

Wendy Weber

From: Joel Haack [joelhaack8@mchsi.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2004 8:50 PM
To: Wendy Weber; Ruth Berger; Allen Hibbard; Steve Nimmo
Subject: Re: Iowa MAA

Wendy,

A first quick reply:

I think the letter and form for contributions for the competition fund look fine. Just curious, is there any advantage or disadvantage to sending the contributions via Lisa at the Foundation?

I agree with your ideas on (2) and (3), with perhaps action (2) taking place until such time as the Section decides otherwise (of course!), in that if the challenge grant is met, that would likely provide enough income to support the competition in normal economic times. We may see an amendment to (3) to keep fees for students at \$5, or eliminating them entirely, but even so, the change to \$10 seems reasonable. Let's have those as business at our meeting.

We still do have time to send out (I view electronically as being in writing, though that may be an issue for some) proposed by-law amendments. Having the Newsletter Chair on the executive committee would seem to be a time saver and a benefit all around. And certainly the language change is overdue. Did you want to follow through with these as well?

[On a personal note, I still have difficulty with the competition because I don't think math should be a competitive sport. Oh, well.]

Joel

P.S. On another note, I have sent out an application form for graduate students to apply for the \$50 apiece that we can give because of the grant from the MAA that we received (due to David Mandersheid's initiative). The executive committee is to decide on the 8 to receive the money; should we have more than 8, I'll be sending you the applications with a fairly short turn around time.

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This is a little long, but it's very important!

- As the executive committee, we need to make some decisions. I didn't hear from anyone about item (2) on transferring money from the Section fund to the Competition fund on a regular basis or on (3) about changing the registration fee. (See the bottom of this email for a reminder.) I am in the process of putting the forms together for our meeting and would like us to make a decision.

On (2): I am in favor of transferring \$200 (which is roughly half the honorarium for writing the Competition questions) on an annual basis to the Competition fund. This can be done easily at the end of the year or after we receive the subvention check from the national office.

On (3): I am in favor of increasing the registration fee to \$10.

- I also noticed in the North Central Section newsletter this spring that they amended their By-Laws to include the Information Officer (Newsletter Editor) as a member of the Executive committee. According to our By-Laws (the section on amendments is at the end of this email), we could do the same thing, but we need to notify our members

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soon because of our approaching meeting. I would like us to consider doing this.

- As long as we are looking at the By-Laws, I think they need to be revised and made gender neutral. There are a few places where an officer is "he". We could have this ready for the meeting and vote on it there.
- I would like your thoughts and comments on the attached letter for the matched funds campaign for the competition fund.

<<CompetitionCampaign.doc>>

Thanks for your input.

Wendy

Article VII
Amendments

Section 1. These By-Law may be amended by a majority of the votes cast by the members at a Regular or Special Meeting of the Section, subject to the approval by the Board of Governors of the Mathematical Association of America, Inc.

Section 2. A proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to every member of the Section at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting at which the voting on the amendment will take place.

Section 3. When an amendment has been approved by the members of the Section, it must be submitted in seven (7) copies to the Committee on Sections for its recommendation to the Board of Governors.

Section 4. A complete revision of this set of By-Laws will be subject to the same procedure as that for amending this set.

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