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**APRIL MEETING OF THE MARYLAND-DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA-VIRGINIA SECTION**

The annual Spring meeting of the Maryland-District of Columbia-Virginia Section of the MAA convened at the University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, on April 25, 1970. Professor Stanley Jackson, Chairman of the Section, presided over the 108 in attendance, 83 of whom were members.

Officers elected for the coming year were: Mr. William Norris, Director of Inservice Education of the Norfolk City Public Schools, Chairman; Professor Walter Jacobs, American University, Vice-Chairman for Programs; Professor Howard Baeumler, Old Dominion College, Vice-Chairman for Membership; Professor Mary Cabell, George Mason College, Secretary; and Professor Joseph Milkman, U. S. Naval Academy, Treasurer.

The main invited addresses were "Incorporating Applications on Mathematics into Undergraduate Courses," by Peter Lax, Professor and Director of the AEC Computing and Applied Mathematics Center, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University, and "Origins of Mathematics," by Joseph Gurfein, Dean of Administration, Federal City College, Washington, D. C.

The submitted papers included:

Potential theory of Markov chains, by Ryszard Syski, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

Quaternions and binary quadratic forms, by Bart Rice, Louisiana State University and Defense Atomic Support Agency, Washington, D. C.

Generalizations of the complex number system to higher dimensional spaces, by William Hale, Radford College, Radford, Virginia.

Recursive Pythagorean sequences, by Robert Anglin, Dan River Mills, Danville, Virginia (by title only).

DENNY GULICK, *Secretary*

APRIL MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SECTION

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Metropolitan New York Section of the MAA was held on April 18, 1970, at Wagner College in Staten Island. A total of 78 persons registered at the meeting, including 51 members of the Association. Professor Sidney Welton, Chairman of the Mathematics Department at Wagner College, welcomed the group.

Professor Mary Dolciani of Hunter College, Chairman of the Section, presided at the morning session. The following talks were given:

1. *Continuity and Baire Functions*, by E. R. Lorch, Columbia University.
2. *The Mathematician as Top Executive*, by F. J. Weyl, Hunter College.

Professor M. J. Hellman of Long Island University, Vice-Chairman for Senior Colleges, presided at the afternoon session. At the business meeting, Professor Abraham Schwartz of the City College of New York reported on the highlights of the meeting of the Board of Governors at Eugene, Oregon in August, 1969 and at San Antonio, Texas in January, 1970. Noteworthy items of his report include:

1. Increased participation by junior college mathematics teachers in the Association will be encouraged by assisting with the proposed junior college mathematics journal to be published beginning Spring, 1970 and by calling for proposals to be sponsored by the NSF for Summer Institutes for junior college teachers.

2. To determine the advisability of having the MAA inaugurate either accreditation and/or certification programs, CUPM has prepared a detailed study of the pros and cons of such a policy. A committee is presently drawing up the questions to be asked of the various sections in connection with the report.

Professor James Eastham of Queensborough Community College reported on the activities of the Speakers' Bureau. Miss Cecile Cohen of Stuyvesant High School presented a summary of activities of the Math Fair Committee. Mr. Morton Friedman of Brooklyn College, in his report of the Chairman of the Contest Committee, summarized the 1970 results of the Metropolitan New York Section MAA Contest. The following emerged as the top high schools: Stuyvesant, Bronx Science, Brooklyn Technical, and Yeshiva University High School. Mr. Aaron Shapiro of Midwood High School gave the Treasurer's Report.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, there was a panel discussion of "Open Enrollment—Its Implications." Dean David Newton, Chairman of the University Task Force on Open Admissions, moderated the panel which consisted of Professor James Eastham, Queensborough Community College; Mr. Ira Ewen, John Dewey High School; Professor M. J. Hellman, Long Island University; Professor Ralph Kopperman, City College of New York.

GERMANA GLIER, *Secretary*

APRIL MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN SECTION

The annual meeting of the Michigan Section of the MAA was held at Wayne State University, Detroit on April 4, 1970. Approximately 100 members were in attendance.

At the business meeting Chairman Bruce Clarke reported to the membership that the Michigan Academy of Arts and Sciences, in collaboration with which this Section has held its meeting each year, has ruled that non-members must hereafter pay a two dollar fee to MAAS in order to attend the Section meeting. Tom Overmire, director of MAAS, explained to the membership the advantages to the Section of remaining affiliated with MAAS. The Section voted, with one dissenting vote, to divorce itself from MAAS. There was some discussion of the possibility of the Section having a two-day meeting next year. A straw vote showed that most of the people at this meeting were in favor of a two-day meeting. The following people were elected officers: Chairman, J. E. Folkert, Hope College; Vice-Chairman, M. T. Wechsler, Wayne State University; Secretary-Treasurer, H. T. Slaby, Wayne State University.

The following papers were presented:

1. *Nonspherical bodies with constant HA-measurements exist*, by Joseph Zaks, Wayne State University.
2. *A mathematical formulation of learning phenomena*, by W. C. Hoffman, Oakland University.
3. *A factorization of the isometrics of a complex inner product space*, by K. J. Heuvers, Michigan Technological University.
4. *On the genus of complete tripartite graphs*, by A. T. White, Western Michigan University.
5. *Arrangements, spreads, and topological planes*, by Branko Grünbaum, Michigan State University (by invitation).
6. *Recent developments in CUPM activities on the undergraduate curriculum*, by R. P. Boas, Northwestern University.
7. *The teaching of mathematics in the computer age*, by B. A. Galler, University of Michigan (by invitation).
8. *Worms, lattices, and other geometric problems*, by Murray Silver, Wayne State University.
9. *Abraham Robinson's non-standard analysis: A new method of handling certain problems in analysis*, by A. V. Martin, Grand Valley State College.

H. T. SLABY, *Secretary-Treasurer*

APRIL MEETING OF THE NEBRASKA SECTION

The forty-sixth annual meeting of the Nebraska Section of the MAA was held on Friday and Saturday, April 24–25, 1970 at Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, in conjunction with the eightieth annual meeting of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences. Pro-