

**MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA  
MARYLAND-DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA-VIRGINIA SECTION  
MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 11:20AM  
VIRTUAL MEETING THROUGH ZOOM  
Presiding Officer: Minah Oh, Section Chair**

The meeting took a few minutes past 11:20 to get going: Getting Zoom all set up, agendas downloaded, minutes shared, etc.

## **I. Approval of Minutes of November 8, 2019.**

Minutes approved

## **II. Report of the Treasurer: Phillip Poplin**

We're in fairly good shape budget-wise: our current balance is \$8300, we had no income in the spring but we also had basically no expenses.

There are two payments shown for Section NExT over the past year, but one of those was for a missed payment for the previous year.

There are 74 registrations for the meeting this weekend, about 57 are people who paid in full (i.e. not invited speakers, or Section NExT, etc.), plus 7 undergraduate students and one graduate student.

Questions: Dan: does the section pay a fee for zoom or for the social hour GatherTown.

Phillip and Minah: the zoom accounts are just individuals accounts through their schools. The MAA did offer one zoom account for the section, but we're not using it, and there was only one account.

GatherTown is roughly \$70.

## **III. Report of the Representative to the MAA Congress – Bonita Sanders**

Even though there was no MathFest over the summer, we did have a three day meeting over July that was pretty intense. I'll share some of the slides from that.

The first slide is about the MAA mission. This is a new mission, only about 3 or 4 years old; it doesn't mention "especially at the collegiate level", and it is more inclusive of people from other areas, e.g. government, industry, etc.

————— Bonita got cut off due to internet issues

## **IV. Report of the New Faculty Coordinator – Minah Oh (standing in for Jathan Austin)**

Class of 2022 Section NExT:

Chris Eliot: John Tyler Community College

Nicholas Owad: Hood College

Chase Mathison: Shenandoah University

Blain Patterson: Virginia Military Institute

Sarah Patterson: Virginia Military Institute

At this meeting we'll be giving a Section NExT presentation on balancing teaching, service and research.

## **V. Report of the Awards Committee, Represented by Ethan Duckworth**

Two awards were announced, one a carry-over from the missed Spring 2020 meeting

- Susan Goldstine of St. Mary's College of Maryland won the 2020 John M. Smith Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching.
- There was a three-way joint award to Leigh Lunsford, Phillip Poplin, and David Shoenthal of Longwood University, for the Sister Helen Christensen Service Award.

## VI. Report of the Program Chair – Ryan Shifler

No report.

## VII. Report of the Section Chair – Minah Oh

Minah had two main reminders: On November 2nd everyone should have gotten an email from the MAA to vote on a change of section bylaws. The changes were sent out in the spring, and they are on the section webpage. The vote will remain open from the 2nd, and until Friday the 13th.

Next reminder: future meeting locations:

- Spring 2021 at JMU,
- Fall 2021 at Salisbury, item Spring 2022 at Virginia State.

We'll have the Spring 2021 one virtually if needed.

Next, because the spring meeting was canceled we weren't able to recognize who left various officer positions, and who has taken new positions:

- Jason Rosenhouse was the program chair until last spring, now he's been replaced by Ryan Shifler. Big thanks to Jason for the past two years, and Ryan for the next.
- Phillip renewed his position as treasurer. Big thanks for the past and upcoming.
- Alex Meadows went out as new faculty coordinator. Our new coordinator is Jathan Austin (who had to miss the general meeting because Section NExT is taking place simultaneously).
- Bob Sachs was the at-large member and Kevin Sinclair is the new at-large member.
- David Taylor: was chair, and then stayed on as "past chair" until last spring, but now that position is done too. Chair elect is Katherine Linehan, and at the next meeting Minah will become "past chair".

Some other announcements:

- Minah: In the recent past we've talked about increasing collaboration, fun projects, etc., within the section, we'd like to continue those conversations today, which leads to our next speaker.
- Deirdre Smeltzer, MAA Senior Director for Programs: Introduced herself, she oversees the AMC (American Mathematics Competition), the Putnam exam, Section NExT, and grant funded programs. She encouraged us to check out the link <https://www.maa.org/programs-and-communities>  
She encouraged us to approach her if we any needs, ideas, etc. The MAA is trying to increase engagement by shifting allocation of resources from the JMM to MAA sections. For example the section speakers series is expanded so every section should be able to get an MAA supported speaker every year. Virtual programming is being geared up more to complement in person conferences, and of course MAA connect.

## Representative to the MAA Congress – Bonita Sanders: resumes

Bonita came back 11:53.

JMM will be virtual this year, Jan 6-9, 2021. Reminder that she will collect questions and concerns from the section via MAA Connect, and will pass those along to the MAA national leadership.

Reminder that we should think about joining, collaborating with AWM (Association for Women in Mathematics), and other similar math-promoting organizations. Reminder about the MAA publications, and that we should think about reading, submitting, etc.

There is a new membership category: if you are a departmental member of the MAA you can give discounted memberships for visiting instructors, adjuncts, etc. This is called a "VITAL" (Visitors, Instructors, TA's, Adjuncts, and Lecturers) membership.

Polya lecturers: our section is eligible to have a Polya lecture during 2022-2023.

Bonita will be a speaker at MathFest.

## **VIII. New Business**

No new business was announced.

## **IX. Announcements**

- Ethan: we need new nominees for teaching and service awards.
- Gwyn Whieldon: is the AWM women's outreach coordinator at the NSA, so if anyone is interested in giving a virtual talk, contact her and let her know.
- Maila Brucal-Hallare: does our section have a diversity statement?  
Minah Oh and David Taylor: no, we will start to look at that, we should have one, maybe look at the MAA has one we can use or start with.

## **X. Adjournment**