Indiana Section of the MAA Executive Board Meeting
Friday, March 24, 2017
5:00 – 6:15 p.m. - CoLab: Noyes Hall
Earlham College, Richmond, IN

PRESENT: Alex Capaldi (Treasurer), Josh Holden (Public Information Officer), John Lorch (Governor), Daniel Kiteck (Chair), Andy Rich (Vice Chair), Haseeb Kazi (Secretary), Alain Togbe (Past Chair), Paul Fonstad (Student Activities Coordinator)

GUESTS: David Housman (Indiana Outreach Program Coordinator), Melissa Lindsey (Indiana Project NExT Coordinator), Jennifer Quinn (Chair, MAA Council on Publications and Communications)

1. Calling Meeting to Order:
   • Meeting was called to order at 5:07 pm by the Section Chair Daniel Kiteck, who also welcomed the guests, and thanked the Executive Board.

2. Approval of the Prior Minutes:
   • Minutes from the Fall 2016 Executive Board meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Reports - Officers and Committees
   • Governor/Section Representative – John Lorch
     This was John’s last report as IN-MAA Governor. He expressed his thanks to everyone he worked with, and shared that his report was posted on our web page. It can be looked up there for complete details of the activities of the national board of governors. At the 2017 JMM, the MAA membership voted in favor of adopting a new governance model for the MAA. This new governance system, the culmination of a several-years-long journey, features a smaller, nimble Board of Directors with fiduciary responsibility coupled with a Congress that provides strategic counsel to Board and advocates for MAA. The Congress essentially supplants the former Board of Governors. All MAA Sections, including Indiana, will elect a representative to the Congress. Details on the new governance system may be found at http://www.maa.org/about-maa/governance. On Andy Rich’s question, Jennifer further explained the structure and functionality of the MAA governance. John also shared that the Project NExT has received approximately $50,000 NSF funding, and that MAA is searching editors for College Mathematics Journal and for Math Horizons. Moreover, proposals for publishing partnerships- one for journals and one for books are also being solicited, so that MAA can focus its energies and resources on continuing to develop preeminent expository content. Jennifer briefly explained the motivation and status of this partnership.

   • Secretary – Haseeb Kazi
     Haseeb shared that the meeting logistics, including communication and coordination with Earlham College went well. The total participation numbers for the meeting also sounded reasonable for a spring meeting. Per Eventbrite record 32 ICMC teams were registered. We coordinated well with Earlham to arrange 113 dinners and 86 lunches. Haseeb reiterated the need and importance of improving and retaining our membership numbers. After seeing an update on membership numbers from 29 Sections, we seem to be doing good; however, there is still some room for improvement. After the new departmental membership structure, IN-MAA is reported to have 606 individual and 7 departmental members. In the overall Section membership list, we seem to be eight from the top- below Texas, and above Ohio. Haseeb also advocated going for the departmental membership if one can afford. This will give direct benefit to our mathematics students, who can all enjoy the membership privileges without directly paying for it. The previous MAA Student Chapter structure has also changed. Now the departments are being encouraged to go for the departmental membership for having a student chapter. In some sense, the departmental members will automatically be assumed to be the student chapters as well.
• **Treasurer’s report - Alex Capaldi**
  
  A copy of treasurer’s report was distributed. The total account balance as of 3/22/17 is $14,548.92. We have spent $460.08 on 4 talks arranged by the IN-MAA Outreach (Visitors) Program, and might spend $371.94 on 3 anticipated talks. The remaining budget is $667.98. In addition, complete details of the total cash flow from Fall 2016 meeting were also shared. Alex advised that he has never heard back from the Purdue organizers on his multiple requests about the meals invoice, which might mean that Purdue seems to end up assuming the approximately $624 meals cost. Alex also briefly talked about the possibility of being able to sponsor a project NExT fellow in the near future. On Jennifer’s query about the meeting registration, Alex told that we don’t have any differential cost for the non-members, and that students and high school teachers can register for free.

• **Public Information Officer - Josh Holden**
  
  Josh reported that on overall everything is going well with maintaining and updating the IN-MAA webpage. However, he wanted to make sure if allowing late registration with the meals this time has not caused any serious issues for anyone. Alex thought it went okay, with some minor concerns from the local hosts, but nothing serious. Josh further shared about letting the departments post their newsletter directly to the IN-MAA Facebook. Even though it is a rolling thing, but we might still consider announcing deadlines, so that we do get some timely posts. If we don’t get people motivated enough to post timely news on the Facebook account, then might consider switching back to the previous webpage-only format.

