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Dear Professor Friedell:

I agree with you that we have smaller attendance at the Iowa Section of M.A.A. meetings when they concur with the A.M.S. meeting in Chicago. This has been evident from past concurrences. However, I personally feel that if we are to influence the mathematicians in the state outside the State Universities, we will best stay with the Iowa Academy of Science. In the years, when there is a conflict of interest for the University people, we should attempt to build a program which would appeal to the staffs of the smaller institutions.

As to my thoughts for a program this year. Could we build a program around the idea of teaching techniques? Many people have ideas of presenting materials which would be of general interest. The type of paper would be like the Classroom Notes section of the Monthly. Perhaps with the "big shots" not present, some of us smaller potatoes would be willing to speak up. I am on the fence as to whether we should have an out-of-state speaker.

In about a month a general letter to the membership will go out reminding them of the meeting and inviting papers. If you decide on the type of program, this information could be included.

Sincerely,

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