

MD-DC-VA Section of MAA
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, VA
November 1, 2013

Attending: Robb Koether, Bryan Faulkner, David Taylor, Brian Heinold, Dan Joseph, David Shoenthal, Brian Lins, Jathan Austin, Jill Dunham.

David Shoenthal called the meeting to order at 2:47 pm.

1. The minutes of the April 12, 2013 Executive Committee meeting were approved as distributed.
2. Brian Lins presented the treasurer's report. He pointed out that the figures did not include receipts for the current meeting, in order to provide a more representative picture of our finances. He said that the balance has been steady lately, but that meeting attendance has been somewhat lower.
3. Dan Joseph said that the Nominating Committee is looking for nominees for the offices of Treasurer, Chair-Elect, New Faculty Coordinator, and At-Large Member.
4. David Shoenthal announced that the spring 2014 meeting will be at James Madison University and the fall 2014 meeting will be at Bowie State University.
5. At the meeting of the membership there will be a vote on the proposal to establish a section service award, in honor of Sr. Helen Christensen. In order to have a larger audience, the 25-year and 50-year membership certificates will be handed out just before the invited address.
6. A question was raised about the duties of the at-large members of the Committee. A related question concerned the book sale. Should we designate someone, e.g., one of the at-large members, to assist the book sale officer or to be a substitute in the officer's absence? The Committee made no decision on those questions.
7. Regarding the MAA Centennial in 2015, Caren Diefenderfer is working on our Section's participation, but there has been no activity to report lately. We have a flag design, but no flag yet.
8. To fund desserts at the Joint Mathematics Meeting in January, the Committee voted to draw from the Section NExT Fund and the General Fund, as necessary, to finance the desserts.
9. Jill Dunham reported that the Section has 7 new Section NExT fellows, which is less than last year, probably because of less hiring.
10. The Committee voted not to participate in the Math Festival at Centennial High School in Ellicott City, to be held on December 10, 2013.

11. The question was raised of whether to charge a fee to students who sign up for the meetings, in particular, whether to charge for the workshops. The problem is that students sometimes sign up for the meals, the organizers order the meals, but the students fail to attend. The Committee decided to watch and see how things go at the next few meetings before making a decision on the fees.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.