

## Hood College, Whitaker Campus Center, Room 220.

April 12, 2019, 2:30pm

**Present:** David Taylor, Chair • Minah Oh, Chair Elect • Jennifer Bergner, Governor  
• Jason Rosenhouse, Program Chair • Ethan Duckworth, Secretary • Phillip Poplin,  
Treasurer • Lisa Schneider, Student Activities Coordinator • Alex Meadows, New Faculty  
Coordinator (Section NExT) • Brian Heinold, Webmaster • Cheryl Adams, MAA observer

2:30pm Meeting called to order, minutes approved.

### Governor's report, Co-hosting JMM

Jenn: no updates on the end of co-hosting JMM.

Cheryl: MAA members will get discounts at JMM.

David: at the JMM it's the MAA that tends to sponsor talks/sessions on pedagogy. Will that continue?

Cheryl: we do foresee AMS being open to that. But also, we will be increasing some types of talks at MathFest to offer more talks for research/science opportunities. We will move some resources that used to be spent at JMM to MathFest.

### Section NExT

Alex: Section NExT, starting over again this summer, so we'll need info about new faculty from all the schools. Tomorrow morning there'll be a panel discussion with Ann Stewart and Jennifer Beineke (plenary speaker). Continuing tradition that Dina started where all prior members are welcome to the lunch meeting. Question: what should we do for NExT members who can't make the meeting, should we wait to give them a book and certificate? Should we mail it? Should they not "graduate"? They are supposed to go to four meetings.

David: if they miss the one they "graduate", let's hold it until next spring. If they come at that time, then they "graduate" late.

Cheryl: they are planning on creating a section NExT session at MathFest. What are your thoughts? Should we have a session officers meeting to talk about it at MathFest?

David: yes, invite the NExT rep/section officer, etc., and promote it, and have them talk about what the different sections do. Also, we should probably have senior officers meet to talk about what to do with the NExT-ers.

### Treasurer's report

Phillip: The Subvention check came later than usual, but it did come, and was a little above \$2000. We paid for part of the speaker out of the IBL fund because they were talking about IBL. Numbers so far: 91 faculty, 117 students (2 grad) preregistered, 21 students from Hood.

### Program Chair

Jason: 35 talks, 20 faculty and 15 students, 18 posters. Not math ed heavy, plenty of straight research.

Invited speakers: Jennifer Beineke, Brant Jones from JMU, Brian Lins. We might want to change the website, in three ways: (1) the link says "call for papers" and people ask where to go to submit a poster. (2) Other people didn't get an email confirmation when they registered for a talk. We got to the bottom of it: there is an automatic response that says "we have received your talk" but there is no system to confirm that they have their paper *accepted*. It turns out: the "system" is that Jason should email them himself and let them know they are accepted. (3) Maybe we should be able to re-reimburse for more than \$750. For example, Jennifer's airfare, and hotels come a almost exactly \$750. One solution could be to have one of the invited speakers come from the school. Then there would be no cost.

## **Nomination Committee**

All the spots have a person nominated. There are two people running for at large representative for the executive committee. Bonita Saunders, from NIST, will succeed Jenn as section representative to MAA congress.

Jason: we'll try to get someone from NIST to speak next fall.

## **Program Chair**

David: Nothing to say, because I'm done in 24 hours. I want to leave it open for Minah.

## **Awards Committee**

Ethan: Della Dumbaugh, of University of Richmond has won the teaching award. There were two nominees, and two queries. Suggested deadlines for webpage: Aug 15 for service, Jan 15 for teaching.

For teaching award, the award committee discussed reforming the process, to make it easier, to hopefully increase the number of nominations.

Minah: isn't the process for awards always like that, where you go through effort and don't get it, and that's it? So that's OK?

David: any process should include at least a narrative + 1 other type of evidence, e.g. a separate letter.

Jenn: if we make it two steps, a shorter preliminary nomination, followed by a longer process with more evidence, we could get institutional support, to fine tune the package, another set of eyes, etc.

## **Wrapping up**

David: Again, we would like to increase inclusivity in the meetings: high school, industry, under-represented groups. An example from this time: interpreters for the deaf. Emily said they have 6 students, some faculty members, and 4 interpreters coming from the school for the deaf. So they will concentrate on the invited talks, plus a couple of others.

Cheryl: any requests for the national office?

David: trying to get timely emails out, e.g. for registration, we can't send the email to the MAA until the link is active, and once it's active, they can go there and register, but they can't get an email for two weeks (apparently that's the turn around for email communications through the MAA). Cheryl: the system we are testing and will try to roll out for MathFest ("Higher Logic Platform"), will allow groups to be created that can communicate with each other, e.g. section officers groups, and will be able to go directly to each other instead of vetting it through the MAA.

Jenn: Tomorrow I think we should acknowledge Brian and Jathan tomorrow for the Website and for Jeopardy, and the years of work. And Maggie for the newsletter.

4:05 adjourned.