

MD-DC-VA Section of MAA
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA
April 25, 2014

Attending: Jathan Austin, David Carothers, Caren Deifenderfer, Jill Dunham, Bryan Faulkner, Brian Heinold, Meagan Herald, Dan Joseph, Robb Koether, Kathryn Linehan, Brian Lins, Leigh Lunsford, Minah Oh, David Shoenthal, David Taylor, Gwyneth Whieldon.

David Shoenthal called the meeting to order.

1. The minutes that were distributed turned out to be for the wrong meeting, so a vote for approval of the minutes was deferred, to be handled by e-mail.
2. Brian Lins gave the treasurer's report. He reported that the Section's balance has remained steady through the past few meetings. He reported a total preregistration of 127 faculty and 108 students. A motion was made to charge graduate students the same registration fee and meal prices that we charge to undergraduates for the meetings. The motion passed.
3. David Shoenthal announced the nominees for Section offices: John Hamman for chair-elect, Brian Lins for treasurer, Jill Dunham for new-faculty coordinator, William Ethan Duckworth for member at large. He then announced that the next three section meetings would be held at Bowie State University (fall 2014), University of Mary Washington (spring 2015), and St. Mary's College of Maryland (fall 2015).
4. There was a discussion of the lengths of the term of service on the John Smith Teaching Award committee.
5. For the MAA centennial celebration at Mathfest, David Shoenthal announced that the national MAA is conducting a centennial T-shirt design contest and that the national MAA will be providing section flags, so our section will not be purchasing its own flag from The Flag Lady. At the present meeting, on Saturday, there will be a space set up near the registration table for members to have their recollections videotaped. There is also link on the Section's website where members can make comments and contribute photographs.

Frank Morgan of the national MAA has suggested that the MD-DC-VA section provide cupcakes at the 2015 Mathfest. There followed a lengthy discussion of the cost and of alternatives. No decision was made.

6. Caren Diefenderfer gave the governor's report. She reported that there has been a significant drop in MAA membership. The MAA has eliminated short courses from the national meetings because of their cost and out of concern over finances.

7. Jill Dunham announced the Section NExT events that would take place the following day.
8. Jathan Austin suggested that a space be provided on the registration form for people to volunteer to be judges of students' contributions at the spring meetings.
9. David Shoenthal thanked the outgoing officers, Meagan Herald, Dan Joseph, and David Taylor, for their service.
10. The meeting was adjourned.