

**Wendy Weber**

**From:** Mark Johnson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 29, 2002 11:17 AM  
**To:** Wendy Weber  
**Subject:** Section Report

Wendy,

Below is a copy of the report I needed to file with the national office.

I was going to call you to set up a time to fill it out together but decided there wasn't much point to that. There are things we'll need to talk about, but 2 of us didn't need to count how many people were at the meeting, or other things like that.

We can meet any time that's convenient, then, later in the summer, without having to worry about the deadline for this form.

Hope you're having a good start to the summer,

Mark

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MAA SECTIONS**

2001-2002 Year

Deadline for returning this report: June 28, 2002

Please complete the form by filling in the requested information.

The completed file should be

e-mailed back to

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(and copied to Gretchen Brown <[Gbrown@MAA.org](mailto:Gbrown@MAA.org)>)

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Iowa

Section Secretary:

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Newly elected Secretary is:

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Official Section Representative (eligible for partial travel support) to Section Officers' Meeting at the Burlington MathFest (Thursday, August 1, 3:30 p.m.):

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1. How many times per year does your Section publish a newsletter? 2 Does your section send out other mailings? If so, describe.

Yes, we send a Call for Papers & Participation prior to the spring meeting.

Have you tried an electronic version of your newsletter?

Yes, our newsletters are published electronically. Section members are sent a postcard announcement with the web location of the newsletter; hard copies are available for those who request them. This past year, 4 requests for paper copies were made in the fall, and 2 were made in the spring.

2. Does your Section sponsor activities other than section meetings (e.g. summer workshops or short courses)? Yes If yes duplicate the following indented lines as many times as necessary:

Title -> Iowa Collegiate Mathematics Competition

Presenter(s) -> none

Dates -> April 13, 2002

Fee -> none

Presenter(s) telephone number, e-mail address and affiliation ->

3. The Board of Governors has instructed the MAA to collect and report data on the participation of women in MAA activities. Please supply the following for your Section.

Number of officers -> 10

Number of officers who are women -> 3

Number of committee chairs -> 0

Number of committee chairs who are women -> 0

4. This item is specifically about your section meeting. If your section had more than one meeting, please duplicate and answer as needed:

4A. Date(s) of Meeting

April 5-6, 2002

4B. Location of Meeting

Morningside College, Sioux City, IA

4C. Attendance (indicate numbers by category if possible)

Total	<u>32</u>
Two-year college faculty	<u>2</u>
Undergraduate students	<u>1</u>
Graduate students	<u>2</u>
Non-MAA members	<u>5</u>
Business/industry/govt.	<u>0</u>

4D. Sessions

	Number of Sessions	Number of Presenters
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(Total Women)

Invited Addresses:	2	(1 0)
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Contributed Papers:	1	(10 2)
Student Papers:	1	(1 0)
Panel Organizers:	0	
Panelists:	0	
Workshops:	1	(1 1)

4E. If there were workshops/short courses, please list topic(s) and presenter(s), including their names, topics, and contact information (affiliation, telephone number, e-mail address):

Workshop: Assessment  
 Presenter: Sandra Keith  
 St. Cloud State University  
[szkeith@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:szkeith@stcloudstate.edu)

4F. Fees

Registration: MAA member \_\_\$5\_\_ non-member \_\_\$5\_\_  
 Student Registration: \_\_\$0\_\_  
 Workshop/short courses: \_\_\$0\_\_  
 Exhibitors: \_\_ (none) \_\_

4G. At this meeting, was there:

...a meeting/session for MAA Departmental Liaisons? No  
 ...a meeting/session for Department Chairs? No  
 ...an MAA book sale? Yes  
 ...a luncheon and/or banquet? No  
 ...other social events? Yes  
 ...student activities (e. g. competition)? No

Please describe any of the above items which you checked yes.

There was a reception Friday night, and the book sale ran all day Saturday.

4H. Does your Section offer special recognition to student presenters at the Section meetings? If yes, please describe.

Yes. We recognize the best student papers at the Business Meeting on Saturday, awarding MAA memberships to all presenters and books to the best papers.

4I. Were there particularly outstanding speakers or presenters at your Section's events that you would recommend to other Sections or to national program committees? Please list names, topics, affiliations, telephone number, e-mail address.

David Stone gave two excellent talks. :) )

4J. Please describe any aspect of the meeting that was particularly successful or noteworthy.

It was helpful for the section leadership to get ideas from someone from the national office (David). I'm hopeful that we can improve some aspects of how our section works.

This meeting had unusually low attendance (which isn't the best time to host a national officer...), but we expect that was largely due to location.

4K. Please list names, topics and contact information (affiliations, telephone number, e-mail address) of your Invited Speakers.

David Stone.

5. Did your Section make awards for distinguished teaching or distinguished service this year?

No.

If yes, please list the awards and awardees and comment on the selection processes.

6. Does your Section have a Section NExT project? If so, how is it funded; what sort of NExT activities have there been?

No. We have considered putting one together, but the size of the section may be a limiting factor.

7. Does your Section recognize high scorers in mathematics competitions? How?

Putnam \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

AMC exams \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

MMC \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

8. Please describe any new, noteworthy, or particularly successful event or activity of your Section this year.

The student Competition continues to be very successful: this year 32 teams (2-3 person) competed from 12 different schools.

This was also the first year in which the Newsletter distribution was changed to be mostly electronic.

9. Please describe any Public Awareness activities organized by your Section.

None that I know of.

10. How are Student Chapters involved in the activities of your Section?  
What support do you provide for Student Chapters?

Cathy Gorini, the Student Chapter coordinator, holds occasional meetings for those involved in organizing student chapters.

11. What does your Section do to raise funds to support its programs and activities?

Meeting registrations and MAA book sale.

12. To what extent does your Section use electronic services (eMail, www) for communication with section members and promotion of section activities?

Email is used extensively among the section officers and MAA liaisons. We have a section website, used for distribution of the newsletter and other section information.

13. (a) Does your section have a Liaison Coordinator(s)?

Yes, Cal Van Niewaal, from Coe College.

- (b) Please describe ways in which your section utilized MAA/Departmental Liaisons.

I have used an email list of the liaisons as a way to announce upcoming events or, for example, to get volunteers to work with the Assessment Workshop at the section meeting. I believe other section officers (particularly the Newsletter Editor) have done similar things.

14. Are there concerns that your Section would like to bring to the attention of the Committee on Sections or to the MAA Headquarters office?

No.

15. What additional services or improvements in existing services provided by the Committee on Sections or MAA Headquarters would you suggest?

Nothing. The national office seems very active and supportive. I know that we appreciated the opportunity to host an assessment workshop this year, as well as the grant-writing workshop last year.