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TO: Robert W. Hanson, Executive Director, IAS aa
FROM: Arnold Adelberg, Chairperson-elect, Iowa Section, M.A.A.
RE: Program of the Math Section of the IAS

Jim Peake, Frank Kosier and I have been in communication about your letter of 12 February. I will attempt to convey to you my sense of these conversations.

We are well aware of the perennial difficulties that have involved the sectional meetings that we have held in conjunction with the Spring meeting of the IAS. We appreciate your concern and speculate that the structure of the IAS may not precisely fit our purposes. For one thing, not many of our members participate in the other activities of the IAS, for another, the vast majority of our talks come from personal invitation rather than in response to a general solicitation. Nevertheless, we do not wish to commit ourselves or the section to any definitive action vis-a-vis the IAS at this time. Accordingly, if we must choose between the two options listed in your letter, we choose option a. It has been our custom to distribute the full program by mail to our members in any event.

You may be aware that the section engaged in a preliminary discussion about our relation to the IAS last year. The joint meeting that we will be holding this year with SIAM and ASA is in part a consequence of that discussion. It would certainly be appropriate for us to consider again our relation to the IAS in the context of evaluating the efficacy of the joint meetings.

I hope that a mutually satisfactory resolution to this troublesome situation can be achieved. I believe that this would be in the best interest of both the Academy and the Iowa section of the M. A. A.

cc: Jim Peake, Frank Kosier