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sity; Vice-chairman, Professor M. D. Thompson, Indiana University; Secretary-Treasurer, Professor R. T. Hood, Franklin College. These were unanimously accepted.

Following the meeting, Professor J. J. Price, Purdue University, presented an invited address entitled, "Remarks on Orthogonal Functions."

R. T. HOOD, *Secretary-Treasurer*

APRIL MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SECTION

The thirty-second annual meeting of the Metropolitan New York Section of the MAA was held at St. John's University, Jamaica, New York, on April 29, 1973. One hundred and thirty-four persons registered.

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

1. *Algebras of continuous functions*, by Lawrence Narici, St. John's University.
2. *Some 'elementary' versions of some 'advanced' theorems*, by Mark Kac, Rockefeller University.

Professor Israel Rose of Lehman College, Vice-Chairman for Four-Year Colleges, presided over the afternoon session. It began with a panel discussion on *The wider implications of mathematics in contemporary society* moderated by Professor Rose. The panelists were Dr. Dominic Di Toro, Manhattan College; Professor Mark Kac, Rockefeller University; Dr. Willard Miranker, IBM, Yorktown Heights; and Mr. Carl Ohman, The Equitable Life Assurance Society.

At the business meeting, Professor Meyer Jordan of Brooklyn College, Sectional Governor, reported on the major items discussed at the meetings of the Board of Governors during the past year. In particular, he noted the Board's approval of the Section's Revised By-laws. Professor Howard Kleiman of Queensborough Community College, Chairman of the newly formed Section Committee for Two-Year Colleges, reported on the organizational nature and progress of that committee. Dean James Eastham of Queensborough Community College, Director of the Speakers Bureau, reported on the status of that program. Although Dean Eastham is not retiring, he was honored with a gift for his many years of devoted service to the Section. Dr. Harry Ruderman of Hunter College High School, Chairman of the Math Fair Committee, reported that the fifth annual Greater Metropolitan New York Math Fair was held at Pace College on March 11th and 25th. One hundred and twenty-seven students from 50 high schools competed, and two winners at the AP level would compete with two winners from the Long Island Math Fair at a special session of the ANYSTM meeting on May 5, 1973. Dr. Morton Friedman of Kingsborough Community College, Chairman of the MAA Contest Committee, reported that 170 schools participated in the contest, and that this year's regional winners, namely, Freeport H. S., Long Island (Team), and Sheldon Katz, Brooklyn Technical H. S. (Individual), were also the highest national scorers. The recipient of the Section Award (one year MAA membership) presented to that student in a Metropolitan New York Section school who scores the highest in the Putnam Competition was David Spear of the City College of New York (CUNY). Mr. Aaron Shapiro, who is retiring as Section Treasurer after twenty-eight years of service to the Section in that capacity, gave his final report. A gift of appreciation and a rising vote of applause were rendered to Mr. Shapiro for his truly exceptional service. The following officers were then elected: Israel Rose, Lehman College, Chairman; Gerald Freilich, Queens College, Vice-Chairman for Four-Year Colleges; Erwin Just, Bronx Community College, Vice-Chairman for Two-Year Colleges; Valerie Siener, Schreiber High School, Port Washington,

Vice-Chairman for High Schools; Rora Iacobacci, St. John's University, Secretary; and Howard Kleiman, Queensborough Community College, Treasurer. The Section then voted to purchase one set of the "travelling MAA library".

The meeting closed with the showing of two mathematical films.

RORA IACOBACCI, *Secretary*

APRIL MEETING OF THE SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

The annual meeting of the Southwestern Section of the MAA was held at the University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, on April 13–14, 1973. Twenty-eight members and nine others registered their attendance.

The invited speakers were Professor R. A. Beaumont, Universities of Washington and Arizona, and Professor Henry Mann, University of Arizona. The former's address was entitled, "The Additive Groups of Rings with Zero Jacobson Radical," and the latter's was entitled, "Solutions of Equations by Radicals."

The session chairmen were Professors E. Gaughan, New Mexico State University, and A. Swimmer, Arizona State University.

The following contributed papers were presented:

1. *Uses of Conformal Mapping Theory in Surface Topology*, by N. R. Wagner, University of Texas at El Paso.
2. *An Example of a Metric on a Linear Space which is not Translation Invariant*, by M. Morgan, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.
3. *Ricatti Equations and Generalized X and Y Functions*, by J. L. Casti, University of Arizona.
4. *The Numerical Solution of Functional Differential Equations*, by R. J. Thompson, Sandia Laboratory.
5. *Survivable Command Graphs*, by G. Simmons, Sandia Laboratory.
6. *A Comment on the Initial Value Problem for* $f(X, Y, Y') = 0$, by R. Bagby, New Mexico State University
7. *Orientation of New Teaching Assistants at Arizona State University*, by J. Bedient, Arizona State University.

On Saturday morning there was a panel discussion on "Non-Traditional Teaching Methods in the First Two Years of College Mathematics." The panelists were: R. Moehrlin, Harper College; E. Hoff, Glendale College; R. Thompson, University of Arizona; E. Boes, New Mexico State University.

A. SWIMMER, *Secretary-Treasurer*

APRIL MEETING OF THE TEXAS SECTION

The annual meeting of the Texas Section of the MAA was held at Texas Christian University Fort Worth, Texas, on April 6 and 7, 1973. There were 193 in attendance, including 137 members of the Association plus 31 spouses of attendees.

At the business meeting on April 7, the following officers were elected: Chairman — Professor B. L. Sanders, Texas Christian University, Vice-Chairman — Professor D. E. Edmondson, University of Texas at Austin; Regional Chairman of the MAA High School Contest — Professor W. S. McCulley, Texas A & M University; Level II Director — Profes-