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MARCH MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SECTION

The thirty-first annual meeting of the Metropolitan New York Section of the MAA was held on March 28, 1972 in conjunction with the Six-Hundred-Ninety-Second Meeting of AMS at the Biltmore Hotel in New York City. One hundred and three persons registered.

Professor M. J. Hellman of Long Island University, Chairman of the Section, presided at the morning session. The following lectures were given:

1. *Functional analysis and valuation theory*, jointly by George Bachman and Edward Beckenstein, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn.

2. *Speeds of polynomial approximation*, by D. J. Newman, Yeshiva University.

Professor Israel Rose of Lehman College, Vice-Chairman for Senior Colleges, presided at the afternoon session which began with the business meeting. Professor Gerald Freilich of Queens College, Sectional Governor, reported on the major events that took place at the meetings of the Board of Governors during the past year, including the status of CUPM. He then polled the local membership on the questions of a possible introduction of graduated dues and the national collection of section dues.

The activities of the Speakers' Bureau were summarized by Dean James Eastham of Queensborough Community College. Mr. Harry Ruderman of Hunter College High School, Chairman of the Math. Fair Committee, next reported that the fourth annual Greater Metropolitan New York MATH. FAIR was held at Pace College, Manhattan, on March 5 and 12 of this year. Ninety-six students from 34 high schools in the metropolitan area competed at the FAIR. Each participant was required to submit a paper dealing with an area of his own mathematical interest and then to defend his paper before a committee of judges, who are mainly from the colleges and community colleges in the area. There were three first place winners from the 44 Grade 11 participants and three from the 36 Grade 12 participants. The latter three first-place winners would compete against a team from the Long Island FAIR at a special session of the Association of Mathematics Teachers of New York State Convention in Syracuse on May 5, 1972. Mr. Aaron Shapiro, Section Treasurer, then gave his report. The business meeting concluded with a discussion and unanimous vote to adopt the Section By-Laws as finally revised at the meeting.

The afternoon session continued with the presentation of the following papers:

1. *England was lost on playing fields of Eton: a parable for mathematics*, by A. B. Willcox, Executive Director, MAA.

2. *Physical applications of mathematics*, by P. C. Rosenbloom, Teachers College, Columbia University and the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey.

This first joint meeting proved to be quite interesting since it was well attended by AMS members

RORA IACOBACCI, *Secretary*

APRIL MEETING OF THE NEBRASKA SECTION

The forty-eighth annual meeting of the Nebraska Section of the MAA was held on April 22, 1972, at the Eppley Library Conference Center of The University of Nebraska at Omaha. Dr. P. A. Haeder, Chairman of the Section, presided. There were some 70 persons in attendance, 50 of whom were Association members.

The following officers were elected for 1972-1973: Chairman, Professor M. C. Thornton, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Vice-Chairman, Professor P. A. Haeder, University of Nebraska at Omaha; Secretary-Treasurer, Professor H. M. Cox, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Professor Barbara Buchalter was re-elected as Chairman of the Nebraska-South Dakota High School Mathematics Contest. At the business session, the Secretary announced the election of Dr. P. A. Haeder as Sectional Governor for a three-year term beginning July 1, 1972. Professor H. L. Alder brought greetings from the MAA.

The following papers were presented:

1. *Coefficient fields in commutative rings*, by J. N. Mordeson, Creighton University, and G. F. Haddix, University of Nebraska at Omaha.