

MD-DC-VA Section of MAA
Membership Meeting Minutes
Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA
October 27, 2012

Dan Joseph called the meeting to order.

1. The minutes of the April 13, 2012 membership meeting were approved as distributed.
2. Brian Lins presented the treasurer's report. He said that although the Section has supported, through the John G. Milcetic fund, sending the winner of Math Jeopardy to MathFest, it will no longer do that. He noted that the general fund has been decreasing, while the Section NExT fund has increased. The Section may wish to address that issue in the future.
3. Dan Kalman noted that as Section governor there was nothing new to report.
4. Jill Dunham, the Section NExT coordinator, announced that the Section has 8 new Section NExT fellows and one new Project NExT fellow, Rebecca Jayne of Washington College.
5. Dan Joseph made the following announcements.
 - a. Nominations are open for the offices of Program Chair, Newsletter Editor, At-Large Member, and Webmaster.
 - b. The deadline for nominations for the John Smith teaching award is approaching.
 - c. The election of the Section's governor will be handled electronically. Dan Joseph also informed members that if they wish to receive e-mail notices from the MAA, they must "opt in" to the system.
 - d. The MAA's centennial celebration will be in 2015. Dan Joseph solicited from the membership items of historical interest, including personal recollections. Jon Scott asked for the assistance of the members in assembling the material for the centennial. Don Spickler demonstrated the Section's new blog, through which members may submit their historical notes. Jon Scott also mentioned that MD-DC-VA Section will celebrate its own centennial in either 2016 or 2017.
6. Leigh Lunsford proposed establishing an award for service to the mathematical community within the MD-DC-VA Section. There followed a brief discussion. After the discussion, Dan Joseph said that it appeared that the consensus was to proceed with a committee to explore and develop the proposal. Leigh Lunsford will head up that effort.
7. Regarding future meetings, Dan Joseph cited the tradition of holding the fall meeting in the Baltimore-Washington, DC area and holding the spring meeting in the more

southerly parts of the Section. The spring 2013 meeting will be held at Salisbury University in Salisbury, MD. The fall 2013 meeting will likely be held at Longwood University in Farmville, VA, possibly hosted jointly with nearby Hampden-Sydney College.

8. Mary Kay Abbey made remarks in memory of Sr. Helen Christensen, a long-time member of the Section, who died on August 2, 2012. Dan Joseph announced that the Section would receive donations in her memory. Of the donations, \$303.00 (which has already been donated) will go towards purchasing a brick for the MAA's Paul Halmos Commemorative Walk and the remainder would go to the John G. Milcetic fund for student activities.
9. Dan Joseph spoke of the benefits he sees in attending the sectional meetings and encouraged those present to spread the word to the schools whose faculty generally do not attend.
10. A motion was passed to direct the secretary to write a letter of appreciation to Virginia Military Institute for hosting the meeting.
11. The meeting was adjourned.