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Letter received from Hanson today. How do you react to the proposal? Would it make sense to go along with it at this time and ask the membership to confirm or change the arrangements, or should we seek some concessions? The particular proposal looks to me like it would be detrimental to our Friday afternoon program.

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Dear Arnold:

Since your letter of 2 June 1980 in which you reported the motions of the MAA of April 19 that (1) the Iowa section of MAA no longer function as the Mathematics Section of the IAS, and (2) the executive committee of the Iowa section of MAA be instructed to make every effort to negotiate, in a constructive manner, its holding of its meeting at the time and place of the Academy meeting, etc., we have been studying and discussing the matter of "affiliated" groups meeting with the Academy. Registration fees seem to be the problem.

Roger Hanson of the UNI Physics Department is Chairman of the Iowa Section of AAPT, and now that MAA is no longer the math section of IAS, the two groups are comparable. Both wish to meet at the time and place of the IAS meeting and both have problems with the Academy's expectation that Academy registration fees be paid by those in these groups attending.

I think we are all in agreement that there are both members and nonmembers of IAS that attend the MAA and AAPT meetings and who would be interested in participating in the Academy program, either by their attendance or by paper presentation. It is impossible to make a distinction as to which AAPT and MAA people are in that category at this point, however.

Therefore, our conclusion (yet to be approved by our Board on November 1) is to offer some services, some incentives, and some concessions by way of reduced registration fees, while at the same time not putting IAS members in the position of having to pay more than nonmembers. We want to accommodate groups like MAA and AAPT because their presence is a plus for the Academy meeting. This spring we will probably have yet another group meeting concurrently with the IAS for the first time - the Iowa Section of NABT - at their request and with their offer to pay regular Academy registration fees. We want to encourage groups like these to meet with us, so long as their programs augment rather than detract from the Academy program. I should think that it would be good for everyone to feel part of the same group and to enjoy the fellowship that goes with that, and as you say "expanding your links with the general scientific community."

The proposed fee structure goes like this:

1. Contributed paper presenters (of any group, IAS or not, whose abstracts are submitted on IAS forms for inclusion in our abstract publication or which will be listed in the printed IAS program) would pay \$3.00 with the abstract if IAS members or \$6.00 if not IAS members. This is \$2.00 less than in 1980 or 1979. The fee payment would constitute an advance registration. The deadline would be 2/2/81. These contributed papers should be presented within existing Academy sections or in a planned joint meeting involving an IAS section and an "affiliated" section.

For example, AAPT often meets jointly with our Physics Section. In the case of MAA, you could hold a joint session with the Academy's math section, but the coordination of such a program would have to be handled by the IAS math section chairperson, working with me as coordinator of the entire annual meeting. Academy procedures would have to be followed.

2. Advance registration for all others would be \$6.00 for IAS members and \$9.00 for nonmembers if attendance is planned for Friday or Friday and Saturday. This amounts to a \$3.00 bonus for submitting an abstract by Feb. 2. (I wouldn't call it a penalty because these fees are willingly paid by all IAS members who do not contribute papers.)
3. For those attending on Saturday only, a one-day advance registration fee of \$3.00 for IAS members or \$6.00 for nonmembers, the same fee charged to paper presenters.
4. A walk-in penalty of \$2.00 for professionals and \$1.00 for students, in all categories, member or nonmember alike.

These "rules" would require that MAA or AAPT members who are not members of the Academy would have to be provided with the opportunity to register (with the IAS office) in advance. Since we do not have that mailing list, it would have to be provided to me for inclusion in our bulk mailings at Academy expense. This would be a service the Academy could provide to MAA or AAPT. If you think it would be undesirable for us to have your mailing list, you would have to make arrangements to inform that constituency yourself at your own expense. At any rate your constituency should have the opportunity to save a dollar or two by advance registration. The deadline would be about April 15 for non-paper presenters or those whose papers are strictly MAA or AAPT presentations.

Perhaps the best way to keep the registration fee down for those who want to limit their participation to MAA or AAPT would be to confine each group's meeting to Saturday and make sure they register in advance.

I know of no easy way to turn over any part of the IAS registration fee to your organization. Perhaps a Saturday only fee to IAS and a nominal fee (\$1) collected by you at your own meeting would take care of it.

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Finally, we operate entirely on the honor system and can't force anyone to register if they don't want to. It's expected as a matter of professionalism in sharing the costs of the meeting and letting us know who was present.

This proposal has gone to our Board of Directors for their approval. If you have any comments about it, please let me know as soon as possible.

I'm sending a copy of this to Roger Hanson for his reaction on behalf of the AAPT, also.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Hanson
Executive Director

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cc: Roger Hanson, Ben Graham, Don Huffman