Dear Colleagues:

It is time for the call for papers to be presented at the annual meeting of the Iowa Section of the MAA. The meeting this year is on the campus of Simpson College in Indianola. The meeting will be in conjunction with not only the Iowa Academy of Science, but also the Iowa Section of SIAM and the Iowa Chapter of the American Statistical Association. This arrangement is experimental in line with the exploration of alternatives to our long standing relationship with the IAS. The dates for the meeting are April 18 and 19, 1980. Tentative plans call for a Friday afternoon session with papers of primary interest to MAA members and a Saturday morning session featuring papers of joint interest along with a major speaker and a panel on employment opportunities. Papers of primary interest to SIAM and ASA members will be presented on Saturday afternoon. The final program will be determined by the number and kinds of abstracts received. Papers of joint interest are especially encouraged.

Arnold Adelberg, our Chairperson-Elect (alias Program Chairman) has asked that abstracts be forwarded to him by January 21. This will give him time to arrange the program and submit the abstracts to the Iowa Academy by its deadline. His address is the Department of Mathematics, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. You may obtain copies of the abstract form to be used from the Iowa Academy of Science, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613. The telephone number is (319)273-2021. If you wish your abstract to appear in the printed program of the Academy, the appropriate preregistration fee must accompany your abstract. The fee for members of the Academy is \$5.00, for nonmembers it is \$8.00. Student fees respectively are \$2.50 and \$5.00. Nonmembers of the Academy may use the member fees if they also include dues of \$15.00 (\$7.50 for students). We will also print our own program listing all papers presented at the mathematics meetings.

A nominating committee chaired by Jim Cornette, Iowa State, is charged with finding nominees for the offices of Section Governor and Chairperson-Elect. Final selection of the Section Governor will be made by mail ballot, while the Chairperson-Elect will be chosen at our annual meeting. If you have suggestions for nominees, please let Jim know.

Cordially yours,

James Peake Secretary-Treasurer Towa Section of MAA

This is not optional!