SPRING 2012 MEETING INFORMATION

The 2012 section meeting will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14, at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS. Friday evening events include an invited address by Estela Gavosto, University of Kansas.

Estela A. Gavosto received her Ph.D. in Mathematics from Washington University in St. Louis. Her research interests are in complex dynamical systems in several variables and computer graphics visualization. Following postdoctoral positions at Princeton University and the University of Michigan, she joined the faculty of the University of Kansas in 1996. Gavosto also works in Mathematics and Natural Sciences education both (continued on page 5, Gavosto)

The keynote speaker for Saturday will be former AMS President George Andrews. George E. Andrews is Evan Pugh Professor of Mathematics at Penn State University and an expert on the theory of partitions. He has a long-term interest in the work of S. Ramanujan, whose last notebook he unearthed in 1976. He is now collaborating with Bruce Berndt on a series of volumes explicating the brilliant and sometimes enigmatic ideas in this notebook.

Andrews has received many awards for his teaching and service to the profession. These awards (continued on page 5, Andrews)

More information and a call for contributed papers for the spring meeting will be forthcoming. For more information, check out the spring meeting webpage located at http://www.math.ksu.edu/events/conference/ksmaa/2012/ or contact Dr. Virginia Naibo Department of Mathematics Kansas State University Manhattan KS 66506 785-532-0554 vnaibo@math.ksu.edu

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2012 MAA KANSAS SECTION AWARDS

Nominations for the 2012 MAA Section Awards for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics are now being accepted. The Kansas Section Selection Committee will determine the recipient of the award from those nominated. The awardee will be honored at the Spring 2012 meeting of the Section and will be widely recognized and acknowledged within the Section. The awardee will also be the official Section nominee for the MAA Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics. There will be at most three national awardees, each of whom will be honored at the national MAA meeting with a certificate and check for $1000. A special session at that meeting is devoted to talks by the
awardees on aspects of their teaching.

Anyone may make a nomination, but nominations from chairs or MAA liaisons in departments of mathematical sciences are especially solicited. An outline of the nomination process can be found on the web site http://www.maa.org/awards/teachingawards.htm

We urge you to submit a nomination for the MAA Kansas Section Award if you have someone eligible and qualified in your department. Even if not selected this year, it is an honor for someone to have been nominated, and your candidate can likely be nominated again in a future year. Your department will receive recognition for its commitment to excellence in teaching, and the work done in preparing a nomination folder for your candidate is a tribute in itself.

Self-nomination is not permitted.

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**2011 Teaching Award**

**Congratulations** to Brian Hollenbeck (center in the picture to the left) on receiving the 2011 MAA Kansas Section Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching. Dr. Hollenbeck is an Associate Professor of Mathematics at Emporia State University.

**Pictures from the 2011 KSMAA Meeting**

Former MAA President David Bressoud

Ready for the Friday night invited address.

KSMAA Chair Jennifer Wagner conducting the business meeting.
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2012 MAA KANSAS SECTION AWARDS (CONTINUED)

Eligibility

College or university teachers who currently teach a mathematical science at least halftime during the academic year in a public or private college or university (from two-year college teaching through teaching at the Ph.D. level) in the United States or Canada. Those on approved leave (sabbatical or other) during the academic year in which they are nominated qualify if they fulfilled the requirements in the previous year.

More than seven years experience in teaching a mathematical science.

Membership in the Mathematical Association of America.

Guidelines for Nomination

Nominees should

- Be widely recognized as extraordinarily successful in their teaching*
- Have teaching effectiveness that can be documented
- Have had influence in their teaching beyond their own institution**
- Foster curiosity and generate excitement about mathematics in their students.

* "teaching" is to be interpreted in its broadest sense, not necessarily limited to classroom teaching. It may include activities such as preparing students for mathematical competitions at the college level such as the Putnam Prize Competition or the Mathematical Contest in Modeling, attracting students to become majors in a mathematical science or to become Ph.D. candidates, working with pre-service or inservice teachers, etc.

