Spring Executive Meeting Minutes 2017

(Pending approval)

Iowa Section of the MAA
Spring Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday, March 4, 2017, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Present:
Joy Becker (Information Director, remote), Ruth Berger (Competition Coordinator), Susan Crook (Secretary), Angela Kohlhaas (Vice Chair Elect), Sergio Loch (Vice Chair, remote), Amanda Matson (Past Chair, remote), Jonas Meyer (Treasurer), Matt Rissler (Liaison Coordinator), and Jason Smith (Chair, remote).

Jason Smith called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

1. Sergio Loch reported on the MAA National meeting at the Joint Math Meetings. Several sections are using paypal or other online sites to allow members to pay online and in advance for section meetings. It was approved for the Iowa Section to pilot this for the fall 2017 meeting. Jonas will research and decide which site is best for us.

2. Amendments to the Iowa Section bylaws will be posted on the Iowa Section website and a reminder will be sent to members (in advance of 2 weeks before the fall meeting) to read over them so we may hold a vote at the meeting. The changes will be to add term limits for several of the MAA officers’ descriptions and other updates to help make our bylaws more in line with the national MAA.

3. Jonas Meyer gave the Treasurer’s Report. Jonas postponed researching CDs due to wanting to make the transition to a new treasurer smoother. Overall, the Iowa Section’s finances are healthy.

4. Jonas Meyer will be resigning as treasurer at the end of the fall 2017 meeting, though he will be available to help the new treasurer. It was approved that Susan Crook’s tenure as secretary be extended by a year so that we will not be getting a new treasurer and a new secretary at the same time.

5. Nomination Committees will need to be formed for the positions of Vice Chair Elect, Treasurer, Competition Coordinator, and Information Director. Matt Rissler agreed to stay on for another year as the Liaison Coordinator and Ruth Berger agreed to stay on as Competition Coordinator another year if no qualified candidates are found.

6. Details of the fall 2017 meeting were discussed. FaceOff will be held on Friday evening after the afternoon session is completed. Dinner on Friday will be provided. The committee voted to raise the registration fee from $10 to $15.
7. A small committee comprised of Amanda Matson, Sergio Loch, and Susan Crook was created to look over the section’s bylaws and ensure that they are in accordance with the national bylaws. This committee will be in contact with national MAA to review the bylaws before they are posted for the section to see. A vote on these updates will be done at the fall 2017 meeting.

8. It was agreed upon that the Teaching Awards Committee should be created earlier in the year and we should begin to solicit nominations earlier than we have been. Similarly with the Call for Papers for the fall meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan B. Crook
IA MAA Section Secretary