

**MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
MARYLAND-DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA-VIRGINIA SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 8PM – VIRTUAL MEETING THROUGH ZOOM
Presiding Officer: Minah Oh, Section Chair**

In attendance:

Jathan Austin	Kathryn Linehan	Bonita Saunders	Tom Wears
Jeb Collins	Minah Oh	Lisa Schneider	
Ethan Duckworth	Phillip Poplin	Ryan Shifler	
Brian Heinhold	Maggie Rahmoeller	Kevin Sinclair	

I. Approval of Minutes of Nov. 5, 2020.

Minutes Approved

II. Report of the Treasurer: Phillip Poplin

We got \$1974 from the subvention¹ check this year. A little bit less than usual maybe because of fewer people going to MATHFEST, we get some for each person who goes there. We spent \$102 on teaching award plaque, so in the past 6 months almost no expenses.

There will be student awards: but we have only 1 poster, only one jeopardy team, and a fair number student talks.

Minah: are there any ideas for what to do about about Jeopardy? Can we get another a team? Can we all try to round up students and get another team for this weekend?

Phil: We have 8 students from Shenandoah, and VMI has 8 students registered, so if we contact all those students maybe there's a good chance. Salisbury has 2 students registered.

[Secretary's note: we did manage to round up enough for another team or two.]

III. Report of the Representative to the MAA Congress – Bonita Saunders

Bonita reviewed the “new” mission of the MAA, made reminders about using MAA connect, about New Member opportunities and services. MAA encourages colleges to host AMC competitions for middle school and high school students. She gave some information about new math blog, new periodicals, and a new award. Reminder about deadlines for different awards. Encourages people to join a SIGMA, and a reminder about the Tondeur grant for “big” speakers. Reminder about special membership categories of lifetime membership and retired membership.

Finally: 2022 is when the new era begins with MATHFEST the official national MAA meeting (no longer having an official joint meeting with the AMS in January). The 2021 MATHFEST will be Aug 4–7 and will be virtual. The invited speakers will be the same as originally schedule in 2020, because that event was canceled.

IV. Report of the New Faculty Coordinator – Jathan Austin

We are going to have a special session for the section NExT-ers, from 11–12. Topic: What we've learned from teaching online and hybrid courses.

V. Report of the Program Chair – Ryan Shifler

Each room will be roughly organized by theme of talks: • zoom room 1 applied-ish, • zoom room 2 algebra-ish, • zoom room 3 recreational math, • zoom room 4 math-ed, • zoom room 5 pure math (this is also the room where the poster session will take place).

Question: will there be a social hour?

Minah: instead of using Gathertown (it was fine, but it wasn't worth \$1 per head), Ryan and I were talking about just leaving all the zoom rooms open from 12 to 1, and then people can go there before or after the talks.

¹From the MAA website: “Each section receives an annual subvention check from the national office of MAA after the section treasurer has submitted its annual financial report. The check's amount depends on the total of the individual and institutional dues paid by members in the section for the current year. The check is usually sent in late spring or early summer.

VI. Report of the Section Chair – Minah Oh

Hosting rooms

We'll need volunteers to serve as host and cohost for for each Zoom room to remind speakers to finish and introduce the next speaker. In the morning, the host should introduce, and in the afternoon the cohost should introduce. Host and cohost should probably share phone numbers in case something goes wrong.

- Zoom room 1: Main host = Minah, cohost = Jeb,
- Zoom room 2: Main host = Ryan, cohost = Bonita,
- Zoom room 3: Main host = Brian, cohost = Philip,
- Zoom room 4: Main host = Kathryn, cohost = Maggie,
- Zoom room 5: Main host = Lisa, cohost = Ethan.

Vote for section officers should be available for MAA connect, it will close the day before the section meeting. The position officially transfers on the day of the meeting.

Officer positions

- Ethan will be stepping down as secretary and Tom will be nominated to be the next one.
- Tom will step down as director of communications. Emily Mehan will be nominated.
- Lisa will step down as student coordinators. Jeff Blenwood will be nominated.
- Maggie will step down as newsletter coordinator. Jeb will be nominated for that.
- Jeb will step down as at large member. Blain Patterson from VMI will be nominated.
- Minah is stepping down as section chair. Kathryn is chair elect and will take over at the end of the meeting.

Future meetings

- Fall 2021, Salisbury University, Nov. 5, 6.
- Spring 2022, Virginia State University, Apr. 8, 9.

General Meeting info

The general meeting is only 30 minutes, so really prepare: 5 minutes or less each. If it's longer then please prepare a video.

Questions

Ryan: for the Salisbury meeting the current policy is that any gathering must be capped at 75 people. Maybe that will change as covid goes down, but there,s a possibility we,ll have to cap the number of people who show up physically at any one time. we have the infrastructure to do a hybrid thing. does anyone have concerns?

General consensus: no one says we shouldn't do it at Salisbury, and most other schools will have limitations as well, and we are more or less used to hybrid.

VII. Report of the Awards Committee, Represented by Ethan Duckworth

Announced winner: Daniel Showalter.

VIII. Potential Reports from Other Executive Committee Members

No reports given.

Kathryn introduced herself. She was the program chair before, was at Montgomery for a few years and is now a research scientist at UVA Biocomplexity Institute. She is finishing her Ph.D. at Maryland. Her original training in numerical linear algebra, but now more or less now data science.

IX. Open Discussion

Bonita: for several years now, even before I became section rep, we've had a new mission statement, and now core values, and we should change that on our web page.

Brian: I can change that.

X. Adjournment

8:55pm

XI. Testing Zoom Links for the Virtual Section Meeting on April 24.

We went to each zoom room and checked the links.