The 2016 KSMAA meeting will be held at Fort Hays University in Ft. Hays, KS. The tentative dates for the meeting are April 8-9, 2016. More information and a call for contributed papers will be forthcoming. As information becomes available it will be posted on the section webpage at http://sections.maa.org/kansas/. The 11th Kansas Collegiate Math Competition will be held in conjunction with the meeting. For more information on the competition including questions and solutions from past years, visit http://pittstate.edu/department/math/competition.

2015 KSMAA Teaching Award

Congratulations to Cynthia Huffman on receiving the 2015 MAA Kansas Section Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching. Dr. Huffman is an University Professor of Mathematics at Pittsburg State University. As a recipient of a section teaching award, Prof. Huffman becomes a nominee for the national Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics.

Call for Nominations for 2016 MAA Kansas Section Awards

Nominations for the 2016 MAA Section Award 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 2016 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
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2016 MAA KANSAS SECTION AWARDS

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.

(web site http://www.maa.org/awards/teachingawards.htm)

(application form on next page)

PICTURES FROM THE 2015 KSMAA SECTION MEETING

Vice Chair and Host, Dee-Ann VanLuyck, Fort Scott
Invited speaker, Dr. Jenna Carpenter, Louisiana Tech University, MAA First Vice President
Chair Qiang Shi modeling a KSMAA Centennial t-shirt.
Business meeting.

More pictures can be found on the KSMAA website.
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2016 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 in-service 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 Cynthia Huffman
Chair, Awards Selection Committee
cjhuffman@pittstate.edu

no later than February 1, 2016.

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 February 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.
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 ____________________
As you can see from this newsletter, the Kansas Section was well represented at the MAA Centennial MathFest in Washington, D.C. This is also the centennial year for the Kansas Section as well. As highlighted in the Fall 2014 issue of this newsletter, the organizational meeting of the Kansas Mathematical Association, the predecessor to the Kansas Section, was held November 12, 1915, in Topeka. The Mathematical Association of America actually came into existence on Friday morning, December 31, 1915 when the constitution was finally adopted in the meeting at Ohio State University. That afternoon, the newly formed Executive Council of the MAA, “received formal applications from duly authorized representatives of three states requesting authority for organizing Sections of the ASSOCIATION; namely, from Kansas, Missouri and Ohio.” [The American Mathematical Monthly, Vol. 23, No. 1 (Jan., 1916), p6]. “The first meeting of the Kansas Section of the Mathematical Association of America was held at Lawrence, Kansas, on Saturday, March 18, 1916, in room 105, Administration Building, University of Kansas.” [The American Mathematical Monthly, Vol. 23, No. 5 (May, 1916), p164]. A copy of the original program of this meeting appears below. It was actually the second meeting of the Kansas Mathematical Association but the first official meeting of the Kansas Section. The names and group photo of the attendants appeared in The American Mathematical Monthly and the group photo was reproduced the Fall 2014 issue of this newsletter.

So as you proceed through this hectic academic year, please pause to remember (and maybe even celebrate with a piece of cake) each of our section centennial anniversaries.

November 12—The 100th anniversary of our organizational meeting
December 31—The 100th anniversary of the founding of MAA and the Kansas Section
March 18—The 100th anniversary of our first section meeting
25th Annual Kansas City Regional Mathematics Technology EXPO
Learn about all the great things your colleagues have been doing with technology in the math classroom.
October 2 & 3, 2015, UMKC
Web: http://www.kcmathtechexpo.org/
Twitter: @KCMathTechExpo #kcEXPO2015

KSMAA CENTENNIAL PHOTO
KSMAA continues to be active both at the section level and at the national level. Several KSMAA members serve on national committees and/or editorial boards. Recently several KSMAA members appeared in the MAA FOCUS. Qiang Shi, outgoing chair of KSMAA and associate professor of mathematics at Emporia State University, wrote an article, “Organizing a Section Meeting: 5 Things I Learned” in the June/July 2014 edition of FOCUS. The article included the picture below on the right, taken at the 2014 KSMAA meeting at Emporia State University. The article can be found at http://digitaleditions.walsworthprintgroup.com/publication/?i=212119&p=31.

The picture below on the left also appeared in the same edition and shows newly elected KSMAA Governor and past treasurer, Joe Yanik, professor and chair of the Department of Mathematics and Economics of Emporia State University. The original can be found at http://digitaleditions.walsworthprintgroup.com/publication/?i=212119&p=46.

Congratulations to new KSMAA governor

Congratulations to Professor Joe Yanik, the new KSMAA governor. Joe began his term recently by attending the MAA Board of Governors meeting before MathFest in Washington, D.C. Professor Yanik, the chair of the Department of Mathematics and Economics at Emporia State University, will serve a three-year term as KSMAA governor.
ABOVE: Many of the attendees at the 2015 MathFest in Washington, D.C. Most of the KSMAA members are wearing their yellow section centennial t-shirts. One group is in the back just to the left of center.

BELOW: Some KSMAA members at MathFest by the Kansas banner in the #1 position. (Left-right) Qiang Shi (ESU), Tim Flood (PSU), Andy Bennett (KSU), Cynthia Huffman (PSU), Brian Hollenbeck (ESU), Betsy Yanik (ESU), Scott Thuong (PSU), Joe Yanik (ESU).
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 at 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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