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Dear Profs. Hoffert, Gillam, and Pilgrim:

Since we are greatly spread out over the state, and since we have no urgent business (of which I am aware) I see no reason to have a meeting of the Executive Committee of The Iowa Section of MAA. At the same time I would like to review the various things that are to happen before the meeting next April at Upper Iowa College, and have your reactions, if any.

First my appeal for volunteers for the visiting lecturer program brought forth only 5 responses. I suppose the proper thing to do is to send out another letter about Sept. 1 asking for lecturers and topics. I think that we could include in this letter the names and topics of those 5 eager souls. Judging from the use made of the program last year there is no danger that such a procedure would overwork these first five, or is there?

Next I will report the slight problem in the matter of the meeting next April. (Prof. Pilgrim forgive the repetition as I have previously written you about this.) There has been no allowance made for section meetings on the morning of April 19. Registration is 8:00 to 10:00 and there is a general session from 10:00 to 12:00. I have written Mr. Hanson pointing out that our section seems sold on one day meetings and suggesting that we might need to use the time from 8:30 to 10:00 for a section meeting. Mr. Hanson replies, "I anticipated this and I think the only thing we can do is allow sections to do what they think is best." I do think we should avoid conflict with the Academy's general sessions if possible. It occurs to me that we might have our meeting on the 20th rather than the 19th. Would we have fewer persons in attendance or more?

I notice that one of my duties is to appoint (much nearer April of course) a committee to select nominees for the position of chairman-elect. I cannot tell from the data I have about the Secretary position. Basil, is it time to elect a new secretary?

This year is definitely the year to elect a new Governor for the section. Prof. Hogg took office in June of 1971 for a three year term. I shall need to appoint a (separate?) nominating committee for this election as well. I believe that the election of Governor is handled by mail ballot from the national office.

I think that covers all the necessities. Please let me know if I have overlooked something that must be done or something that would be nice to do. I do wish you would think about the following and give me your ideas.

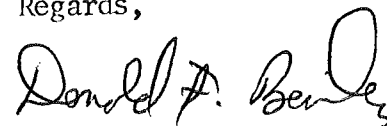
(1) How can we help Kosier's "articulation" committee do it's job?

(I wish I knew what their job is!)

(2) Should we pursue the idea of a high school visiting lecturer program?

Finally, I am enclosing a copy of the report I will make in Montana at the Section Officers' Meeting. Comments, corrections or criticism please.

Regards,



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