



# Metropolitan New York Section of The Mathematical Association of America

**Minutes of the 2017 Delegate Assembly**  
**Wednesday, October 11, 2017**  
**Room 2D01 (Faculty Dining Room), York College**

The Chair, Elena Goloubeva at 5:15 P.M, called the meeting to order.

The Chair asked those present to make introductions and indicate their college affiliation. The next item of business was the delivery of the **Officers' reports**.

On behalf of the new **Governor**, Alan Tucker of the Section, Abe Mantell, stated that he is working on the minutes and his full report for 2017. Abe Mantell also stated that he requested an extension for submitting the Bylaws, which is a work in progress. Abe pointed out that this was urgent as we risk losing funding from the MAA until the Bylaws are updated.

The **Secretary**, Satyanand Singh, stated that there are no new businesses to report. All documents were submitted in a timely manner to the MAA from previous meetings.

The **Treasurer**, Armen Baderian, distributed the Treasurer's Report. He reported that the Section's finances are in good standing and the budget is balanced for the first time in years. The **Newsletter Editor**, Abe Mantell, continues to work on the *Newsletter*. He will solicit 1-2 pages stories of interest, as well as the Section officers' reports. The deadline for *Newsletter* submissions and reports is proposed to be January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

The **Webmaster** of our Section is Genady Ya. Grabarnik. The Section website is at [sections.maa.org/metrony/](http://sections.maa.org/metrony/).

The **Liaison coordinator** of our section is Elena Goloubeva.

The **Speakers Bureau Chair** is Dan King. Dan has communicated with the Chair and Secretary that he is resigning due to other commitments. The section is looking for a volunteer to serve in this position. Dan offered to assist the new representative.

**Student Chapter Coordinator:** The Student Chapter Coordinator is currently David Seppala-Holtzman.

**Math Fair Coordinator:** The Coordinator is currently Randy Asher.

Vice Chair for High Schools is **Catrina Florin**.

The **Graph Theory Notes and Graph Theory Day Liaison** Louis V. Quintas announced that Graph Theory Day 74 will take place at Pace University, New York Campus, on November 11th, 2017 and asked for any publicity that those present could provide. Louis also stated that publication of the proceedings are suspended indefinitely. The possibility of procuring a room and hosting a Graph Theory component at the Annual Metro NY Meeting was discussed and will be explored further. The Co-chairs of this event consist of Armen Baderian, Sung-Hyuk Cha, Edgar G. DuCasse, and Louis V. Quintas.

The **Book Exhibit Coordinators** are Johanna Franklin, Jennie D'Ambroise, Elena Goloubeva and Nadia Benakli. It is proposed that we invite publishers for giving a presentation of books and their supporting software during the annual spring meeting.

The **Chair**, Elena Goloubeva, began discussions on the **Spring Meeting of MAA-MetroNY to be held on Saturday, May 13th, 2018 at Hofstra University, NY**.

Attendees were provided with the proposed contract from Hofstra University and the salient aspects were discussed by the chair. It was agreed by a unanimous vote to sign the contract. The following stipulations from page 4 of the contract was highlighted:

*“Licensee shall be responsible for ensuring that no alcoholic beverages or other controlled substances are brought onto the premises. Licensee shall ensure that no activities or actions occur in violation of law”.*

*“Licensee agrees to conduct its activities so as not to endanger or damage any person or property. Licensee agrees to pay the University for any or all damage resulting to University property by use of its employees, agents, invitees or guests”.*

It was agreed that if needed a Math Bowl led by a local representative at Hofstra be held; the details will be worked out later. The contributed papers selection committee, consists of Co-Chairs: Boyan Kostadinov, Chia-ling Lin, Emad Alfar and Jennie D’Ambroise was formed by the Chair. It was proposed that we will root for having the program in place tentatively by March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 so that Hofstra can print in a timely manner.

Next on the agenda was **Metro NExT**; a committee was formed which consists of Co-Chairs Tia Sondjaja and Johann Thiel (Thiel tentatively agreed to be part of the committee by personal communication with the secretary). It was proposed that funding in the amount of up to \$1000 be used for Metro NExT as support for a network of young mathematicians and to sponsor a fellow, with a split of \$500 dollars for each component. It was decided that the details of nomination will be identified later. The committee was formed, and it included Janet Liou-Mark, Johanna Franklin and Elena Goloubeva. The names of nominees will be sent to Elena Goloubeva. This proposal will be reviewed every year on its feasibility. More details will follow.

Armen indicated that pay-pal was a successful form of collecting registration fees. Jennie D’Ambroise offered to work with Armen to assist with registration at Hofstra University.

It was agreed that student presenters and high school students would have their registration fees waived and will just pay for meals. Guest passes will also be made available to high school students to introduce the section.

It was also agreed that members who hold membership for at least 50 years have their attendance fee waived and provided with free lunch.

It was agreed that a new component will be added that reflects research in Big Data. Boyan Kostadinov has agreed to facilitate this aspect. The Chair provided information on potential invited speakers for the meeting, and attendees were encouraged to add names and submit choices by October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. It was also proposed that we provide speakers with a \$300 honorarium.

Janet Liou Mark has been tasked with getting the program print ready. Abe Mantell and Johanna Franklin was tasked with procuring the Goody Bags.

It was proposed that for the Mathematical Community Outreach Campaign (High School Outreach) get implemented by Catrina Florin and David Wayne (recommended by Johanna Franklin).

The Chair proposed the formation of an “Executive Committee of the Section”, consisting of past and current officers. Additional details will follow.

It was agreed upon that the next delegate meeting would be held on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at York College.

Next on the agenda was the **Distinguished Teaching Award**. The local nominating committee consists of Chair David Seppala-Holtzman, and Co-Chairs Elena Goloubeva, Satyanand Singh. All nominations are due on February 1, 2018. Mailed nominations should be sent to David Seppala-Holtzman (dholtzman@sjcnyc.edu). Awardees will be notified and encouraged to attend the spring meeting.

The **Distinguished Service Award** was discussed next. The nominating committee consists of Chair Elena Goloubeva and Co-Chairs Abraham Mantell, Loucas Chrysafi. Nominations are due on February 1, 2018. Mailed nominations should be sent to Elena Goloubeva (egoloubeva@webb.edu). Awardees will be notified and encouraged to attend the spring meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Satyanand Singh

Secretary