

Minutes of Business Meeting
Mathematical Association of America
Maryland-District of Columbia-Virginia Section
Fall Sectional Meeting
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
Saturday, October 20, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Minutes of Spring 2001 Meeting: The minutes of the Spring 2001 Business Meeting were distributed by Secretary Christopher Barat. The minutes were read and approved.

2. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bonita Saunders distributed a handout detailing the Treasurer's Report, dated September 30, 2001, and also displayed an overhead of the report. As of 9/30/01, not taking into account vendors' fees, the general account balance was \$11,579.42, the balance of the Milcetch Fund was \$1795.50, and the balance in the Project NExT Fund was \$2795.50. Bonita also reported that a total of 115 individuals (including 28 students) had reregistered for the Fall Meeting; 89 individuals (19 students) pre-registered, and 26 individuals (9 students) registered on-site. 4 book and technology vendors (Kendall-Hunt Publishing, Prentice-Hall, Brooks-Cole, and Texas Instruments) were represented at the Meeting

Dan Kalman asked if the general account balance had remained constant over time; Bonita responded that the balance had in fact been slowly increasing over time. This is due at least in part to increases in the cost of preparing the Section newsletter and the costs of meals at the Section Meetings. It was suggested that the Section consider possible ways of spending the "extra" money. Another suggestion was made that on future registration forms, students be allowed to indicate whether they were graduate students or undergraduate students. This will provide a more thorough breakdown of student attendance at meetings and will help the Section to plan appropriate activities.

3. Governor's Report: Betty Mayfield reported that her official report can be found in the Section newsletter. She reminded the attendees about the various features that are now available at the MAA's official Web site (<http://www.maa.org>). These include the MathDL "virtual library"; JOMA, a journal devoted to online mathematics and its applications; and a set of guidelines for mathematics departments. Betty also reported that the Section assisted faculty members at Longwood College who had lost their libraries in the fire earlier this year, by providing the Longwood mathematics department and individual faculty members with MAA books. She closed by "plugging" the upcoming January 2002 Joint Meeting of the AMS and MAA in San Diego.

4. Project NExT/Section NExT: Will Traves and Betty Mayfield announced that eleven new Section NExT Fellows had been selected. These individuals are: Hasan Hamadan, James Madison University; John Hamman, Anne Arundel Community College; Kira Hamman, Hood College; Kamal Hennayake, Chesapeake College; Suzanne Kelton, Emory & Henry College; David Kung, St. Mary's College of Maryland; Conrad Lotze, Towson University, John Osoinach, Jr., Hampden-Sydney College; Stephanie Pepin, Montgomery College; Kimber Tysdal, Hood College; and Christos Xenophontos, Loyola College.

An E-mail network of all Section NExT Fellows is currently being set up. Activities at the Fall Meeting included a panel on ways to promote undergraduate research and a Friday-night social get-together in conjunction with the graduate students who are participating in the paper competition.

5. Report by Martha Siegel: Martha Siegel presented a brief, unscheduled report on activities of interest relating to the national MAA office. A report on the mathematics education of teachers is now available at MAA Online. The MAA Committee on undergraduate programs in mathematics will be having sessions at the San Diego Joint Meetings. Also, new management software has now been installed and is in use at the national office.

6. MathFEST Report and Other Announcements: Section Chair Dave Carothers reported that the summer MathFEST in Madison, WI, featured a successful presentation by Tonya Kim and Nancy Nichols of Randolph-Macon College, who had won the Student Paper Competition at the Spring Meeting.

Jon Scott encouraged attendance at the ICTCM Conference in Baltimore, MD, November 1-4. He also noted that a series of 8 to 12 MAA-sponsored workshops are being held during the upcoming summer. Dan Kalman asked about the deadline for workshop proposals for the following summer (2003); Jon responded that such proposals should be submitted by June of 2002. Jon also presented a certificate to Section member Chris Allgaier, commemorating 25 years of active membership in the Section.

Dave Carothers noted that Sally Garber of Hollins College is stepping down from her duties with American Mathematics Competitions after 16 years in the post. Sally received a book award at the Friday evening dinner. He also mentioned that the upcoming spring conference at the "Reasoning Center" on the campus of Virginia Commonwealth University will include a session devoted to mathematics.

7. Section Teaching Award: Bud Brown, Chair of the Selection Committee for the Section Teaching Award, called for nominations for the Section Teaching Award. The deadline is November 9, 2001. The award will be presented at the Spring Meeting.

8. Section Officer Elections: Dave Carothers noted that a Chair-Elect and a Treasurer will need to be elected at the Spring Meeting. The nominating committee for these positions consists of Will Traves, Bud Brown, and Betty Mayfield.

9. New Section Offices: Dave Carothers announced that several proposals to amend the Section Bylaws and create new Section offices would be put forward at the Spring Meeting: a proposal providing for the creation of the new office of *Student Activities Coordinator*, and a proposal to add 2 to 5 "at-large" members with "fluid" duties to the membership of the Executive Committee. Also, a decision needs to be reached on the question of whether or not the position of *Liaison Coordinator* should be made an official Section office. Martha Siegel asked whether the proposed *Student Activities Coordinator* would coordinate **all** student activities, both graduate and undergraduate; Dave responded in the affirmative.

10. Future Meetings: The Spring 2002 Section Meeting will be held at St. Mary's College of Maryland, on April 12 and 13, 2002. The Fall 2002 Section Meeting site and dates have yet to be determined. However, it is likely that the Spring 2003 Section Meeting will be held at Hampton University.

11. Other Business: Howard Penn moved that letters of thanks be sent to appropriate officials at Virginia Tech; the motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Dave Carothers thanked Bud Brown and Laura Spielman, the local arrangements coordinators. A final suggestion was made that, in the future, the printed Section newsletter include deadlines for hotel reservations.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

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