The Illinois Section has a standing committee called the Undergraduate Participation Committee. Its chairman is Niram Paley of the University of Illinois, Chicago Campus. Other members are Franz Hohn of the University of Illinois, N.E. Nelson of Augustana College, and Anice Seybold of North Central College.

At the 1964 section meeting the committee recommended that participation in the Putnam Competition be encouraged by offering prizes to those Illinois students scoring highest. The section appropriated $200 to the committee for this purpose.

Accordingly, the committee awarded prizes in 1965 as per the attached sheet. In those cases where the student was already a member of MAA, his membership renewal was paid. The Illinois Section wishes to thank Harry Gehmen and the national office staff for their help in processing the variety of memberships encountered. Also, MAA did not charge the customary two-dollar initiation fee for the new members.

The section at the 1965 annual meeting evidenced its approval by appropriating $200 to the committee to continue this program in 1966.

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