Indiana Section of the MAA Executive Board Meeting
Saturday, October 7, 2017
12:30 p.m.– 1:30 p.m. - Science Center (SCIC) 202
Manchester University, North Manchester, IN

PRESENT: Josh Holden (Public Information Officer), Krysi Leganza (Section Representative to the MAA Congress), Andy Rich (Chair), Lara Pudwell (Vice Chair), Haseeb Kazi (Secretary), Daniel Kiteck (Past Chair), Paul Fonstad (Student Activities Coordinator)

GUESTS: Livia Hummel (Indiana Project NExT Coordinator), Tiffany Kolba (Local Host for Spring 2018 Meeting)

1. Calling Meeting to Order:
   • Meeting was called to order at 12:44 p.m. by Section Chair Andy Rich, who welcomed the guests, and thanked the Executive Board.

2. Approval of Prior Minutes:
   • Minutes from the Summer 2017 Executive Board meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Reports - Officers and Committees
   • Treasurer– Alex Capaldi
     Alex could not be there. However, prior to the meeting, his report was shared via email and printed copies were also distributed in the meeting. The total account balance as of 10/5/17 is $11,311.58. Details of cash flow, including expenses and income, were given. It was further shared that the MAA Bookstore no longer exists. It has been purchased by AMS. As a result, we no longer receive a discount code to use online at (or within a 2-week window of) our Section meetings. MAA members will still receive book discounts on books ordered manually at meetings. Budget for the MAA Visitors Program 2017-2018 is $1,500. No talks have yet been given or scheduled. Regarding the IN Project NExT initiative, we’ve had no donations this year besides $1 in donations to Paypal. Note that we resolved to fund $1,500 for this if we could get $1,000 in donations. This year five of us attended the MathFest. Regarding Alex’s questions about the 2017 MathFest registration reimbursement check, Andy might get in touch with him to see if the check can be put in our Section treasury, or whether or not the money should go back to an attendee’s institution.

   • Secretary – Haseeb Kazi
     Haseeb thanked Manchester University for their excellent help in hosting the Fall 2017 meeting. Everything seemed to go well. As of 11:00 pm on Friday, Oct. 6, 2017, the total number of registrations was 62. Out of them, 34 were non-students. Together with 19 undergrads and 1 graduate student, there were 6 high school students and 2 high school teachers. High school students and teachers were not charged any registration fee. Number of declared MAA members was 31, and that of the declared non-members was 26. There were 5 registrations with unknown membership status. The number of contributed talks was 11, which also included 1 grad student, 2 undergrad students, and 1 Vroom lab presenter. Paul Fonstad and Lara Pudwell led the IN-NExT Panel. Ron Gould and Gene Fiorini were our invited speaker. Each of them presented two invited talk sessions. Haseeb emphasized the importance of our individual
and collective efforts for increasing our Section membership and participation numbers. Moreover, departmental membership can better serve both the institution and the Section.

- **Public Information Officer – Josh Holden**
  Webpage postings and Eventbrite registration went smoothly for this meeting. While Josh continues to maintain and periodically update our webpage, colleagues are always welcome to approach him directly with any newer and smarter ideas. Josh further reminded that the departments can directly post their newsletters to the IN-MAA Facebook.

- **Vice Chair’s Brief Report on 2017 MathFest – Lara Pudwell**
  Lara shared that along with the usual keynote speakers in the meetings, some sections also include a Section NExT featured speaker. This might be good way to engage early-career folks. Some sections require their teaching award winners to give a talk (kind of like Alder talks at MathFest, and Haimo talks at JMM). To combat not having enough nominations for section awards, Illinois is planning to share with provosts and deans a list of their faculty who are MAA members and ask if they would like to identify a good candidate. The NJ Section media officer commented that Facebook is the least popular social media outlet they use; they get better rate of return from Twitter and Instagram.

- **Congress Representative – Krysi Leganza**
  Krysi advised that MAA Congress is a newly formed body at this point, and we are not quite clear about our role. We have voted in our new bylaws. There has also been some discussion on what we should be called—Congress Reps or Governors? More time was spent on setting strategic and business goals for the MAA - not particularly for the Congress. We no longer do fiduciary responsibilities. Congress, at this point, sounds more like a conduit of information between the national MAA and sections. We hope to learn more in our January meeting.

- **Student Activities Coordinator– Paul Fonstad**
  Nothing majorly new to report. Paul will appreciate learning more about his role in arranging the student activities, competition, and workshop for the upcoming Tri-Section meeting. Timely info about the potential graders and judges will help. Paul also shared that Victor Piercey from Ferris State University has expressed some interest in holding a student workshop at the upcoming Tri-Section meeting.

