

Dear Colleagues,

Our MAA Section, NY Metro, has been running a Problem of the Month Contest since November 2020. It has been extremely successful, as we have always received a substantial, enthusiastic response. It is especially exciting to see the many international submissions from around the globe. Since its inception, Satish and I have been the only ones contributing problems. This is not indefinitely sustainable. I would like to establish a sizeable reservoir of suitable problems populated by submissions from the entire section.

Those of you, who would like to submit a problem, please send it to me, along with your solution, at [dholtzman@sjny.edu](mailto:dholtzman@sjny.edu).

Regarding what I mean by a suitable problem, you can simply check our website, which lists all of the problems, along with their solutions, that we have posted so far. Here is the address:

<http://sections.maa.org/metrony/problemofthemoth.html>

I would like these problems to be aimed at freshman / sophomore level undergraduates. Problems with numerical answers are preferred as there is no ambiguity regarding correctness. Also, all heavy machinery should be avoided. The focus should be on clever use of commonly known mathematics within the freshman / sophomore cohort.

I am looking forward to your support in this worthy endeavor.

Best to you all,

David Seppala-Holtzman ([dholtzman@sjny.edu](mailto:dholtzman@sjny.edu)) (N.B. This is my new email address.)