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To the Sections Officers of the MAA:

Dear Colleagues:

The Board of Governors at its meeting on January 16, 1974, in San Francisco voted "that Sections be urged to provide in their meetings for programs arranged by and for the two-year college faculty". The Committee on Two-Year Colleges has asked that I remind you of the desirability of having Sections provide such sessions planned with the assistance of two-year college faculty members at Section meetings. As the MAA is making strenuous efforts to increase its services to two-year college members, such cooperation at the Sectional level assumes special significance.

At its meeting on January 18, 1974, the Committee on Two-Year Colleges voted to approve the following resolution:

"Whereas there are already in existence local (state) associations of two-year college teachers of mathematics and whereas there appears to be a possibility that an attempt will be made to amalgamate these local associations into a national association of two-year college teachers of mathematics, the Committee on Two-Year Colleges recommends that each Section of the MAA make immediate overture to any such existing association of two-year college teachers whose membership resides principally within the geographic boundary of the Section with the idea of inviting participation by the association in the next meeting of the Section.

The initial activity participated in jointly could well be an exchange of information between the organizations since it appears that many members in each group know nothing about the other group. In any event, it is important that each group become aware of the other's existence and that they cooperate with each other in whatever informal manner they find mutually suitable. There appears to be no reason why a joint Section-association meeting could not be held in much the same manner as the AMS and the MAA hold joint national meetings.

The Committee on Two-Year Colleges recommends that the MAA undertake the task of notifying the appropriate Section officer of the existence of one of the above-mentioned associations within its boundary and also furnish the Sectional officer with the name and address of an individual connected with the association who may be contacted. The Committee on Two-Year Colleges is willing to furnish the Committee on Sections with the names and addresses of these individuals connected with the respective associations.

If you do not know who the appropriate official is, if any, in your local association of two-year college teachers, please contact the Chairman of the MAA's Committee on Two-Year Colleges,
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who will be glad to provide you with that information.

Sincerely yours,

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