



# The MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION of AMERICA

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Steven D. Nimmo  
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Dear Professor Nimmo:

As I believe you know, annual Section subventions are sent to the Sections each spring and are based on a percentage (2.5%) of dues, as approved by the MAA Board of Governors. This method was considered carefully by the Board which determined that it was the fairest way to calculate the annual amount of subvention, and it was implemented for the first time in 1994. For a few Sections, the new formula resulted in a lower level of support than in previous years, and, on a one-time basis, the Budget Committee decided to supplement the subvention as necessary to bring these Section subventions to the same level as the previous year.

It now appears that we did not make it clear to all Sections that last year's adjustment to the formula was for that year only, and that whatever amount 2.5% of dues produces (whether it is up or down from previous years) would be used.

Since it is our desire to support the Sections as fully as we can and to maintain good will between the national office and the Sections, we will make up the difference once again for those Sections whose subventions decreased. A check for this amount is enclosed. We are sure you will make good use of it!

For 1996, all Section subventions will be calculated according to the formula, and will not be supplemented if this amount is lower than the 1995 subvention.

We are proud of all the good work done by the MAA Sections, and are happy to provide support from the national organization's budget. If you have any questions about this supplemental check or future subventions, please feel free to contact me.

With best wishes,

Marcia P. Sward  
Executive Director

cc: MAA Budget Committee  
Section Chair  
Section Governor

Enclosure: Check for \$200.00