- **IN-MAA Project NExT Coordinator – Livia Hummel**
  In terms of planning for the Tri-Section meeting, IN Project NExT folks have been working within their group, and also plan on staying in touch with the IL Project NExT. Looks like Michigan doesn’t have an active Project NExT setup. Livia thought that via their Tri-Section meeting collaboration, people from the MI Section will also have a great opportunity to get their people involved in properly starting an MI Project NExT.

- **Section Chair’s Report on Tri-Section Meeting Planning – Andy Rich**
  The upcoming Spring 2018 Tri-Section meeting will be held on March 23-24 at Valparaiso University. Andy was excited about it being a very special meeting. Tri-Section meeting schedule planning committee members Andy Rich, Matt Boelkins, Tim Comar, and Victor Piercey have been in communication with each other via biweekly conference calls. They have planned a schedule for the six invited speakers. One of the things different and special about the Tri-
Section meeting will be starting early at 9:30 a.m. CST on Friday, March 23. Section Business Meetings will be held at 4:30 p.m. CST on Friday. Student competition will also be in progress at the same time. Executive Board meetings can be held on Friday during the lunch hour or early in the morning. Livia pointed out that they will be doing Lunch with the IL NExT, so avoiding the EB meeting during the lunch hour might work better. Haseeb proposed having the EB meeting on Friday at 8:30 a.m. CST. Everyone seemed to be in agreement with the proposal. Andy mentioned that MI and IL Sections are in favor of having an undergraduate research presentation session, which, for their Spring meetings, is called an Undergraduate Research Conference, and it includes only the undergrad speakers. Later, best presenters are identified and also given an award. Josh, Krisy, and Andy thought making it a joint undergrad session might sound a better idea. This way our undergrad presenters can also participate, and later the best presenters from each Section can be declared and awarded. Paul recommended Friday 2:40 p.m. CST time slot for it. Andy will share this idea with the planning committee. Tiffany wondered what the college competition would be called this time. Josh recommended “Tri-State Collegiate Competition”. Everyone seemed to like it. Tiffany was also concerned about undergrads’ possible presence at the cash bar and hoped that Andy can get in touch with Ken and the planning committee to further look into this. Paul will coordinate problem submission for the student competition and will also oversee planning for the game show. Having the problems emailed to him by January would be great. Andy mentioned that Friday banquet will be for faculty, and the pizza party for students. We will come back together for the plenary.

4. Upcoming Meetings
- Spring 2018: Tri-Section (Indiana, Michigan, and Illinois) - Valparaiso University—March 23-24, 2018
- Fall 2018: Hanover College—Oct. 13, 2018
- Spring 2019: University of Indianapolis—date TBD
- Fall 2019: Wabash College—date TBD

5. Old Business
- Checklists of Officers Duties: Latest Chair should be working on the checklist for Chair and Vice-Chair. Having served in both of those positions will help him/her in drafting a better and more realistic draft. Dan advised that he has already started working on a draft. Andy thought that each one of us who holds a position should be in a better shape to write about it, so that it is helpful in the future.
- Sponsoring a NExT Fellow: We resolved to fund $1,500 for this if we could get $1,100 in donations. We have not had much success until now. Let’s keep working on it.
- Newsletter, Facebook: Josh has done decent job in maintaining our Facebook page. Institutions are welcome to post their news items also on the Facebook page.
- AMC Coordinator: We have not heard back from the national office on our inquiry (Dan wrote an email) about the AMC bank account and are still trying to learn the details. Once we have the necessary info and details, Paul may be able to coordinate AMC together with his SAC job.
- Outreach: Referring to our discussion of Summer 2017 EB meeting, Andy reminded everyone about our ongoing goal of reaching out to a variety of institutions so that we can bring more participation and productivity to our meetings.
6. New Business

- **Book Kiosk**: Treasurer’s report mentions that the MAA Bookstore no longer exists. It has been purchased by AMS. As a result, we no longer receive a discount code to use online at (or within a 2-week window of) our meetings. MAA members will still receive book discounts on books ordered manually at meetings. This basically destroys our recent design of the book kiosk. Alex has recommended abandoning the kiosk, at least for fall meetings.

- **Committee Appointments**: Andy is working on filling the available vacant slots on both Nomination and Service Award committees.

7. Any other Business or Discussion:

- None

8. Meeting Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Haseeb A. Kazi
IN-MAA Secretary