

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
MAA MD-DC-VA Section
Hood College, Frederick, MD
Saturday, November 8, 2008

1. Jon Scott called the meeting to order.
2. Minutes from the spring 2008 General Membership Meeting were disseminated and approved.
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Jan Minton thanked Robb Koether for an excellent turnover.
 - b. Jan reviewed the budget.
 - c. From the floor it was suggested that the Executive Committee consider lowering the registration fee for meetings and spending down the budget given the financial situation.
 - d. Jan reminded everyone to return their badges at the end of the meeting.
4. Governor's Report:
 - a. Bud Brown explained that MathFest was a "hoot" and encouraged attendance at the Joint Meetings.
 - b. Bud also noted awards received by members of our section:
 - i. Roland Minton – Polya Award.
 - ii. Mike Bardzel – Haimo Award.
 - c. He encouraged folks to go to the MAA headquarters and noted the improved access to MAA online.
 - d. Finally, Bud encouraged attendees to buy books at the book sale.
 - e. From the floor it was announced that copies of award winning papers were available at the book sale.
 - f. Bud invited the MAA Executive Director, Tina Straley, to address the members.
 - i. Tina encouraged members to bring students to the Joint Meetings.
 - ii. She announced an open house at the headquarters during the Joint Meetings.
 - iii. She also announced that student attendance at section meetings is 40% of the total numbers.
 - iv. Tina gave her "high points" of what the MAA is doing.
 1. Strategic planning in the areas of sections, meetings, STEM issues and publications. Contact MAA if you have input.
 2. Website upgrade – many resuources.
 3. MAA study tour to Egypt.
5. Section NExT Report:
 - a. Leigh Lunsford announced that there were 18 new NExT Fellows. Seventeen were at the meeting and were introduced.
 - b. Of the twelve 2009 Fellows, six were in attendance.

6. 25/50 Year Member Recognition:
 - a. Bud Brown read the names of the 25 year and 50 year members. Three were in attendance.

7. Chair's Report:
 - a. Jon Scott solicited nominations for the teaching award. The short form needs to be submitted by November 21st.
 - b. Jon encouraged attendance at future meetings, including student attendance.
 - c. Jon announced the call for nominations for new officers: Secretary (3yrs), Newsletter Editor (2 yrs), Departmental Liaison's Coordinator (3 yrs), Student Activities Coordinator (3 yrs), two At-Large Members (1 yr), Program Chair Elect.
 - d. Jon encouraged attendance at the Joint Meetings.
 - e. Dan Kalman moved that "The executive board is authorized to allocate \$3000 to subsidize expenses of members to attend section meetings." Bud Brown seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was approved with only one dissenting vote.
 - f. It was suggested from the floor that the section set up a task force to put together a statement on mathematical preparedness for college. A main point of this would be to encourage students to take pre-calc. There is pressure from high schools to take AP stats instead.

8. It was moved from the floor that the Secretary write letters of appreciation to the local organizer and Hood College for a great meeting.

9. The meeting was adjourned.