

Executive Meeting Minutes 2016

(Pending approval)

Iowa Section of the MAA
Executive Committee Meeting
Plaza View Room (SC 201), Saturday, October 8, 2016, Grand View University,
Des Moines, IA

Present:

Joy Becker (Information Director), Ruth Berger (Competition Coordinator), Brian Birgen (Past Chair), Mariah Birgen (Governor), Susan Crook (Secretary), Sergio Loch (Vice Chair Elect), Amanda Matson (Chair), Jonas Meyer (Treasurer), Jason Smith (Vice Chair)

Guests in attendance were Steve Butler, Steve Kennedy, and Angela Kohlhaas.

Amanda Matson called the meeting to order at 7:10 a.m.

1. Minutes of the Fall 2015 Executive Committee meetings were approved as posted.
2. Amanda welcomed the visitors and introductions were made.
3. Amanda asked officers to please update their operational plans to help ease transitions.
4. Amanda, Mariah Birgen, and Susan Crook reported on the MathFest Section Officers Meeting. Sections have been asked to be in touch with Margaret Mauer who is the Programs person at MAA. The MAA is seeking a new secretary and those interested should email secretary@maa.org. Sections were encouraged to nominate colleagues for awards (Alder, Haimo, etc). There was a brief discussion on newsletters and in what form they are distributed. The national MAA is discontinuing its liaison program, but encourages sections to continue their own programs if they are useful. There was discussion of our need to update our liaison list and how to go about doing that. Lastly, there was discussion of perhaps pairing with a SIGMAA or two to have sessions at our next section meeting.
5. Ruth Berger reported on the Math Competition. There were 22 teams of three from 11 colleges and universities participating. A team of students from the University of Iowa won, so the next competition will be held there – likely on March 4, 2017.
6. Ruth Berger asked the Executive Committee to post the proposed changes to the Competition Coordinator position (specifically the addition of a term limit) for comments before the Spring Executive Meeting. These will hopefully go before the section at the Fall 2017 business meeting for a vote to be added to the bylaws. Similarly for the Information Director and Liaison Coordinator positions.

7. Jonas Meyer gave the treasurer's report. We are down \$500 this year. We received around \$688 from the MAA subvention check and had a loss of \$200 or so from the competition and buying extra t-shirts. Jonas raised the idea of perhaps using some of the funds to buy CDs. There was a bit of pushback as our goal is not to save more money. It was moved to take competition funds minus \$2000 and place it in a CD for up to 2 years dependent on the best interest rate. Jonas will be investigating into the issue of CDs and bringing information to the committee in the future.
8. No remarks from Steve Kennedy, our MAA representative.
9. It was decided to raise the support for our section representative and our governor from \$250 to \$300 to attend national meetings (JMM and MathFest).
10. The committee approved donating \$100 in honor of Art Benjamin to a charity of his choosing as he came to speak pro bono other than flight and hotel costs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan B. Crook
IA MAA Section Secretary