

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MAA SECTIONS

2005-2006 Year

Deadline for returning this report: June 30, 2006 or within 30 days of your spring section meeting, whichever is first.

Please complete the form by filling in the requested information.

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Who will be your section's official section representative at the Section Officers Meeting at MathFest on Thursday, August 10, 2006 in Knoxville? Your representative may request partial support from MAA.

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1. How many times per year does your section publish a newsletter? 2

Does your section send out other mailings? no If so, describe.

How do you send your newsletter (U. S. mail, email to all or most members, web site posting)?  
Email to liaisons, posting on the web

2. Does your section sponsor activities other than section meetings (e.g., summer workshops or

short courses)? no

If so, duplicate and use the following indented lines as many times as necessary:

Title:

Presenter(s): (name, affiliation, email address):

Dates:

Fee:

Number of attendees:

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: 6

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 this year, please duplicate and answer questions 4A through 4K for each meeting.

4A. Date(s) of meeting: April 7-8, 2006

4B. Location of meeting: Iowa State University

4C. Attendance (Indicate numbers by category.)

Total: 64

MAA members: 29

Two-year college faculty: 1

Four-year college/university faculty: 30

Undergraduate students: 2

Graduate students: 8

Business/industry/government:   1  

High school teachers:   0  

Retired: 3

#### 4D. Sessions

Number of invited speakers:   1  

Number of women invited speakers:   0  

Number of non-student contributed papers:  20 

Number of women who gave contributed papers:   4  

Number of undergraduate student papers:   1  

Number of undergraduate women student papers:   0  

Number of graduate student papers:   6  

Number of graduate women student papers:   1  

Number of panel organizers:   0  

Number of women who organized panels:   0  

Number of panelists:   0  

Number of women panelists:   0  

4E. Were there workshops or short courses at the meeting?  no 

If so, list topic(s) and presenter(s), including their names, topics, affiliations and email addresses

#### 4F. Fees for the meeting

MAA member registration fee:  \$10 

Non-member registration fee:  \$10 

Student registration fee:  \$0 

Other registration fees (specify):  none

Workshop/short course fee: \_\_\$0\_\_

Exhibitors' fee: \_\_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? \_\_yes—reception after plenary speaker Friday evening\_\_

...other social events? \_\_no\_\_

...student activities (e. g., competition, poster session, paper session)? \_\_no\_\_

Describe each of the above events that you had at the meeting.

4H. Does your section offer special recognition to student presenters at the section meetings in addition to the MAA membership or book contributed by national MAA? \_\_yes—certificates presented to students\_\_

If so, describe the recognition.

4I. Describe any aspect of the meeting that was particularly successful or noteworthy.

4J. List names, topics and contact information (affiliations, states, email addresses) of your invited speakers. Include any honoraria given to speakers, and provide specific amounts.

**Jim Tattersall**, Providence College

*"Episodes in The Early History of The Lucasian Chair"*

*"Vignettes in Number Theory"*

4K. Were there particularly outstanding speakers or presenters at your section's events whom you would recommend to other sections or to national program committees? \_\_\_\_\_ List names, and if not written above, their topics, affiliations, states, and email addresses.

5. Did your section make awards for distinguished teaching or distinguished service this year?  
\_\_yes\_\_

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

Section teaching award, Catherine Miller, University of Northern Iowa

Short form of nomination for the Haimo award; committee of three selects from nominees.

6. Does your section have a section NEXt project? \_\_not yet\_\_

If so, how is it funded and what sort of NExT activities have there been?

Does your section have a section ACCESS project? no If so, describe.

Did ACCESS fellows in your section participate? no

7. Does your section recognize high scorers in mathematics competitions? not yet How?

Putnam: \_\_\_\_\_

AMC exams: \_\_\_\_\_

MMC: \_\_\_\_\_

Other exams, including other high school exams (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

8. Describe any new, noteworthy, or particularly successful event or activity of your section this year.

We have continued to raise money for the matched donations contribution by Steve Willson of Iowa State University. To date we have raised \$3414.67 and Steve has matched \$2105 (he will match the remaining amount when the campaign ends May 31, 2006).

9. Describe any public awareness activities organized by your section.  
None

10. How are MAA Student Chapters involved in the activities of your section?  
They aren't.

What support do you provide for MAA Student Chapters?  
None.

11. Did your section have special programs for students (e. g., careers conference) ? no If so, describe.

11A. Programs or activities for undergraduate students

11B. Programs or activities for graduate students

12. What does your section do to raise funds to support its programs and activities?  
See #8 above. We also raised our registration fee last year to help support programs.

13. To what extent does your section use electronic services (email, www) for communication with section members and promotion of section activities?  
Extensively. All newsletters and correspondence are electronic.

14. Does your section have a Liaison Coordinator? \_\_\_\_\_yes\_\_\_\_\_

Describe ways in which your section utilized MAA/Departmental Liaisons.  
Email distribution of events, including call for papers for the spring meeting.

15. Recommend several section members for membership in national MAA committees. Indicate an area of interest (such as education, publications, or administration) rather than a specific committee for each person you recommend. See the list of areas at <http://www.maa.org/Aboutmaa/commlist.html> and then look at the committees within each area. Write a brief biography of each recommended person; include service to your MAA section and to MAA in general. You may recommend yourself.

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

Not at this time.

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

I would suggest an electronic form for this report that is completely submitted online (similar to how the MAA accepts abstracts and registrations for meetings). Login should be email address (like the abstract submission page) and password protected. I would include drop-down menus where applicable (many questions are yes/no) and/or fields for the secretary to fill-in. This should help with the collection of data as well as the form in which it is reported (I find this form to be a bit archaic). There should be the ability to postpone (and save information already completed) and edit before the final submission. Finally, the web page should produce an electronic copy (PDF or html) that the secretary could save and post on the web if desired.