

SAN ANTONIO MEETING
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
January 23, 1976

~~G. B. Price of the University of Kansas was elected to membership on the Finance Committee for 1976-179~~

The report of the Committee on Corporate Members was presented by the chairman, Dr. Gordon Raisbeck. It provoked a good deal of discussion. He pointed out that the American Institute of Physics has 88 corporate associates while the MAA has 3, one of which is the American Mathematical Society. Dr. Raisbeck suggested the following as a remedy for the situation:

Change the attitudes of MAA officers and members, the expressions which come out in MAA publications, and the activities at MAA meetings and other official work.

Dr. Willcox reported that the MAA has 1295 members who are ~~employed in industry, insurance, and publishing.~~ employed in industry, insurance, and publishing. This may be more than the number of industrial members of SIAM. In response to a question, Dr. Raisbeck said that industries would almost certainly be willing to pay part of the salary of industrial mathematicians invited to lecture at colleges and universities.

Professor M. D. Davis of the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences has been invited to deliver the 24th set of Earle Raymond Hedrick Lectures at the University of Toronto for the summer meetings.

A letter of appreciation from the members of the Executive and Finance Committees for Professor Edwin Beckenbach was read. Particular note was made of the fact that he had served as chairman of the Committee on Publications since 1972. The same group also presented him with a personalized desk pen set.

Professor Eileen L. Poiani, director of WAM: Women and Mathematics - A Secondary School Lecture Program Designed to Interest More Women In Mathematics, gave the report for the committee on Secondary School Lectures. The report included the statement that there had already been 17 requests for visits in the New York/New Jersey region and 15 in the San Francisco region. Two visits had taken place in January and there are procedures for carefully evaluating each visit.

The following items from the report of the Finance Committee were approved:

1. Approval of final agreement with Dickenson Publishing Company to purchase the existing inventory of SELECTED PAPERS ON CALCULUS.
2. To approve the details of appointment of W. E. Mientka as successor to H. M. Cox as Executive Director for the annual high school mathematics Examination.
3. To approve publication of the volume, STUDIES IN COMBINATORICS, edited by G. C. Rota.
4. To approve a \$3 bulk rate for undergraduate students on orders of five or more copies of MATHEMATICS MAGAZINE placed by departmental chairmen.

The Joint Committee on Employment opportunities in Two-year colleges recommended that there be developed programs at universities appropriate to future employment in two-year colleges, internships at two-year colleges for graduate students, and opportunities for professional growth of two-year college faculty. The motion to endorse the recommendations was unanimously approved.

The secretary read the motion that SIAM be invited to sponsor (with MAA and AMS) the Joint Committee on Women in Mathematics. This motion was unanimously approved.

The following slate of meetings was approved:

University of Washington	August 14-16, 1977
Atlanta, Georgia	January 20-22, 1978
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	January 13-15, 1979
San Francisco, California	January 10-12, 1981

The secretary was instructed to undertake a poll of the MAA membership to determine the most acceptable dates for both the winter and summer meetings.

There was a motion that the report of the ad hoc committee to review guidelines for evaluation be returned to the committee with a record of the discussion by the Board and that the Committee be asked to revise the guidelines in light of this discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Willcox, the Executive Director reported that the membership of the Association on December 31, 1975 was 18,774. The largest increase in MAA membership during the past year was from members employed in industry, insurance, or publishing. The sales of books through the Washington Office have greatly increased from 6,224 volumes in 1973 to 21,628 volumes in 1975.

The secretary moved that the Board of Governors approve the application of AWM for affiliate membership in CBMS and this

motion was approved unanimously.

The Secretary read the following motion: The Executive and Finance Committees recommends to the Board that they request the President to appoint a Committee on the Reported Decline in the Preparation of Students for Collegiate Mathematics. The charge to this Committee would be:

1. To prepare as soon as possible a brief statement of not more than about half-a-dozen pages listing priorities for mathematical topics and concepts for entering college students.
2. To recommend long range plans to reverse the reported decline in mathematical preparation of beginning college students.
3. To study the great variety of courses for entering college students and the preparation necessary for each.
4. To examine the perception that entering college students are not well prepared.
5. To take full cognizance of the report, OVERVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF SCHOOL MATHEMATICS, GRADES K-12 (the NACOME Report.)
6. To report to the Board of Governors.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Truman Botts, the CBMS Executive Director, reported that it is expected that there will not be a dramatic change in the current peer review, that bills are now clearing both the House and the Senate authorizing recreation of a position entitled Presidential Scientific Advisor, and that the 1976 NSF budget requested calls for a 20% increase in support of mathematics research and about the same amount as in 1975 for support of mathematics education.