** "influence beyond..." can take many forms, including demonstrated lasting impact on alumni, influence on the profession through curricular revisions in college mathematics teaching with wide-ranging impact, influential publications or innovative books concerned with the teaching of college mathematics, etc.

Nominations must be submitted on the enclosed "Nomination Form." Please follow the instructions on that form precisely to assure uniformity in the selection process.

Please email the completed nomination form to

Professor Joe Yanik
Secretary/Treasurer of KSMAA
hyanik@emporia.edu

no later than January 1, 2012.

Nominations for someone from another Section should be sent to the Secretary of the nominee’s Section.

The KSMAA Selection Committee will select the Kansas Section awardee soon after the January 1 deadline. After the selection is made, the nominator and awardee will be encouraged to complete and submit a full nomination packet (see http://www.maa.org/awards/teachingawards.htm) in time for consideration for the national award.

We look forward to your participation in this exciting MAA venture of taking substantive action to honor extraordinarily successful teaching. We want to see such teaching recognized at all post-secondary school levels. We depend on you to help us identify those who merit such recognition.
Mathematical Association of America

Awards for

Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics

Nomination Form

PLEASE TYPE

Nominee's Name (First name first): ________________________________________________

College or University Affiliation: ________________________________

College or University Address: _________________________________________________

City: _____________________________________ State: ____________ Zip: ____________

Nominee's email address: _______________________________

Is the nominee a current member of the Mathematical Association of America? ______________

Nominee's number of years teaching experience in a mathematical science: _______________

Has the nominee taught at least half time in a mathematical science during the current academic
year or during the previous year if on approved leave or sabbatical? _______________________

In the space below, please briefly describe the unusual personal and professional qualities of the
nominee that contribute to his or her extraordinary teaching success.

Name of nominator (First name first): _______________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________

Telephone: ______________________ Email: _________________________________________

Signature: _____________________________ Date ___________________
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at the undergraduate and graduate levels addressing the challenges faced by underrepresented groups of students. She served as the Director of Undergraduate Studies and Associate Chair of the Department of Mathematics from 2000 to 2009. She has mentored through research experiences numerous successful undergraduate students, including several Goldwater Scholarship and NSF Graduate Fellowship recipients. She is now the Director of the Mathematics and Natural Sciences Multicultural Scholars Program and the Associate Director for the Office of Diversity in Science Training of the University of Kansas. She works in several projects in collaboration with Haskell Indian Nations University to improve the success of students who are pursuing research careers in biomedical research. She is the co-Pi of KU Post-Baccalaureate Research Education Program funded by NIH and has extensive participation in several other sponsored projects. She currently chairs the Graduate Students Committee of the Mathematics Association of America. In recognition for her efforts Gavosto has been awarded the H. Bernerd Fink Teaching Award for Outstanding Classroom Teaching, the W.T. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence, the G. Bailey Price Award for Excellence in Teaching of Graduate Students, and the J. Michael Andrews (continued)

include the Allegheny Region Distinguished Teaching Award from the MAA, and the 1999 Centennial Award from the Department of Mathematics at the University of Pennsylvania “in recognition of contributions to pure mathematics and mathematics education.” In 2007, he was one of three finalists nationwide for the Robert Foster Cherry Teaching Award for Great Teaching. Andrews served as President of the AMS from February 1, 2009 to January 31, 2011.

Andrews was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1997, and to the National Academy of Sciences (USA) in 2003. He was awarded an honorary professorship at Nankai University in 2008. In 2009 he became a SIAM Fellow. He holds honorary degrees from the Universities of Parma, Florida, and Waterloo.

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KSMAA Newsletter

The KSMAA Newsletter is published twice a year; once early in the year and then again in the fall. A link to each newsletter will be sent out via email by the MAA. The newsletters are also archived on the section webpage. (NOTE: the section webpage has recently moved to a server maintained by the MAA. The new address is http://sections.maa.org/kansas)

The newsletter can also be a forum for sharing news or disseminating information to other mathematics departments across the state. If your department has any news to be included in the KSMAA Newsletter, please send it to KSMAA Public Information Coordinator:

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