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2012 MAA MISSOURI SECTION MEETING

The Department of Mathematics & Computer Science at the University of Missouri-Saint Louis is looking forward to hosting the Spring Meeting of the Missouri Section of the MAA on Friday April 13 and Saturday April 14, 2012 (with the Missouri Collegiate Mathematics Competition beginning the evening of Thursday April 12).

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SECTION TEACHING AWARD

Congratulations to **Richard Delaware** of University of Missouri-Kansas City for winning the 2011 Missouri Section Teaching Award.

PAST TEACHING AWARD WINNERS

1992 August J. Garver, University of Missouri, Rolla
1994 Curtis N. Cooper, Central Missouri State University
1996 T. Christine Stevens, St. Louis University
1997 Troy L. Hicks, University of Missouri, Rolla
1998 Robert Kennedy, Central Missouri State University
1999 Rhonda McKee, Central Missouri State University
2000 Edward L. Spitznagel, Washington University
2001 Louis J. Grimm, University of Missouri, Rolla
2002 Robert Sheets, Southeast Missouri State
2003 W. Thomas Ingram, University of Missouri, Rolla
2004 Les Reid, Southwest Missouri State
2006 Timothy Ray, Missouri State University
2007 Kenneth W. Lee, Missouri Western State University
2008 Shing So, University of Central Missouri
2009 James Guffey, Truman State University
2010 Jeff Poet, Missouri Western State University

The MO MAA website has information on the section teaching award. Check it out at www.maa-mo.org/teachingaward/teachingaward.html and **start thinking about nominating someone for next year!**

MISSOURI SECTION NExT FELLOWS

Congratulations to our new Missouri Section NExT Fellow for 2011, Kenny Felts of Columbia College. He joins previous section NExT fellows Jonathon McCrary, Gavin Waters, Glenn Rice, Grant Lathrom, and Malgozata Marciniak.

FUTURE MEETING SITES

The Spring Meeting is held at various locations around the state. The meeting sites for the past several years and the next several years are listed below for your convenience. If your campus would be willing to host a Spring Meeting, please contact Prabhakar Rao, Chair, or any other member of the Executive Committee.

2005	Missouri Western State College	2013	Northwest Missouri State University
2006	University of Missouri-Columbia	2014	Saint Louis University
2007	College of the Ozarks	2015	Missouri University of Science and Technology
2008	Missouri State University	2016	Missouri Western State University
2009	Truman State University	2017	Missouri Southern State University
2010	University of Central Missouri	2018	Drury University
2011	Columbia College	2019	Lindenwood University
2012	University of Missouri-St. Louis	2020	University of Central Missouri

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 1, 2011

The Executive Committee meeting of the Missouri Section was held in Dulany Hall on the campus of the Columbia College. Chair Suzanne Tourville called the meeting to order at 8:35 pm following the banquet. The following officers attended the meeting:

Governor	Yungchen Cheng (MSU)
Chair and Newsletter Editor	Suzanne Tourville (Columbia College)
Chair-Elect	Prabhakar Rao (UMSL)
Past Chair	Shing So (UCM)
Student Chapter Coordinator	Les Reid (MSU)
Secretary/Treasurer	Mary Shepherd (NWMSU)

In addition, David Bressoud, Past President of MAA attended.

1. The minutes of the April 9, 2010, Executive Committee Meeting minutes were approved as distributed in the Spring 2010 Newsletter.
2. Nominating committee report from Shing So and Suzanne Tourville found the following nominees:
 - a. Chair-Elect, Mary Shepherd (NWMSU)
 - b. Newsletter Editor, Jason Aubrey (MU)
 - c. Web Page Administrator, Scott Thatcher (TSU)
 - d. Secretary/Treasurer, Suzanne Tourville (Columbia College)

At the business meeting the floor will be open for additional nominations.

Next year, nomination for Student Chapter Coordinator, in addition to Chair-Elect from St. Louis University is due. There will also need to a nominating committee appointed for a search for the next section governor in the fall to replace Yungchen Cheng whose term as governor will end in June 2012.

3. Suzanne Tourville reported that she has learned quite a bit hosting the meeting. It has been interesting to work with MOMATYC. Because their meeting is set up somewhat differently, there are some ideas that our Section might consider. For instance, they have a single registration fee, not a separate one for the registration, banquet and breakfast.
4. MAA can now host section websites. We want to suggest to the new web page administrator that our site be moved to the MAA site, and that there be a meeting website created on the MAA server instead of having to create a new meeting website every year.
5. There has been a big change in how books at meetings are handled. There are no longer any cash and carry sales due to sales tax issues. Books will be display copies only and after the meeting can be given to workers or others as prizes. It might be a good idea to advertise the change in how books sales will be done in an upcoming newsletter. We will give some of our accumulated books to the undergraduate conferences around the state.
6. We want to encourage schools to continue with the process set up for getting nominations for the Section Teaching Award. This includes notifying the secretary/treasurer in November/December of intent to nominate someone.
7. The Section NExT program was chaired by Zdenka Guadarrama (Rockhurst) this year and had another new Section NExT fellow. In addition, Zdenka and Mary Shepherd met with Chris Stevens to get further ideas and discuss ways to get more involvement and improve the program.
8. Yungchen Cheng updated the EC regarding the Joint Section Meeting (Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska/SE South Dakota Sections), planned for 2013. The other sections are waiting on invitation from the Missouri Section. We will present this to the membership at the Business Meeting.
9. The section by laws have been revised and are finally ready to send to the membership. There appears to be a need to add a committee/steering group for Section NExT but this will need to wait until the new by laws are passed.
10. Other/New business. David Bressoud shared that the national MAA is looking for a new Executive Director and Treasurer. Travel to MathFest for section representative will not be reimbursed by National, but \$100 from section still available. After some discussion it was decided that we will bring up to the section membership a proposal to increase the fee reimbursed to \$300 from the section. Prabhakar Rao will be the first choice to send from the section. Second would be Jason Aubrey since both are new to the section leadership. A checklist for new chairs is being worked on by Shing So, Yungchen Cheng, and Suzanne Tourville to give to Prabhakar Rao.

