SPRING 2013 MEETING INFORMATION
The 2013 section meeting will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 19 and 20, at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO, joint with several nearby sections. More information and a call for contributed papers for the spring meeting will be forthcoming. As information becomes available it will be posted on the section webpage at http://sections.maa.org/kansas/.

2012 TEACHING AWARD

Congratulations to Andrew Bennett on receiving the 2012 MAA Kansas Section Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching. Dr. Bennett is a Professor of Mathematics at Kansas State University. Quoting the K-State Mathematics Department webpage, “This award recognizes Prof. Bennett’s extraordinary teaching success, his teaching influence beyond his own institution, and his ability to foster curiosity and generate excitement about Math in his students… As a recipient of a section award, Prof. Bennett becomes a nominee for the national Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics.”

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2013 MAA KANSAS SECTION AWARDS

Nominations for the 2013 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 2013 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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**Pictures from the 2012 KSMAA Meeting**

Former AMS President George Andrews Invited speaker on Saturday

KSMAA Chair Virginia Naibo welcoming everyone to the meeting.

Fort Hays State University folks at lunch on Saturday.

Estela Gavosto, KU Invited speaker on Friday

Ready for the Friday night invited address.

KSMAA Treasurer Joe Yanik at the business meeting.
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2013 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 Brian Hollenbeck
Chair, Awards Selection Committee
bhollenb@emporia.edu

no later than January 1, 2013.

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 ____________________
By-Laws Change and New Section Officers

Thanks to the hard work of the by-laws committee, the Kansas Section of the MAA now has a revised set of by-laws which were approved by the section at the annual 2012 business meeting and by the MAA Board of Governors at their meeting before MathFest 2012. The previous by-laws dated back to 2005. A copy of the new by-laws can be found at the section webpage at http://sections.maa.org/kansas/. One result of the new by-laws is the creation of several new officer positions increasing the size of the Executive Council from 6 to 9. Throughout the history of the section, there has been one person serving as a secretary/treasurer. This position has now been split into two. Dr. Joe Yanik of Emporia State University, who has been section secretary/treasurer, agreed to continue as treasurer, and Dr. Leah Childers of Pittsburg State University was elected secretary. The position of Chair-Elect has been renamed Vice Chair, and a new position of Vice Chair-Elect was created. Dr. Jennifer Wagner, Washburn University, and Dr. Qiang Shi, Emporia State University, were elected to these offices, respectively. Another new officer position that has been created is historian, and Dr. Tim Flood, Pittsburg State University, has assumed this role.

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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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