

MAA MD-DC-VA Section
Minutes of the Membership Meeting
Goucher College, Towson, MD
November 14, 2009

1. Dipa Choudhury called the meeting to order.
2. The minutes of the April 18, 2009 Meeting were approved as distributed.
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - a.) Jan Minton reviewed the financial report that was distributed.
 - b.) Jan reported that 104 people had pre-registered for the meeting. Student attendance included six graduate students, 15 seniors, eight juniors, four sophomores, and two freshman.
 - c.) The section pays \$2500 to the national organization when the section has a Project NExT fellow.
 - d.) Attendance at the meeting is about the same as it was last fall.
4. Governor's Report:
 - a.) Bud Brown reported that MathFest which was held in Portland, Oregon last August between heat waves was the largest ever with more than 1500 in attendance.
 - b.) Sommer Gentry, a 2009 Alder Award recipient and faculty member at the United States Naval Academy, gave a talk at MathFest on her teaching.
 - c.) USNA's Andrew Bashelor, Amy Ksir, and Will Traves received two awards, the Lester Ford award for a noteworthy expository *Monthly* article and the Merten Hasse award for a noteworthy expository article with at least one younger author.
 - d.) Dan Kalman of American University received a Lester Ford award which was his sixth writing award from the MAA.
 - e.) Betty Mayfield continues as First Vice-President of the Board of Governors while Martha Siegel is ending many years of fine service as Secretary.
 - f.) The association's investments are down but are not as bad as they could be due to the conservative nature of the investments.
 - g.) The MAA budget is available through the members only link on the website.
 - h.) The Governors discussed reports from the strategic planning work groups. Reports from these groups are available on the MAA website.
 - i.) The Board of Governors approved an all-electronic membership as one of its membership options. This option gives electronic access to all three journals for about the same price as receiving one print journal.
 - j.) Bud's complete report appears online in the fall newsletter.
 - k.) The winter meeting is in San Francisco. The next MathFest is in Pittsburgh.
5. Section NExT Report:

Ann Stewart reported that 16 of 18 faculty who are in their second year of Section NExT have returned for this year. (9 from MD and 7 from VA). There are 9 in the new class (4

from MD and 5 from VA). This weekend's activities included sessions on finding your niche, open source opportunities, and grant writing. Stacey Nichols from Anne Arundel Community College is a Project NExT fellow from this section.

6. Bud Brown presented the 25 and 50 year awards.
7. Chair's Report:
 - a.) Dipa Choudhury reported that a nominating committee consisting of Mary Kay Abbey, David Carothers, and Betty Mayfield had found three candidates for section Governor. The candidates are Dan Kalman, David Kung, and Bonita Saunders.
 - b.) Dipa reported that Jon Scott was heading up a review of our bylaws as part of a periodic review. Jon gave a synopsis of the changes and the process involved which includes a vote at the spring meeting.
 - c.) Homer Austin will chair the John Smith teaching award committee.
 - d.) Send an email to Dipa if you would like to be on the nominating committee for the spring election of section officers.
 - e.) Future Meetings:
 - Spring 2010 Virginia State University April 16-17
 - Fall 2010 George Mason University
 - Spring 2011 Randolph Macon College
 - Fall 2011 Christopher Newport University
 - Spring 2012 Stevenson University
 - Fall 2012 Virginia Military Institute
 - f.) Betty Mayfield reported that the Board of Governors is looking at institutional vs departmental memberships and asked people to send her ideas on the subject.
 - g.) Following a discussion of STEM student preparation, members were encouraged to attend the closing session on student preparedness.
8. The Secretary was directed to write a letter of appreciation to the hosts of the meeting.
9. The meeting was adjourned.