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Governor's Report
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1. I have encouraged MAA to try to broaden their membership, and they are now trying to get members of SIAM, IMS, ASA, etc. to join.
2. MAA is encouraging us to provide something for the Two-Year Colleges at our Section meetings.
3. I have argued against the "expensive" format of the winter AMS/MAA meetings. I do not think many persons from Morningside, Coe, Grinnell, etc. can attend; it is dominated too much by the AMS research mathematician with a grant.
4. R. E. Gaskell, chairman of Committee on Corporate Members, was very concerned about the products from our mathematics programs. He thought (and I am inclined to agree) that we should do more in math modelling etc. (like Noble or Maki and Thompson). Also more should be done to improve public image of mathematics. Also, at Missoula, J. W. P. Mayer stressed that he didn't think MAA is doing what it should be doing.
5. The work of CUPM is still decreasing due to lack of funding. The office will be moved to Hayward and called "Special Projects Office of MAA". (A "Committee on New Ideas" was also discussed.)
6. Some mathematicians feel that there is a need for expository writing for broader public understanding of the mathematical sciences.
7. Do any of you know about CBMS (the Conference Board of the Mathematical Sciences)? If you do, would you favor having some type of individual membership?
8. Is there a need for a survey to help forecast future employment possibilities for those persons in the mathematical sciences?
9. There still seems to be some dissatisfaction of OMB concerning the educational efforts of NSF. This might be easing a little, however, and more funds could be available.
10. A joint projects committee (AMS, MAA, and SIAM) has a report concerning the following topics: Mathematics and Society, Employment Policies and Problems, and Mathematics and the Other Sciences. The report is concerned about the application of the mathematical sciences. I like it and really believe that the other mathematical sciences should join in; others have found that it is hard enough to get 3 groups to cooperate.
11. The Iowa By-Laws were approved at Missoula! Congratulations and thanks, Basil (Gillam), for your efforts.