This is a brief summary of items discussed at the 2019 MAA Congress meeting in Cincinnati, OH, on July 31, 2019.

Deanna Haunsberger, past president of the MAA, suggested one way that members can become involved in the MAA. Micro-volunteering only requires a 1-3 hour commitment. Some opportunities include reading policy statements for the MAA and giving feedback, refereeing articles, judging posters, inviting colleagues to section meetings, etc.

Executive Director Rachel Levy presented two strategic goals. The Congress discussed these.

Goal 1: Programs
To curate and develop our robust portfolio of programs that expand MAA’s outward facing impact.

Goal 2: International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO)
To celebrate the power of mathematics on an international scale through successfully hosting the 2021 IMO in Washington, DC, and leveraging the event to strengthen the reputation of the MAA.

Both goals were approved.

The Tondeur BIG (Business, Industry, and Government) Career Initiatives program provides services to sections. A mock interview card game is being developed.

Programs for VITAL (Visitors, Instructors, TAs, Adjuncts, and Lecturers) faculty are being developed.

The MAA has a new inclusivity award of $10,000 over four years. It is awarded to members who embrace/affirm diversity. The first recipient, Sylvia Bozeman of Spelman, received the award at Mathfest.

In 2018 the MAA had a large operating gain due to two bequests.

There are three new SIGMAAs and some new membership categories. The new SIGMAAs are Mathematical Knowledge for Teaching, Mathematics and Sports, and Recreational Mathematics. Membership is now $59/year for the first two years after a student graduates. Retired membership is $100/year. A lifetime MAA membership has a $2500 introductory rate. A two-year department membership is $375/year. An ancillary instructor membership is $79/year.

Living Proof: Stories of Resilience Along the Mathematical Journey is a joint publication of MAA and AMS. It is available as a free download on both organizations websites.
A Committee Reorganization task force is considering the committee structure of the MAA. Currently there are 85-90 committees. Through a member survey the task force found that members want to be active participants in MAA.

MAA sponsors competitions including the IMO. China and the US tied for first in the IMO this year. The U.S. won the European Girls’ Mathematical Olympiad. Invigilators are needed when the U.S. hosts the IMO in 2021.

The MAA will no longer co-manage the JMM. This was a financial decision. MAA will be involved in small, symmetric ways at the JMM, for example Project NExT. The Employment Register is under AMS auspices. Members of Congress voiced concerns about equity of interviewing at JMM. The financial savings from not co-managing JMM may allow more MAA speakers to attend section meetings more frequently.

A task force has been investigating many ways to increase support for sections including visitor/lecturer programs and communication. Math Connect is being rolled out as a way to improve communication within sections.

Congress voted to change the at-large representatives to Congress. The new structure consists of 8 at-large members: 3 reps for minority interests, 1 rep for business, industry, and government, 1 rep for high school teachers, 1 teacher education rep, and 1 community college rep.

MAA President Michael Dorff identified four important ideas:

- Identifying and cultivating future leaders of the MAA
- Microvolunteering
- Promote BIG (Business, Industry, and Government) and PIC (Preparation for Industrial Careers in Mathematics) Math.
- Why become a member of MAA? It is a community and people are what make a difference.

Congress members conducted a brainstorming session on “I wish the MAA . . . “ A list of about 65 items was given to the MAA. It was suggested that sections do this same activity at section meetings and forward the results to Su Doree.

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