awards
    • Jimmy Buchanan (Hiram College) as chair of the Council on Meetings and Professional Development
  • MAA Awards Poster – the MAA has created a nice two-page poster outlining MAA Awards and Committee Chairs for these awards in one convenient location! The poster can be downloaded from here: http://sections.maa.org/mddcva/OtherDocuments/MAAAwardsPosterJuly2012.pdf – be sure to check it out and post on your department bulletin boards! Links to the guidelines for the awards can be found here – note that some of these have changed – http://www.maa.org/awards/.
  • MAA Website – the new MAA website is up and running! If you haven’t checked out the webpage recently, please do so – there is a lot more valuable content and it is easier to use than it was in the past – see http://www.maa.org/.
  • MAA Programs – the MAA is committed to providing a range of programs and resources that foster professional skills and enrich the broader mathematical community. For information on opportunities and resources that MAA has made available for students, teachers, faculty or department heads and researchers and authors, see http://www.maa.org/programs. 
American Mathematics Competitions – The MAA American Mathematics Competitions are a historically important and highly visible outreach program of the Mathematical Association of America. The AMC 8 at the middle-school level together with the AMC 10 and AMC 12 contests at the high-school level are the largest math or science competition in the United States. These contests provide the entry level to the prestigious American Invitational Mathematics Exam (AIME) and the extremely prestigious USA Mathematical Olympiad (USAMO) and USA Junior Mathematical Olympiad (USAJMO). In turn these form the selection for the Mathematical Olympiad Summer Program (MOSP) training the United States teams to the International Mathematical Olympiad, the Romanian Masters in Mathematics, the European Girls Math Olympiad and the China Girls Math Olympiad. Additional information, complete statistics on the various competitions, and competition registration information and dates can be found at http://www.maa.org/math-competitions.

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Procedure for Section Book Sales – The MAA introduced a new feature for section book sales beginning in spring 2013. Section members will now be able to order books at the MAA Online Store with a special code that gives them a 35% discount. This code will be valid for two weeks beginning the week before the section meeting occurs and continuing through the following week. During this two-week period, each section member will be able to use a coupon code (received via email – it should look something like this sample code – INDSPR13) that provides a 35% discount below list price! This code may only be used in the MAA’s online store (maa-store.hostedbywebstore.com). This code may not be used with any other discounts or offers from the MAA. Finally, this code will expire one week after the section meeting.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your section governor. Please contact me if you would like more detail about any aspect of the Board’s work, want to make a suggestion, or would like to volunteer for a committee – see http://www.maa.org/about-maa/governance/council-and-committees-list for a list of committees.

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