Adjourned 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Shepherd
Secretary/Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

April 2, 2011

The business meeting of the Missouri Section was held in the Launer Auditorium on the campus of Columbia College. The meeting was called to order at 11:04 am.

1. The minutes of the April 10, 2010 Business Meeting were approved as published in the Spring 2010 Newsletter.
2. Suzanne Tourville reported on Executive Committee Meeting.
 - a. Due to budget constraints at the MAA, Section Officer travel to MathFest will not be funded this year. It was moved and seconded that the section to contribute to \$300 towards travel to attend MathFest this year. Motion approved.
 - b. Because of changes in how book sales are now handled (specifically related to sales tax accounting), books we have on hand may not be sold at the section meeting. The books currently on hand are to be kept by the section and will be given to undergraduate conferences or any event with students. Any group who would like books, please contact Suzanne Tourville. SEMO, MSU and UCM received books this year.
3. David Bressoud reported from the national office. He presented the PowerPoint presentation created by the national office. He reminded the section that elections for the national office of president, first vice president and nominating committee are open this spring and to please vote. There will also be an update on data collected on the Calculus Readiness project in the May Launchings column from David Bressoud.
4. Yungchen Cheng presented the Governor's Report. He gave an update on possible joint section meeting of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska/SE South Dakota sections. Governors from all four sections met for the first time, along with section representatives in November, 2010 and decided to explore a joint section meeting in 2013 at Northwest Missouri State University. There is the possibility of a second meeting in 2015, maybe in Omaha. A motion was made to extend an invitation to other three sections to attend and prepare to have the first joint meeting in 2013 as discussed. Motion approved.
5. Mary Shepherd gave the Treasurer's Report. There has been little change in our account balance in several years.
6. Suzanne Tourville gave the Newsletter Editor Report. She is still doing it. More postcards were mailed out this last time in order to advise the membership of the by laws change. She has only had 1-2 phone calls for printed copy of the newsletter and the meeting website. She will publish her last newsletter in May this year.
7. Les Reid had nothing to report as Student Chapter Coordinator.
8. Shing So, as High School Contest Coordinator, sent the report to department chairs.

9. Mary Shepherd gave the report for Keith Brandt, who is stepping down as Webpage Administrator. It is hoped that in the future the section website will be hosted by the MAA and that this will include a standard meeting website. The URL of the current section website is: <http://www.maa-mo.org/>
10. Electronic Proceedings had no report.
11. Suzanne Tourville reported on the 5K Run/Walk. There were 23 people who participated. The winner with a time of around 23 minutes was James Gossell. By drawing, 2nd place went to Hong Chen, 3rd place to Yungchen Cheng, then Ilene Morgan, Dix Pettey, and Rhonda McKee.
12. Shing So reported for the Nominating committee that the following nominations were received.

Chair Elect—Mary Shepherd (NWMSU)
 Newsletter Editor—Jason Aubrey (UMC)
 Webpage Administrator—Scott Thatcher (TSU)
 Secretary/Treasurer—Suzanne Tourville (Columbia College)

The floor was opened for additional nominations. None were received. A motion to close nominations was made and passed. A motion to approve the slate was made and passed.

13. Susan Callahan reported on the section by-laws revisions—a two year process. The request to revise the by-laws came from Committee on Sections (this occurs regularly by rotation among the sections), to bring our section by-laws in accordance with MAA by-laws and to make changes to reflect current practices and policies. Other members of this committee were Yungchen Cheng, Leon Hall and Suzanne Tourville. The committee went through many drafts. Two drafts have been sent to the Committee on Sections for feedback. After the first draft it took some time to incorporate the few suggestions made. The version in February 2011 newsletter is to be the final draft. Motion for the section to approve current version was approved. The by-laws document now has to go to the Committee on Sections, then to the Board of Governors, and will not be official until approved by the Board of Governors. This is expected to occur at MathFest this year. Changes to incorporate Section NExT will be sent out later after the by-laws take effect.
14. Prabhakar Rao reported that the Spring 2012 meeting will be held at UMSL with the dates to have the MCM Competition April 12th and April 13th and the section meeting to be April 13th and 14th.
15. Old/New business. Wojciech Golik from Lindenwood University has volunteered for meeting in 2019. That means the schedule of upcoming meetings is:

UMSL	2012
NWMSU	2013 (Joint with Kansas, Iowa, Neb/SESD)
SLU	2014
MST	2015
MWSU	2016
MSSU	2017
Drury	2018
Lindenwood	2019
UCM	2020

16. The Secretary was instructed to send a letter of thanks to the appropriate person(s) at Columbia College.

We gave a round of applause for job well done by Suzanne Tourville in working to bring off a very successful joint meeting with MOMATYC.

Motion to adjourn approved at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shepherd
Secretary/Treasurer

The MAA Missouri Section Newsletter is published in October, March, and May each year. Please send any news, comments, questions or corrections to me at setourville@ccis.edu.

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