

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
MAA MD-DC-VA Section
University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA
Saturday, April 4, 2009

1. Jon Scott called the meeting to order.
2. Minutes from the fall 2008 General Membership Meeting were approved with corrections.
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Jan Minton reviewed the budget.
 - b. Jan was asked from the floor if balances for Project NExT and Section NExT were weak or strong. She responded that she thought they were OK.
 - c. Jan requested that badge holders be returned at the end of the conference.
 - d. Jan also announced that the year on the receipts was mistakenly printed 2008. If anyone needs a corrected receipt they can contact her and she will provide one.
 - e. Jon Scott announced that David Carothers is putting together a plan for raising funds for Project NExT.
 - f. David explained that he will be looking to solicit money from businesses.
 - g. Jon reminded the membership that the conference fee was raised from \$10 to \$20 a few years ago for this purpose as well.
4. Governor's Report:
 - a. Bud Brown reported that our section hosted the Joint Mathematics Meetings in DC in January, with over 6,000 in attendance.
 - b. Bud congratulated Sommer Gentry of the United States Naval Academy for winning the Alder Award.
 - c. Bud announced that a good portion of the Board of Governors' Meeting was about money.
 - i. The budget deficit is about \$100,000 less than was feared.
 - ii. There will be a modest increase in dues in 2010.
 - iii. Gratis memberships will no longer be given to students who participate in meetings.
 - d. Bud also announced that Christine Stevens is stepping down as Director of Project NExT.
 - i. Aparna Higgins will be the new director.
 - ii. There are approximately 11,000 people associated with Project NExT.
 - e. Bud encouraged folks to vote online in the MAA elections.
 - f. Dan Kalman asked what savings would be realized by the Association as a result of dropping the gratis membership for students.
 - i. Bud invited Michael Pearson, MAA Director of Programs and Services, to answer. Michael said that it would probably be about

\$10,000. He said this was a big topic of discussion at the Board of Governors' Meeting. The policy was instituted to try and get student involvement up. That has been accomplished. Thus, the sentiment is that the gratis memberships can now be done away with.

5. Michael Pearson, MAA Director of Programs and Services, was asked to address the membership:
 - a. Michael announced that the MAA is looking for ways to serve the membership better.
 - b. Electronic membership is coming.
 - i. We may be moving to members receiving an electronic copy of each journal instead of a choice of hardcopies.
 - c. He encouraged folks to visit the MAA website.
 - d. Michael also encouraged folks to attend MathFest in Portland this August. There are student programs to assist students' travel.
 - e. Michael was asked from the floor to speculate on the change in membership cost as it moves to an electronic membership format. He answered that the cost would probably be about the same.
6. Elections were held and the following personnel were unanimously voted into office:
 - 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)
7. Jon Scott announced that future meetings are scheduled for:
 - a. Fall 2009: Goucher College
 - b. Spring 2010: Virginia State University
 - c. Fall 2010: George Mason University
 - d. Spring 2011: Randolph-Macon College
8. Jon Scott gave a token of appreciation and thanked the outgoing officers of the Section:
9. Presentation of the John Smith Distinguished Teaching Award – The Award was presented to Larry Washington from the University of Maryland.
10. It was moved from the floor that the Secretary write a letter of thanks and appreciation to the hosts of the meeting.

11. Chair's Report:

- a. Jon Scott asked attendees to encourage new faculty members in their departments to apply for Section NExT and Project NExT.
- b. Jon also encouraged folks to consider PREP workshops and to attend meetings – Joint Meetings and MathFest.

12. From the floor:

- a. There was an announcement that Stevenson University will be hosting and Expanding Your Horizons workshop in October. Any female mathematicians are invited to participate. Contact the chair of the Stevenson University Math Department.
- b. Please pass news about your institution to your liaisons so that they can pass it along to the newsletter editor.

13. The meeting was adjourned.