

**MD-DC-VA Section of MAA
Meeting of the General Membership
Montgomery College (Germantown Campus), MD
April 16, 2016**

Chair John Hamman called the meeting to order. The minutes of the November 7, 2015 general meeting were approved by acclaim. John mentioned that the previous day's planned executive meeting failed to reach a quorum and so did not take place.

Treasurer's Report. Brian Lins reported that expenses were regular with nothing out of the ordinary. The balance as of April 12, 2016 is \$4501.55. On the Project NExT fund there were added contributions from last meeting, with one fellow funded by the section. Registration for this meeting was high; pre-registration figures are 95 faculty and 85 students.

Governor's Report. In her last address to the membership as Governor, Caren Diefenderfer reported on the Board of Governors (BOG) meeting that took place at January's Joint Meetings in Seattle. Two points of discussion from the BOG were:

- 1) that finances are tough and membership is down at the national level. Caren encouraged the participants to encourage their respective colleagues to join.
- 2) that the BOG feels that a restructuring of MAA governance is needed. A number of models were discussed in January that would redefine the role of the BOG. Discussion at Mathfest in August will follow with the hope that BOG will present a proposal to the national membership in good time.

At the end of Caran's report, John Hamman thanked Caren Diefenderfer for her stellar service as governor, thanks that were echoed by extended applause from the general membership. John also introduced the new governor, Jennifer Bergner to the membership.

Program Chair. Kathryn Linehan announced that the Fall 2016 sectional meeting will take place on November 4-5 at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.

At the previous meeting, with 2016 being the 100th anniversary of the section, members were asked to contribute artifacts from their own department that could illuminate both their department's and the section's history. This task proved difficult and so we will attempt this again in the Fall meeting. Interested contributors were asked to contact Caren Diefenderfer and Betty Mayfield of the section history committee.

Kathryn also announced that she must regrettably step away from the Program Chair position. Minah Oh has agreed to take over as Program Chair, beginning with the Fall 2016 meeting.

A centralized list for willing visiting speakers. The section's webmaster, Brian Heinold, heeds to a request for the section to host a list of speakers on its website. The list of speakers would be those who are willing to come to other institutions to give talks for colloquia, etc.

There was a spirited discussion as to when the site should be wiped clean (every year, every two years, etc.). A motion was proposed that the section would let it in the hands of the webmaster to decide how often said site should be wiped clean. Motion was passed by acclaim.

New Officers. John Hamman took nominations from the floor for new executive officers. These were David Taylor for Chair Elect, Dina Yagodich for New Faculty Coordinator, Ethan Duckworth for an At-Large position, and Brian Heinold for Webmaster. For each position there was only one nomination. All were approved by acclaim.

John Hamman also thanked outgoing executives for their service: David Shoenthal (Past Chair) and Kathryn Linehan (Program Chair).

John M. Smith Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching. Roland Minton announced Mary Nelson of George Mason as the recipient of the 2016 John M. Smith Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching.

Sister Helen Christensen Service Award Nominations. Adrian Rice, on behalf of the Service Award committee, asked members to consider nominating worthy colleagues for the section's 2016 service award.

Merging of Teaching and Service Award Committees. There was significant discussion on the benefits and negatives of merging the Teaching Award and Service Award committees into one Awards committee. *A motion was proposed to merge the committees into one, a motion that was then reversed in favor of investigating what other sections were doing. And then a double-reversal with the motion "to merge both committees into one Awards Committee" put to the floor again. The motion was carried by a vote of 30 to 5.*

Closing Announcements. One query asked how members find out about openings on committees? There is an email sent out calling for the filling of such openings.

John Hamman asks specifically for feedback from the membership on future directions for the section, asking especially supporting BIG (the SIG-MAA group on Business, Industry, and Government) and also on high school outreach.

Bud Brown moved that letters of thanks be sent to appropriate officials at Montgomery College; the motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Edwin O'Shea, Secretary, MD-DC-VA Section