

MD-DC-VA Section of MAA  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, VA  
April 15, 2011

Attending: Dipa Sarkar-Dey, Bob Sachs, Bud Brown, Jan Minton, Dawit Haile, Ann Stewart, Don Spickler, Jennifer Bergner, John Hamman, Dan Joseph, Dan Kalman, Dan Symancyk, and Rick Gillman (guest).

Dipa called the meeting to order.

- 1.) The minutes of the November 5<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting were approved as distributed.
  - 2.) Jan presented the treasurer's report. She mentioned that the membership data base was created years ago and that the section might look into converting it to a format compatible with more current software.
  - 3.) Dipa reported that the Nominating Committee (Alex Meadows, Caren Diefenderfer, and Denny Gulick) would present the following slate to the membership:
    - Brian Lins, Treasurer
    - Dawit Haile, Newsletter Editor
    - At-Large Executive Committee (NExT), Ann Stewart
    - At- Large Executive Committee, Leigh Lunsford
    - Vice Program Chair, David Taylor
  - 4.) The committee agreed with Dipa's proposal to fund Project NExT for \$2500.
  - 5.) Jennifer reported that Section NExT members would help to judge the student presentations and that there were 18 teams signed up for the inaugural Amazing Race competition.
  - 6.)The committee approved a motion to allow the chair to give books to long-serving members of the teaching award committee and out-going officers of the executive committee.
  - 7.)The committee agreed to make the same offers as last year to those being recognized for 25 and 50 years of service at the fall meeting. The secretary will send letters to those identified by MAA and coordinate with the section treasurer.
- The committee also agreed that high school students could attend the major address at section meetings for free.
- 8.)Bob Sachs reported on his plan to initiate discussion about transition issues and college readiness at the session he is leading at the meeting.
  - 9.)Dipa reported that there will be a session on section history at the JMM in January as MAA prepares for its centennial celebration in 2015. Jon Scott and Betty Mayfield are working on the

history of our section which turns 100 in 2017.

10.) Dan Kalman reported that there was considerable discussion at the last Board of Governors meeting about the proportion of women and minorities receiving awards for writing and for teaching. The executive committee discussed actions that could be taken. These included making sure the selection criteria are clear and reaching out to department chairs and others to promote broader participation.

11.) The tentative dates for the fall 2011 meeting were announced.

Christopher Newport University, November 4-5, 2011

Stevenson University, Spring 2012

VMI, Fall 2012

12.) Dan Joseph led a discussion about ways to increase the number of schools represented at section meetings. Among the ideas discussed was the creation of a section speaker's bureau to be distributed to department chairs in the section.

13.) The meeting was adjourned.