• **Student Activities Coordinator – Paul Fonstad**
  
  There were 32 teams registered for the ICMC, but only 30 competed because 2 teams decided to cancel while they were at the meeting. The ICMC exam was written by Professors Josh Cole (Saint Joseph College) and Stacy Hoehn (Franklin College). Competition looked good. We didn’t have the t-shirts this time, as it was not a special year such as a 50th or 100th anniversary; however, next year being the Tri-Section meeting might be a good time for t-shirts. Alain advised that we can give our input, but the decision about the t-shirts rests with the Tri-Section organizing committee. Paul agreed, and he also proposed to put our recommendation forward for having a game-show similar to the one we had in our Section.

• **IN-MAA Outreach Program Coordinator – David Housman**
  
  David shared a written report about the outreach visits during the years 2015-2016, and 2016-2017. The total expense for 2015-2016 was $492.72, and that for 2016-2017 was $832.02. On some queries about the interest in becoming an IN-MAA Outreach Program speaker, David recommended that the interested individuals should first get involved with IN-MAA, so that they are appropriately knowledgeable about the MAA, and can effectively promote it to a diverse audience. On a question from Haseeb, he advised that the interested schools can directly contact the speakers. Once a speaker agrees to a proposed date, then David can be contacted for the formal approval.

• **IN-MAA Project NExT Coordinator – Melissa Lindsey**
  
  Project NExT has again arranged a panel for this meeting. In terms of planning for the Tri-Section meeting, Melissa has been in touch with the NExT Coordinator from Illinois. She plans to find out if Michigan has a Project NExT setup for not. This is going to be Melissa’s last year in IN, as she plans to move to Iowa. Livia Hummel will next take over as the Coordinator.

4. Upcoming Meetings

- **Fall 2017: Manchester University—Oct. 7, 2017**
- **Spring 2018: Tri-Section (Indiana, Michigan, and Illinois) - Valparaiso University—March 23-24, 2018**
- **Fall 2018: Hanover College—date TBD**
- **Spring 2019: Location and date TBD**

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5. Old Business
Due to the time constraints, we could discuss only the following:

- **Checklists of Local Hosts**: Julie Beier (Earlham College) is planning to share some recommendations on the checklist for local hosts.

- **Checklists of Officers Duties**: Daniel plans to work on the checklist for Chair and Vice-Chair. He thought having actually served in both of those positions will help in crafting a better and more realistic draft.

6. New Business

- **Regional Coordinator of the American Mathematical Competition**: Daniel pointed out that G. Elton Graves is retiring. He has an AMC (American Mathematics Competitions) account with the Virgo County FCU. He used it for State AMC 12 awards. We either need to close it and send the money to AMC, or take over the account and continue giving awards. No one seemed to have complete info about the history of the account. Andy recommended continuing it and appointing a new coordinator. Everyone seemed to agree. This is an MAA program, and together with providing opportunity to the students, it will also give more visibility to the MAA at the high school level. Paul, being the Student Activities Coordinator, volunteered to stay in the loop for the future developments on this. We might discuss more on this in our future meeting.

- **Tri-Section Meeting - Spring 2018**: Daniel solicited recommendations for the speakers. Andy mentioned that six speakers have been identified. Jennifer Quinn is one of them. Registration fee will be either $25 or $30. Andy has volunteered to head the student competition up, and has proposed to hold a student competition similar our ICMC, and do it for teams from all three Sections. Michigan doesn’t do a student competition, Illinois does one. Valparaiso has planned a pizza party. Andy thought having t-shirts will be a good idea. Paul recommended letting the students from the host school design the t-shirt. Haseeb recommended considering the possibility of having a poster session for the students. Our suggestions will be forwarded to the Tri-Section committee.

- **Section Bylaws Update**: On Daniel’s question about updating the language of the Section bylaws to allow timely and appropriate incorporation of the new title of ‘Section Representative’, Jennifer advised to wait until we receive clear directions from the MAA for doing so. We agreed to wait and see.

7. Any other business (AOB) or discussion:

- **Gender Equity**: Daniel recalled an earlier recommendation about nominating more females on IN-MAA Executive Board and its committees. While Josh thought keeping this in mind for the future will be good, John added that being able to see some gender data will be nice.

8. Meeting Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Haseeb A. Kazi
IN-MAA Secretary