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Dear Arnold:

I thought you might be interested in the breakdown of the Academy's Math Section (defined simply as those who indicated mathematics interest on their membership applications).

Excluding all out-of-state and Emeritus members, there are 57 total, of which 33 are MAA members. Of this 33, 24 indicate math as their only section interest. Six are counted in the Science Teaching Section, and 6 receive the Iowa Science Teachers Journal (at their own request). Two are in the Physics Section and 1 is in the Engineering Section.

There are 24 who are not MAA members (excluding again out-of-state and Emeritus). Only 5 have math as their only interest, 9 are in Physics, 7 are in Engineering, 3 are in the Science Teaching Section, and 5 receive the Iowa Science Teachers Journal.


This indicates to me that other sections of the Academy could possibly satisfy the needs of these 24 non-MAA people, if MAA persists in removing itself from Academy affiliation.

I think I'm convinced that MAA has a fair, legitimate reason for wanting to meet somewhat independently but I can also see as I review the Math Section roster many names of persons who have been long-time Academy members and officers of this organization. Their wishes to maintain their Academy connections should be respected by the Academy as well as by the MAA executive committee, and both "sides" should try to be accommodating.

As soon as I receive the space inventory from Coe College I'm going to find a suitable space for MAA so you won't have to go off campus. I'll try to get this space assigned to MAA as soon as possible - before Christmas.

The registration fee schedule stands. I've checked with other state academies and many have experienced this same problem. Virtually all of them have simply adopted the policy (as we have) that nonmember groups that meet with the Academy by mutual agreement must be expected to pay Academy registration fees. Individuals who have strong feelings against such a policy must decide on their own whether they should or should not register and pay. It can't be any other way.

Sincerely,


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Executive Director

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cc: Ben Graham