

Elizabeth Mayfield, Maryland-District of Columbia-Virginia Section

Betty Mayfield holds degrees in mathematics from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and the University of Rhode Island. She has taught at Hood College since 1979, where she is currently professor and chair in the Department of Mathematics. Her research interests include underwater acoustics, mathematical pedagogy and its effects on young women, and the history of mathematics. She has been awarded the college's Mortar Board Excellence in Teaching Award and its Laughlin Award for Professional Achievement, and she was inducted into the campus Ionic Society in recognition of outstanding service.

Betty is finishing a term as the MAA's first vice president. She has served on the Committee on Sections, the Centennial Planning Committee, and as chair of the Committee on Undergraduate Student Activities and Chapters and the Search Committee for the Associate Secretary. She is a long-time consultant for Project NExT. She has served the Maryland/DC/Virginia Section with distinction as its governor (2001–04), chair (1997–99), newsletter editor (1993–95), and Project NExT founder (2000–01). Betty received the Section's 2001 Award for Outstanding College or University Teaching, was an invited speaker for the Fall 2006 meeting, and has been a member of the Teaching and Nominations Committees. Finally, Betty served as local arrangements coordinator for the Fall 1996 and Fall 2008 Section meetings. The Fall 2008 meeting was especially noteworthy: for that meeting, Betty rounded up what seemed like the entire undergraduate population of Hood College to serve as volunteer helpers!

Betty is a tireless—no, indefatigable—promoter of the activities of the MAA in general, and the Maryland/DC/Virginia Section in particular. She has been a longtime contributor to the goals of the MAA at both local and national levels.

The MAA proudly awards Betty Mayfield with a Certificate of Meritorious Service.

Response from Elizabeth Mayfield

I am just thrilled to receive this award. Working with the members of the Maryland-District of Columbia-Virginia Section is an absolute pleasure. I am especially grateful to all those other individuals who have helped me and who have done so much for the Association. Many thanks to the Section and to the MAA.