

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
MAA MD-DC-VA Section
Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA
Friday, April 4, 2008

1. Jon Scott called the meeting to order.
2. Minutes from the fall 2008 Executive Committee Meeting were approved.
3. Robb Koether presented the Treasurer's report.
 - a. Robb noted that the cost for electronic registration was a low \$114.00
 - b. Funds are holding fairly steady.
 - c. Robb reminded the committee that the registration fee was increased several years ago from \$10 to \$20 with the extra \$10 going to Section NEXT. This seems to be enough but the committee does not think it is too much.
 - d. There are 85 students registered for the student conference. It was discussed whether we should continue to fund their meals. The committee decided that we should continue.
 - e. Laura asked about problems with PayPal. Robb stated that there were about 12 people who sent checks out of about 160 pre-registrants. There were only two comments about people having trouble.
4. Jon announced that strategic planning surveys would be administered on Saturday. Eve Torrence explained that the purpose of the surveys is to determine how the MAA can help Sections. She asked all officers to help by participating.
5. Laura and David announced that the programs for the conference and the student conference were set.
 - a. There are only two COMAP teams presenting.
 - b. There are many undergrad presenters this year, but few schools represented. Laura suggested that this could be because many years the program chair has to seek other presenters as the registration deadline draws near. This year that didn't happen.
6. Jon announced the nominations for the officer elections:
 - a. Chair-elect: Dipa Choudhury (Loyola College)
 - b. Treasurer: Jan Minton (Roanoke College)
 - c. Member at Large #1: Leigh Lunsford (Longwood University)
 - d. Member at Large #2: Dan Symancyk (Anne Arundel Comm. Coll.)
7. Dan Joseph suggested passing out the 25 and 50 year certificates at the Fall Meeting instead of the Spring Meeting. This would allow the Secretary time to contact those members and invite them to the meeting. The committee approved this suggestion.

8. Future meetings are scheduled for:
 - a. Fall 2008: Nov 7 – 8, 2008; Hood College, Frederick, MD
 - b. Spring 2009: April 17 – 18, 2009; University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA.
 - c. Fall 2009: Wanting to find someone in DC.
 - d. Spring 2010: Virginia State University
 - e. Spring 2011: Randolph-Macon College

9. Laura asked about the status of the graduate student conference:
 - a. She suggested that the conference should be held in the fall so that events could be planned that would help grad students who are preparing to begin their careers.
 - b. Bud Brown suggested that the graduate conference should be held at an R-1 university. He and Eve will discuss how to get these schools involved.

10. Leigh Lunsford asked everyone to encourage new faculty members to sign up for Section NExT. She also announced that the National NExT deadline was soon. David Carothers stated that he would work on sponsorship.

11. David Shoenthal announced that he was thinking of having a more applied/research based theme for the fall meeting. E-mail feelers have been sent out in search of speakers.

12. Deirdre opened discussion on the description of the Liaisons' Coordinator. She suggested that the name is misleading and should be changed to indicate that the Liaisons' Coordinator is in charge of disseminating information. Bud, Eve, and Deirdre will discuss this.

13. The meeting was adjourned.