

**MAA MD-VA-DC General Membership Meeting**  
**Norfolk State University**  
**November 9, 2019**  
**11:00am**

11:20 (meeting started late due to computer problems)

### **Approval of minutes**

Done.

### **Treasurer Report**

Philip Poplin: there were a lot people at spring, and so expenses were higher than usual. On the other hand IBL didn't use any funds in spring. Combined accounts balance is \$10k.

Attendance fall 2019 (pre-registered numbers):

HS teachers =0  
business etc. =4  
other =6  
faculty =47  
total non-students =57 (including 9 Section NExT members)  
students = 3

Today there were 12 new registrations by students.

### **Report of Section Representative**

Bonita Saunders: I went to Mathfest this summer and learned a lot there. I would like to emphasize the mission of the MAA "to advance the understanding of mathematics and its impact on our world." I think its important that you become more aware of how you refer to some participants at these meetings. A lot of times when we ask for someone to do something we ask if *faculty* members step up. But a lot of people from business and industry and government aren't *faculty* members. E.g. if we say we are looking for "faculty" judges for student papers, we should use more inclusive language, to include non-faculty.

Related, when we ask ourselves "how can we get people from business, industry and government more involved in the MAA", it's not a matter of getting them involved, its getting them *back* to the MAA. If you go back and look at the 100 year history of the section and our meetings, there were a lot of people from industry, from government, from NIST (formerly the Bureau of Standards), from big research universities, and from HBCU's. The real question is how do we get them involved *again*?

On to other topics:

- MAA member benefits: Go to the MAA site and search.
  - Video library (e.g. you can see the Mathfest talks),
  - American Math Competitions,
  - MAA awards (check out the first winner of the diversity inclusion award),
  - Also find out about the MAA journals,
  - Check out the MAA instructional practices (IP
  - Guide),
  - Check out the career center at the MAA site,
  - Check out the MAA Tondeur Career Initiatives: <https://www.maa.org/programs-and-communities/professional-development/tondeur-career-initiatives>
  - MAA connect.
- At the meetings for Section Representatives there have been a lot concerns raised about the JMM (Joint Mathematics Meetings). In particular, what about the employment opportunities, because these don't

exist at Mathfest? On the other hand, there will be some benefit to ending the formal JMM agreement: The MAA will recover some funding to go back to sections, and to program NExT, and Mathfest, and MAA connect.

We can still do JMM until 2021. This year, 2020, Denver, you can save 37% as an MAA member. (Follow up: more info about JMMs here: <https://www.maa.org/meetings/jmm>)

- Reminder about the dates of future section meetings, and about Mathfest, in Philadelphia, Summer 2020.

## **Report of New Faculty Coordinator**

Alex Meadows: There are four new NExT-ers in the class 2021:

Emelie Curl, Christopher Newport University  
Prabhashi Withana Gamage, James Madison University  
Tom Narock, Goucher College  
Michael Strayer, Hampden-Sydney College

## **Report of Awards Committee**

Ethan Duckworth: Read the citation, announcing that the Sister Helen Christensen Service Award went to Dr. Eve Torrence from Randolph-Macon College.

The award was given and photo taken (currently on the section webpage <http://sections.maa.org/mddcva/>)

## **Report of Program Chair**

No report

## **Report of Section Chair**

Minah Oh: Reminder about next meetings: The Spring 2020 will be at Salisbury, then Fall 2020 at Longwood University, and Spring 2021 James Madison University.

Reminder about the presence of people from Galudet University, a school for the deaf. We will continue involving them for at least the next two spring meetings. One thing we could/should think about for the whole section is how to increase the interaction between the rest of us and students and faculty from Galudet.

General comment: there is a session at this meeting that is "open discussion" and maybe people can come by and suggest more ways we can collaborate.

Reminder that there are officer positions opening up in the spring: treasurer, at large and new faculty coordinator. Nominations are being solicited and there will be an election.

A representative from MAA press, Steve Kennedy, is looking for acquisitions, talk to him if you any ideas.

## **New business**

Bud moves to write a letter of appreciation and thanks to Norfolk state university. Motion passes.

Adjournment.