

Executive Meeting Minutes 2017

(Pending approval)

Iowa Section of the MAA
Executive Committee Meeting
Wahlert 145, Saturday, October 21, 2017, Loras College, Dubuque, IA

Present:

Joy Becker (Information Director), Ruth Berger (Competition Coordinator), Mariah Birgen (Governor), Susan Crook (Secretary), Angela Kohlhaas (Vice Chair Elect), Sergio Loch (Vice Chair), Amanda Matson (Past Chair), Jonas Meyer (Treasurer), Matt Rissler (Liaison Coordinator), and Jason Smith (Chair)
Guest in attendance was Deanna Haunsperger.

Jason Smith called the meeting to order at 7:14 a.m.

1. Minutes of the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 Executive Committee meetings were approved as posted.
2. Jason welcomed the Deanna and introductions were made.
3. Jason reminded officers to please update their operational plans to help ease transitions. Committee discussed that it might be good to have someone in addition to AI who can help with these updates.
4. Sergio reported on the JMM Section Officers' Meeting. There was a long discussion about changes in the bylaws for national MAA. These changes were voted upon and passed at the business meeting at the JMM. Our section has a committee that has worked on updating our bylaws and the updates will be voted on at the business meeting today.
5. Jason reported on the MathFest Section Officers' Meeting. A few sections were highlighted for being creative and having new ideas. Most of the meeting focused on discussions of how to raise attendance. Our section is not the only one who struggles with the restriction of two emails per month in the months approaching our section meeting.
6. Ruth reported on the Math Competition. Next year the competition will be on February 17 at Grinnell. There will be an announcement at the business meeting to find people who are interested in taking over this position.
7. Jonas gave the treasurer's report. The account went from \$16,000.00 to a little under \$14,000.00 in 2016 due to our increased spending for our centennial meeting. As of this meeting, the account has \$13,500.00 or so. The committee discussed possible ways to spend money to support our members. A new treasurer will be elected at the business meeting.
8. Our MAA representative, Deanna, spoke about the change from a board of governors to a congress and board of directors. This change will allow the MAA to be more fiscally nimble. She commented that the MAA journals are now being published by Taylor and Francis and books are

now being published by the AMS. This should eliminate some of the MAA's costs.

9. There was a concern voiced that the proposed bylaws needed to be merged. Term limits for the competition coordinator and information director are not in the new bylaws.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan B. Crook
IA MAA Section Secretary