This is a brief summary of items discussed at the 2016 MAA Board of Governors meeting in Seattle, WA on January 5, 2016. Portions of this report come directly from Board of Governors meeting agenda, a draft of minutes from this meeting, or the MAA website.

**MathFest 2016**: This year’s summer meeting will be held in Columbus, Ohio at the Hyatt Regency Columbus and the Greater Columbus Convention Center. MAA MathFest 2016 Grand Opening Reception will be in the exhibit hall on Wednesday, August 3, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and mathematical sessions will run Thursday, August 3 through Saturday, August 6, concluding with the Closing Banquet (advance registration required).

More information of future MAA meetings can be found at http://www.maa.org/meetings.

**Board Actions.** The following actions were taken by the board:

- Approval of minutes from the August 2015 Board of Governors meeting (Washington, DC).
- Approval of a new MAA Governance Model Outline. (There will be a 9-member Board of Directors that will serve as the nimble decision-making body of the association with fiduciary responsibility, and a 29-member Council acting as the conscience of the Association and serving as a conduit for communication with Sections and members. The full Outline is appended to this document.)
- Ratification of election of applicants to membership.
- The Budget Committee and Executive Committee recommended that the 2017 dues be set at
  - Member-plus: $249.00
  - Member: $175.00 if paid as lump sum (an increase from $169.00) or $180.00 with monthly installments of $15.00 (not an increase from the current monthly rate).
  - Student: $35.00
  These dues are unchanged from the 2016 dues.
- Approval of Meritorious Service Awards from the following Sections: EPADEL, Iowa, Metropolitan New York, North Central, Pacific Northwest, and Southwestern.
- 2016 Senden Prize winner is Juan Pablo Mejia-Ramos.
- 2016 Alder Award nominees are Benjamin Galluzzo, Jana Gavertz, and Dandrielle Lewis.
- Jim Daniel was approved as treasurer for a five-year term: February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2022.
- Revised Charge for the Science Policy Committee:
  - New charge:
    * Discuss, advocate, and act on questions of policy in relations between the MAA and governmental agencies, and between the MAA and other mathematical and scientific societies;
    * Coordinate its discussions, advocacy, and actions with the Office of Governmental Public Affairs of the Joint Policy Board of Mathematics;
    * Engage with sections and individual members on questions of policy;
* Identify speakers and panelists for MAA meetings on topics that bear directly on questions of public policy;
* Report in a timely fashion to the President and Executive Director on any issue that requires prompt action;
* Report in writing annually to the Board of Governors of MAA.

– Previous charge:
* To discuss and act on questions of policy in relations between the MAA and governmental agencies, and between the MAA and other mathematical and scientific societies;
* coordinate its discussions and actions with the Office of Governmental Public Affairs of the Joint Policy Board of Mathematics;
* identify speakers and panelists for MAA meetings on topics that bear directly on questions of public policy; to report in a timely fashion to the President and Executive Director on any issue that requires prompt action, and
* report in writing annually to the Board of Governors of MAA.

Ongoing Discussion. Francis Su, in his President’s Report, made several observation based on data gathered from Project NExT Fellows (surveyed in 2013) and from cross-checking MAA and AMS membership lists. His observations:

• MAA is not attracting junior professors at the rate we should.
• MAA has room to grow among all faculty.
• MAA has a perceived benefits problem.

Discussion ensued about these items, and in particular about developing new members-only benefits that would encourage junior faculty participation and bolster the benefits (and perception of benefits) of MAA membership. The Board of Governor broke into focus groups to brainstorm new members-only benefits, most of which took the form of web-based resources residing behind a member wall.

MAA Programs. The MAA is committed to providing a range of programs and resources that foster professional skill and enrich the broader mathematical community. For information on opportunities and resources that the MAA has made available, please see http://www.maa.org/programs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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GOVERNANCE MODEL approved by the MAA Board of Governors, January 5, 2016 will consist of a 9-member Board of Directors and a 48-51 member Council; the name Assembly that was used in the Board agenda was questioned so for now Council is being used.

Board of Directors 9 members
President (serving 4 years, one as president elect, two as president, and one as past president)
President elect or immediate past president
Vice President 2-year term; national election
Chair of the Council - two-year term; elected by the Council from its members
Secretary - 4-year term; at most two terms
Associate Secretary - 4-year term; at most two terms
Treasurer 4-year term; at most two terms
Chair of the Committee on Sections - 3-year term; at most two terms; elected by the Council
Director at Large - elected by the Council from its members for a 2-year term

Notes on the Board of Directors
1. President and vice president elected in national election for one term
2. Responsibilities of the Board of Directors
   I. Review and approve budget, manage assets, set dues and benefits of membership, fees
      a. Determine categories and privileges (including voting rights) of membership
      b. Establish member dues
   II. Develop and implement strategic plans.
   III. Executive Oversight (hiring and evaluating key professional staff, ED, CFO)
      a. Debate and approve new MAA policies and changes to existing policies
      b. Consider proposals for Section bylaws changes
      c. Oversee MAA publications
      d. Oversee MAA prizes and awards
      e. Elect new MAA members upon written application from an individual or organization
   IV. Select secretary, associate secretary, treasurer, (search committee, applications, Board approves the recommendation and conditions of reappointment)
   V. The Board of Directors must have input from the Council before adding or dropping a program or project.
   VI. Select and appoint chairs of councils for 4-year terms with at most one term.
   VII. Select candidates for the Nominating Committee*

COUNCIL
29 Section Representatives with three-year terms
7 council chairs selected by the Board of Directors for 4-year terms with at most one term
All members of the Board of Directors
3 6 members-at-large

Notes on the Council:
1. The Council elects one of its members as chair for a two-year term. The chair’s term on the Council may be extended by one or two years to accommodate being chair, if necessary.
2. The chair of the Council sets and distributes electronically the agenda listing for any meetings of the Council with MAA staff posting requested background reading.

3. The Council:
   I. Serves as a conduit of communication
   II. Approves strategic goals and priorities
   III. Approve changes to MAA bylaws in advance of action by the general membership
   IV. Elects Chair of the Committee on Sections
   V. Elects at-large Council members
   VI. Elects one of its members as an at-large member of the Board of Directors
   VII. Recommends programmatic and social policies for MAA
   VIII. Meets at least once each calendar year at a national MAA meeting

*There will be a Nominating committee chaired for two years by the past president with members elected in a national election. This is the same structure that we have now. Candidates for the Nominating Committee will be determined by the Board of Directors.