

Business Meeting Minutes 2016

(Pending approval)

Iowa Section of the MAA
Business Committee Meeting
Student Center 103, Saturday, October 8, 2015, Grand View University,
Des Moines, IA

Chair Amanda Matson called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

1. Brian Birgen welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially first attendees.
2. The minutes from the October 3, 2015 Business Meeting were approved.
3. Angela Kohlhaas, Loras College, was elected Vice Chair Elect.
4. The 2016 Iowa Section Distinguished Teaching of Mathematics Award was given to Dr. Al Hibbard, Central College.
5. The Iowa Mathematics Competition trophy was awarded to the University of Iowa. This year 21 teams from 11 schools participated. A team from Cornell College placed second. Next year's ICMC will be held Saturday March 4, 2017 at the University of Iowa.
6. There are still a handful of t-shirts (2 small, 2 medium, 1 large) still available for \$11 a piece. Please see Brian Birgen if you are interested.
7. Jonas Meyer gave a treasurer's report stating that the section is slowly bringing down the balance by giving travel funds to the governor and section representative. The MAA has expressed concern that there is too much money sitting with no designation or purpose. Jonas will research into the idea of buying CDs in which to invest money that is earmarked for the competition.
8. Amanda Matson passed around a sign up sheet for people to express interest in being on a committee or being considered for a position in the next year. The committees listed were Nominating, Auditing, and Section Teaching Award. The positions listed were Information Director, Vice Chair Elect, Competition Coordinator, Liaison Coordinator, and Secretary.
9. Iowa NExT announced that they had 18 total participants at their workshop yesterday and 6 were new applicants. Jonas Meyer is rotating off of the committee and Sergio Loch will be joining.
10. Mariah Birgen gave the Governor's Report. The full report is posted on the Iowa MAA Section website for members to read. The highlights are that membership numbers are up, the Joint Mathematics Meetings will be January 4-7, 2017 in Atlanta, and MathFest will be July 26-27, 2017 in Chicago. The MAA is trying to change its articles of incorporation and bylaws and will hold a vote at the business meeting at the JMM. The Board of Governors was asked to vote to approve these changes. The three major changes are having a small board of about 10 directors, board

of governors will no longer exist, and the MAA will modify ways in which appointments to committees are made.

11. Ruth Berger, Eric Canning, and Wendy Weber were presented with their 25 year MAA membership certificates. Greg Doxon received his 50 year MAA membership certificate.

12. General Announcements.

- a. Term definitions for the Information Director, Competition Coordinator, Liaison Coordinator will be done by the spring and the vote will occur next fall.
- b. MAA secretary election is happening. Email secretary@maa.org for more details.
- c. Simpson will host MUMS March 31- April 1 in conjunction with CURM. Colin Adams will be one of the primary speakers.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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IA MAA Section Secretary