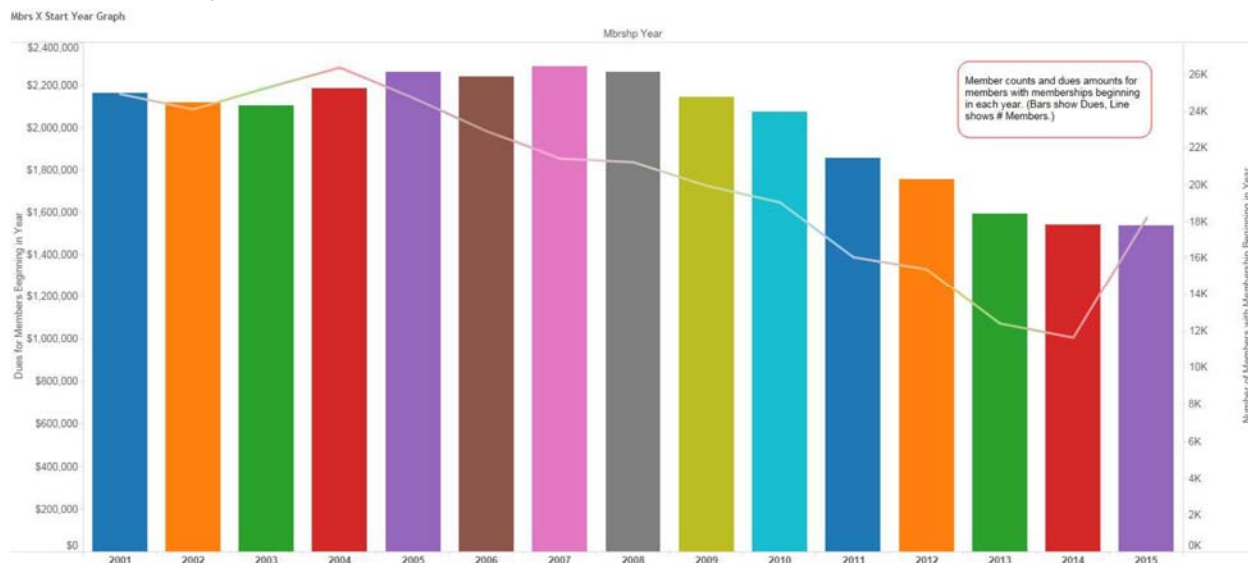


MAA Iowa Section Governor's Report

AKA – my summary of the 216 page agenda I read just before MathFEST.

Mariah Birgen

Membership



Membership increased substantially from 2014 to 2015, primarily due to changes in the Departmental Membership, which now allows departments to offer membership to all of their math students. This is the first time membership has grown year over year since 2004. (Over the previous 10 years, the MAA lost, on average, 7.7% of its members each year.) Core membership (members paying at or near full membership dues) also rose from 2014-15, and continue to track higher in 2016. On the other hand, at least 40% of our non-student members are over 60. On the other side, we seem to be only adding 100 members per year of tenure-track faculty and many of these only join when they are going to attend a national meeting. This is not a specifically MAA problem in that most associations are having convincing this generation to join.

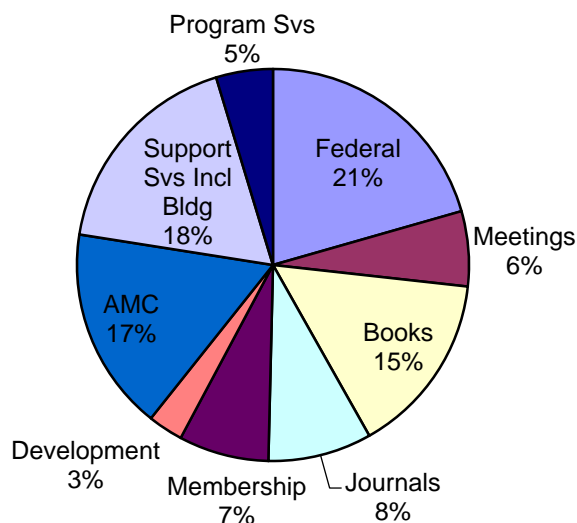
Speaking of national meetings:

- JMM – Atlanta, GA – January 4-7, 2017
- MathFEST – Chicago, IL – July 26-27, 2017

Finances

There is good news and bad news about the Financial situation of the MAA as a whole. On one hand, the association has Total Cumulative Net Assets of about \$13.4 million. On the other hand, in 2015, the MAA suffered its eleventh consecutive year of annual operating deficits, with a 2015 deficit about double what was budgeted. Starting in 2005, we had three years of annual deficits averaging about \$31,000 and then seven years averaging about \$211,000; the deficits for 2015, 2016, and 2017 are averaging close to \$1,000,000.

Your Dollars at Work
2015 Audit Total \$9,996,998



Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

The MAA Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are being updated for the first time in 100 years to comply with current state (Illinois) and federal laws. You can read all about it at

<http://www.maa.org/about-maa/governance/new-bylaws-proposed> .

At MathFest, the Board of Governors was asked to vote to approve the changes. I seem to have voted in favor of moving myself out of the job of Section Governor and into the job of Section Representative to the MAA Congress if the Bylaws pass at the Joint Math Meetings in January 2017.

Specifically, what **I consider** the most important changes are:

1. Article V, Section 2 was modified to create a small Board of Directors consisting of the set of Officers. Section 7 was modified but continues to provide the Voting Membership a direct mechanism to voice concerns to the Board of Directors.
2. Article VI creates a new representative Congress which advises the Board of Directors on several matters and elects three members of the Board of Directors. This includes the authority to set strategic goals for the Association and to foster communication among the various constituencies within the Association.
3. Article VII was modified to be in alignment with the Illinois General Not-for-Profit Corporation Act of 1986 (the Act). The Board of Directors makes appointments to committees, not the president. There are two types of committees: Board committees, whose membership must have a majority consisting of Board members and which can act on behalf of the Board, and

Advisory committees whose membership can be open but which can only advise the Board.
(Mathematical Association of America, 2016)

MAA Awards, Prizes, and Lectures

Writing Awards determined by committees who submit their recommendation to the secretary by April 15:

- Allendoerfer (*Mathematics Magazine*)
- Halmos-Ford Award (*Monthly*)
- Trevor Evans (*Math Horizons*)
- Pólya (*College Mathematics Journal*)

Writing awards and lectures recommended to the Board by committees who submit their recommendation along with citation to the secretary by May 1 for:

- Beckenbach Book Prize
- Chauvenet Prize
- Euler Book Prize
- Robbins Prize
- Hedrick Lecturer
- Leitzel Lecturer
- Pólya Lecturer
- Hasse Prize (due October 15, even years)

Nominations for teaching, research, writing, and service awards: Send to the secretary (secretary@maa.org) by the dates given.

- Mary P. Dolciani Award for distinguished contribution to the mathematical education of K-16 students in the United States or Canada, September 1
- Henry Alder Award for Distinguished Teaching by a beginning mathematics faculty member, October 1
- John and Annie Selden Prize for research in Mathematics Education (odd years), October 1
- Daniel Solow Author's Award that recognizes author or authors of undergraduate teaching materials, October 1
 - Meritorious Service Awards, recommendations from sections, October 15
 - Gung and Hu Award for Service to Mathematics, December 1
 - Haimo Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching, March 1
- AMS-MAA-SIAM Morgan Prize for Undergraduate Research, to the AMS Secretary by June 30



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