

## Business Meeting Minutes 2017

(Pending approval)

Iowa Section of the MAA  
Business Committee Meeting  
St. Joseph's Hall of Sciences 130, Saturday, October 21, 2017, Loras College,  
Dubuque, IA

Chair Jason Smith called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m.

1. Jason welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially first attendees.
2. The minutes from the 2016 Business Meeting were approved with updates.
3. Chris Spicer, Morningside College, was elected Vice Chair Elect.
4. Luke Bennett, Grandview University, was elected Treasurer.
5. The proposed bylaw updates were approved with an amendment to the numbering.
6. The 2017 Iowa Section Distinguished Teaching of Mathematics Award was given to Dr. Chris Spicer, Morningside College.
7. The Iowa Mathematics Competition trophy was awarded to Grinnell College. This year 20 teams from 10 schools participated. Next year's ICMC will be held Saturday February 17, 2018 at Grinnell.
8. 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 and though we have a higher registration fee, we are now paying for more food. About half of the money is designated for the math competition and we transfer \$200 into the competition account each year. He noted that we donated \$144 to Proof School as an honorarium for Art Benjamin after last year's meeting.
9. Jason asked for those with ideas on how to spend some of our money to send them to Sergio. He also requested that people let Sergio know if they are interested in serving as competition coordinator, information director, secretary, or vice chair elect next year.
10. Jason recognized James Sconing and Wendy Weber as 25 year members of the MAA.
11. Iowa NExT announced that they had 16 total participants at their workshop yesterday and 4 were new applicants. A new steering committee member is needed. Those interested should contact Joy Becker.
12. Mariah Birgen gave the Representative's Report. New bylaws were passed that have changed the board of governors to a congress of representatives and a smaller board of directors. It is believed that this smaller group will be more able to communicate between sections and the national MAA. Slides of Mariah's report are posted on the section website.

13. General Announcements.

- a. MUMS will be held Saturday, April 7 at Simpson College. Lori Ziegelmeier is the plenary speaker.
- b. Those interested in participating in an IBL consortium in our area should let Susan Crook know of their interest.
- c. There is now an Iowa + Epsilon MAA Facebook group. Join to keep abreast of announcements for our section.
- d. Amanda and Mariah are starting a penpal project with the Girl Scouts. Those interested should contact Amanda.
- e. The section thanked Jonas for his service as treasurer and Jason for his service as chair during the past year.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan B. Crook  
IA MAA Section Secretary