

Spring Executive Meeting Minutes 2019

(Pending approval)

Iowa Section of the MAA
Spring Executive Committee Meeting
Virtual Meeting on Zoom, Saturday, February 23, 2019

Present:

Joy Becker (Information Director), Luke Bennett (Treasurer), Ruth Berger (Competition Coordinator), Ross Sweet (Secretary), Angela Kohlhaas (Chair), Melissa Lindsey (Vice Chair), and Matt Rissler (Liaison Coordinator).

Angela Kohlhaas called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm

- The minutes from the Fall 2018 Executive Meeting are approved.
- Fall 2019 Section Meeting
 - Oct. 25/26 at Dordt
 - Carol Schumacher is the invited speaker. Will she give two talks (Melissa will contact)?
 - We also have an open talk on Saturday afternoon. In the past we've brought in an additional speaker. Do we have funds for this?
 - A save-the-date email will go out to the section in March. Ross and Chris will work to craft an announcement that will be emailed through the national office.
 - Will there be an undergraduate event at the fall meeting? This has been done in the past (e.g., math Jeopardy at the Fall 2017 meeting at Loras). Melissa will work with Chris to potentially organize an event. This is dependent on if we expect enough undergraduates to attend. Note that these events are encouraged by the national office.
 - Certificates for 25- and 50-year memberships need to be printed. Angela will send these to Ross.
 - Per the PowerPoint presentation from the Joint Meetings, in 2019 we are slated to have an Editor come to our section meeting. Do we have any more information on who this might be?
- Melissa will go to the Section Officers Meeting at MathFest 2019. There is partial travel funding from the section. Luke will check on the details.
- Luke presents the budget report. We ended with \$12,124, which was about a \$700 decrease from the previous year. It is not clear if we expect more pressure from the national office to reduce these funds further. The most recent report we can find (2015) gives \$7500 in the competition fund.
- Should we continue to do travel for competition, or move toward decentralized competition events? How might this affect community-building? Ruth is surveying institutions.
- Positions to be filled:
 - Vice Chair
 - Information Director
 - Competition Coordinator (maybe Steve Butler?)
 - Liaison Coordinator

- We also need a nominating committee to fill these positions (Angela is working on this).
- Please nominate someone for the teaching award! Look for an email to be sent out in April.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ross Sweet
IA MAA Section Secretary