

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MAA SECTIONS
Year Ending June 30, 1994

Sheet 6309

Name of Section: Iowa Section

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1. For each regular Section meeting held during the year please give:

	FALL MTG	SPRING MTG
Date(s)	X	<u>Apr 15-16</u>
Location(s)	X	<u>Grinnell College</u>
Total Attendance	X	<u>59</u>
How many were students?	X	<u>12</u>
How was participation by type of institution? (Good? Fair? Poor?)		
	PhD <u>Fair</u> 4-Yr <u>Good</u> 2-Yr <u>Good</u> HS <u>Poor</u> Industry <u>Poor</u>	

2. Do you have a meeting or session for MAA Department Representatives? No

Do you have a meeting or session specifically for Department Chairs? No

Do you have a luncheon or banquet?

Do you have any other type of social activity? informal social gathering on Friday evening

Do you sell space to vendors at your Meeting? yes If so, how much do you charge? \$25

Do you have an MAA book sale? Yes

What is your meeting registration fee? \$5

How many newsletters does your section publish each year? two

How many invited addresses were given at your meeting(s)?

~~_____~~ 3

How many contributed papers were given?

~~_____~~ 14

How many student papers were given?

~~_____~~ 12

How many panel discussions were given?

~~_____~~ 1

Did you have a Workshop or Short Course at your Meeting? If so what was the fee?

~~_____~~ No

What was (were) the topic(s) and who was (were) the Presenter(s)?

~~_____~~ NA

Does your Section sponsor a Summer Short Course? If so, what is the fee? Duration? What was (is) the topic(s)?

~~_____~~ No
~~_____~~
~~_____~~

3. Was your meeting(s) successful? What activities would you recommend to other Sections to make their meeting(s) successful?

Yes - Where we meet seems to be the important factor. The central locations typically have better attendance.

4. What Public Awareness Activities has the Section performed (or plans to perform)? (e.g. Any special efforts during Mathematics Awareness Week?)

Nothing specific

5. How many student chapters are there in the Section?

One for sure at MIU - Drake Univ. may also have one
but I am not sure

6. What kind of activities does the Section provide for student chapters?

Nothing special, Friday afternoon talks are for the student papers in our meeting.

7. The September issue of FOCUS is designated as "FOCUS on Sections" and will contain at least one or two paragraphs about the activities of each Section. For example, see last September's issue. What would you like to see highlighted in the paragraph(s) about your Section and its activities?

The highlight for our section would be the successful meeting & the number of students that attended & presented papers.

8. National Program Committees and the Program Committees of other Sections are always looking for good speakers and topics. We would like to provide a list of the best Section presentations to both groups. Who was the best speaker in your Section this year, and what was the topic?

In my opinion, the talk we had from a person from Deere & Company was our best speaker. He talked about Neural Networks & how Deere is and has used them.

9. The Committee on Sections is charged with providing aid, leadership, and other forms of help to the Sections. What can we do to help you? What services would you like to see us provide?

*More directed assistance to new secretaries.
Just sending out the manual is too bulky.
How about a sheet outlining the duties &
approximate due dates so that planning
(during a busy year) can be done.*

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THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED TO PROVIDE THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP. YOU WILL BE SENT A COPY OF THE SUMMARY.

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[1] Statistics for Spring 1994 meeting:

Dates: April 15-16, 1994
Location: Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa
Total Attendance 59
Students 11
Participation by Institution Type:
PhD: Fair 4-year: Good 2-year: Good HS: Poor Industry: Poor

[2] We do not hold a special meeting for the Department Representatives nor Department Chairs.

Our meetings are held on a Friday - Saturday in the spring. On Friday evening, we typically have a social event (usually informal) and Saturday we have a luncheon.

We sell space to publishers. This year we had two publishers at the section meeting. Our fee has been \$25 per vendor for the last several years.

We try to have an MAA book sale every year. We did so again this year.

We have kept our registration fee at \$5 for at least the past 6 years.

We generally publish two newsletters each year, one in the fall and one in the spring.

We had three invited talks at the meeting this year.

There were twenty contributed papers.

There were 8 student papers.

There was one panel discussion.

We did not have any workshops or short courses.

We have not sponsored a summer short course.

- [3] Our meeting was quite successful. We have found that the meetings which are held in the central part of the state are more successful than those held at extreme parts of the state. The focus of this year's meeting was on teaching. This may account for the lower attendance from the PhD schools. None of the talks were of a research type.
- [4] Nothing to report.
- [5] I am not sure exactly how many student chapters are in the section. I know for certain that MIU has a student chapter. Drake University may also have a student chapter but I am not sure.
- [6] We do not provide any special activities for student chapters. The Friday afternoon talks are devoted to student papers and we typically award prizes for the best three talks.
- [7] The highlight for our section would be the successful meeting in Grinnell.
- [8] In my opinion, the best speaker was _____, from Deere & Company. He gave an excellent talk on neural networks that very entertaining as well as informative.
- [9] As a new section secretary-treasurer, some special assistance and guidance as to what I am supposed to do for my section. Just sending out the big notebook to read is not a good approach. Highlight the important duties of a section secretary (along with deadlines) to give us a feel for what is coming. I think I have the hang of it now but it has been a year of learning for me.