

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
MAA MD-DC-VA Section
University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA
Friday, April 3, 2009

1. Jon Scott called the meeting to order.
2. Minutes from the fall 2008 Executive Committee Meeting were approved.
3. Jan Minton presented the Treasurer's report. Finances continue to hold fairly steady.
4. Jon brought up discussion on the motion from Dan Kalman that "The executive board is authorized to allocate \$3,000 to subsidize expenses of members to attend section meetings."
 - a. The committee agreed that it would need to be done in a way that was easy to administer.
 - b. David Shoenthal suggested that the funds be applied to meals.
 - c. After discussion, the idea was tabled until a later date.
5. Leigh Lunsford reported on Section NExT
 - a. From the graduating class of 2009 there are 6 out of 12 in attendance.
 - b. From the class of 2010 there are 15 out of 18 in attendance.
 - c. The project NExT folks are in charge of the NExT program.
 - d. Leigh reported that Ann Stewart is excited about being the new Section NExT Coordinator.
 - e. Leigh stated that she has enjoyed her time as Coordinator and would be happy to serve the Section again in any capacity.
6. David Carothers discussed funding for Project NExT.
 - a. Dave suggested the possibility of selling space in the newsletter.
 - b. Jon asked Greg if he saw a problem with this. Greg said no.
 - c. It was recommended that Don track how many hits the newsletter gets to see if this would be attractive to businesses.
 - d. Greg moved that Dave pursue this for the fall newsletter. Leigh seconded the motion and it was approved by the executive committee.
 - e. Jan asked about how payment would be handled. Dave responded that the MAA wants it sent to the national office and they would credit our account.
7. David Shoenthal opened discussion about prizes.
 - a. Much discussion occurred about amounts.
 - b. David moved that if MathFest does not require research talks then we should make no distinction between research talks and expository talks and that we should give prizes of \$100, \$75, and \$50 plus a book (for each prize). In addition, \$500 travel support would be given to the winner for

travel to MathFest. If research talks are required, then prizes of \$100 and \$50 plus a book should be given for research talks and a prize of \$50 plus a book should be given for the top expository talk. In addition, \$500 travel support would be given to the winner of the research talk category. This motion was approved.

- c. David moved that there should be two prizes given for posters, \$100 and \$50 plus a book (for each prize).
8. Jon announced the nominees for Section Officers
 - a. Program Chair Elect: John Hamman (Montgomery College)
 - b. Secretary: Dan Symancyk (Anne Arundel Community College)
 - c. Newsletter Editor: Dawit Haile (Virginia State University)
 - d. Student Activities Coordinator: Jennifer Bergner (Salisbury University)
 - e. Department Liaisons Coordinator: Cindia Stewart (Shenandoah University)
 - f. At Large (Project NExT): Ann Stewart (Hood College)
 - g. At Large: Robert Sachs (George Mason University)
 9. Jon announced the future meeting locations and dates
 - a. Fall 2009: Goucher College
 - b. Spring 2010: Virginia State University
 - c. Fall 2010: George Mason University
 - d. Spring 2011: Randolph-Macon College
 10. Jon announced that there was a problem with blocking rooms for the fall meeting. The understanding is that if we reserve a block of rooms and the meeting is cancelled then we would have to pay for the block of rooms. It was the consensus of the committee that if this is the case then we should not reserve a block of rooms.
 11. Jon discussed the section bylaws.
 - a. A revision to the bylaws is required by the national office.
 - b. Jon will begin the revision and then send his work to the committee for review.
 - c. The committee suggested that Section NExT Coordinator be made a formal 2-year position.
 - d. It was also suggested that the At-Large position be made a 2-year position with elections for this position and the Section NExT Coordinator position in alternate years.
 12. The meeting was adjourned.