

Annual Report of MAA Sections

Year Ending May 15, 1981

Name of Section: Iowa

Name of Section Secretary preparing this report: E. J. Peake

Name of Section Representative who is to receive travel subsidy for
Pittsburgh meeting: A. M. Fink

Section Office held by Representative: Chairperson

I. Meetings

(1) For each regular Section meeting held during this year please give:

Date(s) April 24-25, 1981

Location(s) Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Approx. attendance 55

(2) Please describe any particular highlights or novel features of this year's meetings, and give some indication of their reception by the members. (If more space is needed for your response to this or other items, please continue on reverse side.)

For the first time we handled all details of meeting except room scheduling by ourselves. This presented no great difficulty. An MAA evening film program was tried but the attendance was poor. Concurrent sessions for part of the meeting worked well.

(3) If your section had any special meetings, please give date, location, purpose, and accomplishments of each such meeting. (Report workshops, short courses, etc. under III below.)

II. Newsletter

- (1) Does your Section publish a newsletter? No If so, how many times did it appear this year? _____
- (2) If the answer to (1) is Yes, please give the editor's name and address:

- (3) Does your newsletter take care of all regular communications within the Section? No If not, how many other general mailings were necessary during the year? 2

III. Section Activities

- (1) Does your Section sponsor a Visiting Lecturer program for secondary schools in the region? No If so, approximately how many visits were made this year? _____
- (2) Does the Section sponsor a Visiting Lecturer program for colleges in the region? No If so, approximately how many visits were made this year. _____
- (3) Is the Section involved in other educational programs or activities, either alone or in cooperation with other organizations? No
 If so, please describe: (If you have pertinent printed material such as publicity brochures, please attach copies.)

IV. Finances

- (1) Do you charge a registration fee at Section meetings? Yes
 If so, how much: \$2.00
- (2) Does your Section assess annual dues? No If so, how much? _____
- (3) What other regular source(s) of funds does your Section have (exclusive of the annual subvention received from the MAA)?
None

- (4) Is the income adequate to meet the expenses of the present level of activities of the Section? Yes
- (5) If the answer to (4) is No, what steps are being taken by the the Section to solve the problem? _____

- (6) Are there specific activities you have wanted to undertake but have delayed or curtailed for financial reasons? No Please specify: _____

- (7) In what year did your Section last apply for a grant from the MAA Fund for Aid to Sections (see Handbook for Section Officers)?
1972 Was the grant application approved? Yes
 If so, for what purpose was the grant money used? Visiting
Lecturer Program

V. Strengths and Weaknesses

- (1) On the basis of your Section's recent activities and present condition, what would you say have been its strongest features or most significant activities this year?
 Joint Annual Meeting with SIAM and ASA
- (2) In a similar vein, what do you consider to be the weakest features or most serious problems facing your Section at this time?
 Attracting more members to meeting.
- (3) Please characterize as Good, Fair, or Poor the extent of participation in Section activity by your members this year who are in
 PhD granting institutions Fair
 Two-year Colleges Poor
 Other colleges and universities Good
 Areas of non-academic employment Poor

4.
VI. Did your Section make any effort this year to involve undergraduates on the program at a Section meeting? Yes If so, please give details (e.g. number of student papers, description of special activities planned for the undergraduates, etc.):

No results

VII. MAA program committees are constantly on the lookout for superior speakers. Were there any outstanding persons on your program(s) this year whom you recommend for invitations to speak at national or sectional MAA meetings? Yes If so, please give the name and institution of each such person, together with titles of talks and other pertinent information. (Responses to this item will be made available to program committees upon request.)

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VIII. This committee exists for the sole purpose of helping sections to maintain and increase their effectiveness. Are there things you think we might do which would be of assistance to your and other sections? Please be as specific as possible, both in identifying problem areas and in suggesting how we might help.

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