

Second Annual Report of MAA Sections  
Year Ending May 15, 1979

Name of Section: Iowa

Date of this report: May 14, 1979

Name of Official Section Representative (who is to receive travel funds for Duluth meeting): Frank Kosier

Section Office held by Representative: Chairperson

Name of Section Secretary (preparing this report): E. James Peake

I. Meetings

- 1) For each regular section meeting held between May 15, 1978, and May 15, 1979, please give

Date(s) April 20-21, 1979

Location(s) Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, IA

Approx. Attendance 60

- 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.) Three students presented condensed versions of papers they had prepared on the applications and history of certain areas of mathematics for a term project. It was generally agreed we ought to regularly have some student presentations at our meetings. Following a talk on infinitesimal analysis, a panel of persons who had used the approach to teach college calculus painted a generally favorable picture of their results. This brought about a large amount of discussion from the audience.
- 3) If your section had any special meetings, please give dates, locations, purposes, and accomplishments of such meetings. (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:  
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- 3) Does your newsletter take care of all regular communications within the section \_\_\_\_\_, or is it necessary to make one or more other general mailings? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Please estimate the total cost to the section of publishing your newsletter (including printing, postage, etc.), on a per copy, per issue basis. \_\_\_\_\_

III. Section Activities

- 1) Does the section sponsor a Visiting Lecturer program for secondary schools in the region? No If so, approximately how many visits were made this year? \_\_\_\_\_ How is the program financed?  
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- 2) Does the section sponsor a Visiting Lecturer program for colleges in the region? Yes If so, how many visits were made this year? One Two How is the program financed? No honorariums, but travel, meals, and lodging are provided by the host institution.
- 3) Did the section sponsor any academic year or summer workshops during the past year? No If so, please describe each -- its dates, location, theme or purpose, number of participants, and program highlights. (If you have printed brochures or announcements, we would appreciate your including copies with this report.)

- 4) Is the section involved in other educational programs or activities, either alone or in cooperation with other organizations? No

If so, please describe:

- 5) Last year's report revealed that in many sections there has been little participation by persons in two-year colleges and in non-academic employment. Has your section made any special effort this year to encourage either of these groups to become more active? No

If so, please describe:

IV. Finances

- 1) Does your section assess annual dues? No If so, what is the amount of the dues? \_\_\_\_\_ About what fraction of the section membership paid dues this year? (Circle one)

0, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 1

- 2) Do you charge a registration fee at section meetings? No. We are charged a registration fee by the Iowa Academy of Science.  
If so, how much? \_\_\_\_\_

- 3) What other regular source(s) of funds does your section have (exclusive of the annual MAA subvention regularly sent out by the Washington office)?

None  
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- 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 section to solve the problem? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 6) Are there specific section activities you have wanted to undertake but have delayed or curtailed for financial reasons? Yes Please specify: Invitation of out-of-state speakers
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- 7) How many times in the last five years has your section applied for grants from the MAA's Fund for Aid to Sections (see Handbook for Section Officers)? None
- 8) What is your section's policy regarding payment of honoraria to invited speakers
- a) Who are members of your section? No honoraria
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- b) Who are not members of your section? No honoraria
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- 9) Do publishing company representatives display textbooks at Section meetings? No If so, what fee do they pay?

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 its most significant activities this past year?  
A good program at the annual meeting.
- 2) In a similar vein, what do you consider to be the weakest features or the most serious problems facing your section at this time?  
Lack of participation by members from Ph.D. granting institutions.

3) How strong was the participation in section affairs this year by your members in: (Circle answers, please)

<u>PhD granting Institutions</u>	<u>Two-year Colleges</u>	<u>Other colleges and universities</u>	<u>Areas of non- academic employment</u>
poor	<u>poor</u>	poor	<u>poor</u>
<u>fair</u>	fair	fair	fair
good	good	<u>good</u>	good

VI. Suggestions for the Committee on Sections

This committee exists for the sole purpose of helping sections to maintain and increase their effectiveness. To this end a year ago we asked you to suggest things we might do to help your section. The response was excellent. We have already acted on some of your ideas, and others are still under consideration. Now we again ask for your suggestions. Please be as specific as possible.

VII. A Special Request

One of the responsibilities of this committee is to review proposed revisions in section Bylaws and to make recommendations to the sections and to the Board of Governors regarding such revisions. Over the years, the committee's file of current bylaws has become, to put it mildly, disorganized. When you return this report, will you kindly include a copy of your current Bylaws, marked with the date of the most recent revision?

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by May 16, 1979, please.