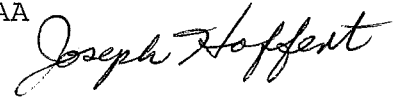


Date : May 12, 1972

To: Chairman, Mathematics Department
Mathematical Association of America Representative

From: Executive Committee, Iowa Section, MAA
Joseph Hoffert, Chairman



Subject: Visiting Lecture Program in Iowa

The Visiting Lecturer Program as sponsored by MAA is being phased out due to lack of funds at the national level. This matter was discussed at the Section Meeting in Iowa City, April 29. Several spoke in favor of the Iowa Section sponsoring our own Visiting Lecturer Program. While we all probably regret that the MAA cannot provide this service for us, some see this as an opportunity to strengthen the relationship between schools within our state.

Those who spoke in favor of such a program in Iowa felt that there is an ample supply of mathematicians who would have, or would prepare, one or more lectures and that they would be willing to take time to travel within the state to be a lecturer and/or consultant. The speculation of an "ample supply" was based on the assumption that the lecturer would receive no honorarium but would receive mileage, and any "out of the pocket" expenses for food and lodging.

It was also felt that schools, would make use of these lecturers and in most cases would be able to pay the expenses of the lecturer.

It also seemed to be agreeable by consensus that the Iowa Section should try for at least a year to implement such a program. As you know there are no local dues. Our treasurer reports that sufficient funds to handle correspondence are available. If the response to this letter merits it, an application to the MAA for a grant to help administer the program will be made.

If the response to this letter is positive and we can present a definite program of visiting lecturers for the Iowa Section this will strengthen our application for a grant. The enclosed survey form should be completed and returned by June 12 as the application must be in July 1.

Iowa Section MAA -
Survey Concerning Visiting Lecture Program

School _____

Part I-To be filled in by any school which would provide a lecturer.

1. Best estimate of the number of lecturers available from your school. _____. Names of persons, if possible. (If not possible now, names may be supplied later).
2. Best estimate of the total number of lecture topics available from your school. _____. List lecture topics if possible. (If not possible now, topics may be supplied later).

Part II-To be filled in by any school which would be interested in using a lecturer.

1. Best estimate of the number of lecturers you would use during the 1972-73 academic year. _____.
2. Funds would be available up to 0 10 20 30 40 50 dollars for expenses for each lecturer. (circle one)

Part III-To be checked by any school not filling in either Part I or Part II. Check one of the following.

- _____ We may be interested in participating but cannot make any estimate before June 10.
- _____ We would not be interested in participating.

Part IV- 1972-73 Chairman of Math. Dept. _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Return to Joseph Hoffert, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, 50311,
by June 12.