

## Minutes of the Spring 2018 Executive Committee Meeting of the Iowa MAA Section

Present (via Google Hangouts):

Lukas Bennett (Treasurer), Ruth Berger (Competition Coordinator), Angela Kohlhaas (Vice Chair), Sergio Loch (Chair), Jason Smith (Past Chair), Chris Spicer (Vice Chair Elect)

1. Sergio called the meeting to order around 1:40pm.
  - a. Due to technical difficulties, Sergio was unable to hear the rest of the committee members, which made communication difficult.
2. Preparations for the fall meeting, Oct. 5-6 at Morningside, were discussed.
  - a. The Polya speaker, Carlos Castillo-Chavez, will give his lecture Friday evening, 7-8pm.
  - b. Michael Dorff has agreed to be the Section Visitor. Angela will contact him to see if he will give his Hollywood talk for the Saturday morning plenary.
  - c. There was some discussion of encouraging both faculty and undergraduates at western Iowa institution to attend. Buena Vista was mentioned in particular.
  - d. **A motion was made and seconded to bring the registration fee for the fall meeting back down to \$10 since there will be no meeting dinner this year.**
    - i. **The motion was approved.**
  - e. Reaching out to Nebraska and South Dakota institutions was discussed.
3. Sergio's report from the Joint Meetings was discussed.
  - a. Sergio asked that we follow through on some of the MAA President's suggestions for increasing involvement in MAA Sections.
    - i. **He asked that we each contact the community colleges in our area to both invite them to the fall meeting and to suggest a joint meeting in the future.**
    - ii. **He asked those with connections to the University of Iowa and Iowa State University to improve representation from our research institutions.**
4. Sergio is working on nominating committees for executive committee positions and the teaching award.
  - a. There was some discussion of finding a new competition coordinator. Those who have been asked directly have declined, so the search continues.
5. Luke is looking into buying a credit card chip reader for the fall meeting as well as online payment options.
  - a. **A motion was made and seconded to allow Luke to spend up to \$200 on a chip reader.**
    - i. **The motion was approved.**
6. The meeting was adjourned by Jason at 2:04pm.