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Subject: Iowa MAA

A few things:

(1) As you may recall, at last spring's meeting, Professor Stephen Willson of Iowa State announced that he would match up to \$5000 in donations (so we could raise a total of \$10,000) to support the Iowa Mathematics Competition. Our current fund will only support one more year....

I am working on developing a letter to be sent out with the newsletter this spring to kick off this campaign. The timing is great since this is the tenth year we have held the competition. I have worked out details with the national office so that all donations can be tax deductible.

I would like to include a brief history of the Competition. Having been in Iowa only 5 years, I need some help. I would especially like to include information related to its foundation.

Please send me any information that you think would help highlight the history. I will be soliciting comments from some of you before anything official goes out to our members.

(2) Also at last spring's meeting someone brought up the idea of us regularly supporting part of the competition fund from our Section fund. I would like members of our Executive Board to begin a discussion about regularly contributing Section funds to the Competition fund.

(3) At last spring's meeting, members asked us to investigate and discuss the registration fees for our meeting. The current registration fee is \$5 for all non-students. Below is information from the Annual Section report on Section fees.

Regular registration meeting fees ranged from \$0 to \$35; sections with two meetings charged the same fee at both meetings. The distribution of regular fees charged by the sections is shown below.

FEE (\$) FREQUENCY

0	1
5	2
8	1
10	5
12	3
15	4
20	7
25	4
30	1
35	1

We have seen a somewhat steady decline in our Section fund balance over the last few years. If we intend to contribute section funds to the competition fund, we may want to seriously consider raising our registration fees. On average, raising our registration fee to \$10 will generate \$200 in extra income.

I would like to see a discussion about items (2) and (3) begin via email since any changes will need to be announced in the spring newsletter.

I look forward to the discussion.

Thanks,

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