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To: Chairman, Mathematics Department
Mathematical Association of America Representative

From: Executive Committee, Iowa Section, MAA
Joseph Hoffert, Chairman

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Subject: Visiting Lecture Program in Iowa

The Visiting Lecturer Program as sponsored by MAA is being phased out due to lack of funds at the national level. This matter was discussed at the Section Meeting in Iowa City, April 29. Several spoke in favor of the Iowa Section sponsoring our own Visiting Lecturer Program. While we all probably regret that the MAA cannot provide this service for us, some see this as an opportunity to strengthen the relationship between schools within our state.

Those who spoke in favor of such a program in Iowa felt that there is an ample supply of mathematicians who would have, or would prepare, one or more lectures and that they would be willing to take time to travel within the state to be a lecturer and/or consultant. The speculation of an "ample supply" was based on the assumption that the lecturer would receive no honorarium but would receive mileage, and any "out of the pocket" expenses for food and lodging.

It was also felt that schools, would make use of these lecturers and in most cases would be able to pay the expenses of the lecturer.

It also seemed to be agreeable by consensus that the Iowa Section should try for at least a year to implement such a program. As you know there are no local dues. Our treasurer reports that sufficient funds to handle correspondence are available. If the response to this letter merits it, an application to the MAA for a grant to help administer the program will be made.

If the response to this letter is positive and we can present a definite program of visiting lecturers for the Iowa Section this will strengthen our application for a grant. The enclosed survey form should be completed and returned by June 12 as the application must be in July 1.