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Dear Dr. Waltmann:

I have delayed awhile in answering your letter of September 7 because of the press of registration activities and getting the new school year started.

I personally feel an item in the Iowa Section program for the spring meeting with an emphasis on general college mathematics teaching would be very worth-while. As you undoubtedly recall, last year's topic involved discussion of the proposed general curriculum in mathematics. Possibly further discussion of implications of the proposed general curriculum along with attention to general college problems would make an appropriate emphasis for the Section meeting. It is true this would be somewhat like last year's topic, but I feel we did not by any means exhaust worth-while discussion that might come out of consideration of the general curriculum. Perhaps in your letter to the two-year colleges, you can get a reaction from them regarding possible topics of interest.

I think your idea of a section program committee might work. It would be important, I think, that you as Chairman of the Iowa Section and also official contact man with the Iowa Academy of Science be kept fully informed as to program development. It would seem to me you would have to be the one to notify the Iowa Academy officially as to the program established, as well as keeping the secretary of the Iowa Section informed so that he might publicize the program appropriately.

I will plan to send out a letter some time in December, as in previous years, if you wish, which would remind Section members of the coming spring meeting and could contain information and requests you might wish them to have. If you would give me information you wish to have in the letter, the latter part of November, I will be sure to include it.

I am enclosing a recent letter I received from president of the Iowa Association of Mathematics Teachers. If you are a member of the organization you may have already received the information. I have long been concerned that we do all we could to continue cooperative efforts with this particular group, but I do not know that the Iowa Section has accomplished much along this line in the last year or two. I believe Joseph Hoffert in our mathematics department here at Drake is a member of the I.A.M.T. as well as a member of the Mathematics Association, and I am sure there are others across the state with dual membership. Mr. Hoffert, I think, is currently a member of the Advisory Board of the I.A.M.T. as Orlando Kreider of Iowa State and myself have been. It is possible that Mr. Hoffert, or someone like him, could be an active liaison person between you as Chairman of the Iowa Section and the I.A.M.T.

Best wishes for a good year.

Sincerely yours,

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