

MAA MISSOURI SECTION NEWSLETTER

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From the Section Representative (Jeff Poet)

The Ad Hoc Committee to Consider Possible Revisions to the Section Bylaws (I totally just made up that name on the fly) consisting of Mary Shepherd (Northwest Missouri State University), David McCune (William Jewell), and Jeff Poet (Missouri Western State University) has met and will outline suggested potential changes to the leadership structure of the Section in the upcoming Fall newsletter. It is the committee's intention to provide a starting point for lively discussion to take place at our April 2019 meeting. Voting by the membership at large on any prospective changes to the bylaws will take place at the 2020 meeting. Stay tuned for more details.

From the Secretary (Phoebe McLaughlin)

Business Meeting Minutes from April 7, 2018

- 1) Approval of minutes from spring 2017 business meeting.

Motion was moved and seconded. All ayes to carry motion.

- 2) Report on 5k Run/Walk – Bob Robertson

5k run/walk was canceled due to the weather condition.

- 3) Chair Report – Bob Robertson

33 math teams participated the math competition

49 faculty, 4 graduate students, 1 high school teachers, 90 undergraduate students and 1 person from industry.

- 4) Vice Chair Report – Christopher Johnston

Next section meeting will be at Lindenwood University on April 4-6, 2019

5) Governor's Report – Mary Shepherd

Presented new reports for this year at the JMM meeting

MAA press and publication update – taken over by AMS

Departmental Membership – all students become members, discount

MAA Career resources center

Speakers for meetings

In our MAA Section – there will be changes of our section teaching award. Will simplify the nomination process, and won't require to meet Haimo Award deadline

MAA MathFest – early registration by April 18

6) Nominating Committee Report – Bob Robertson

The following slate of officers was presented. There were no additional nominations from the floor. The slate was approved unanimously.

- A) Web Administrator – Scott Thatcher
- B) Student Chapter Coordinator – Dan Kline
- C) Liaison Coordinator – Gavin Waters
- D) Vice Chair – Rhonda McKee

7) Liaison Coordinator Report – Yungchen Cheng

Had the first Friday lunch meeting. 5 liaisons, chair, and James Sellers attended.

Will continue this format

8) Web Administrator Report – Scott Thatcher

Move student contest information will be included in the website

9) Treasurer Report – Phoebe McLaughlin

See the 2018 treasurer's report

10) Missouri Section NExT Report – Sam Chamberlin

Met on Thursday night, 12 people attended. Look for new fellows and mentors

11) Student Chapter Coordinator Report – Al Dixon

No report

12) Newsletter – Dan Daly

Newsletters will go out every spring, fall, and winter. Send reports to Dan.

13) Governance Structures of other sections – Leon Hall

Must have revised and had our Section bylaws approved in 2019-2020. Need to start working on it now.

Went over a few single-state sections' bylaws

Now may be the time to have young members involved with the governance structures

Consider separating the roles of section chair and program coordinator

A list of things to do for section chairs has been passed down to each chair

14) New business

Mary – will shorten the teaching award nomination process. Nominators

15) Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to send thank you letters to Drury University officials for hosting the conference.

Treasurer's Report

MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA			
Section Financial Report - Year Ended 12/31/2017			
SECTION:	Missouri Section		
	(A) BEGINNING BANK BALANCE(S), 12/31/2016	\$	\$6,112.28
			<i>(see note below)</i>
(B) REVENUES			
B.1 MAA Subvention	\$859.00		
B.2 Project NExT			
B.3 Meeting - Registrations			
B.4 Meeting Income	\$2,914.63		
B.5 Workshop Registrations			
B.6 Meeting Exhibitors			
B.7 Contributors			
B.8 Interest on Checking	\$3.09		
B.9 Interest Savings/CD			
B.10 Book Sales			
B.11 Dues			
B.12 Advertisements			
B.13 Institute Memberships			
B.14 Patterson Prize			
B.15			
	(B) TOTAL REVENUES	\$	3,776.72
(C) EXPENSES			
C.1 Secretarial			
C.2 Honoraria			
C.3 Postage			
C.4 Telephone			
C.5 Printing			
C.6 Newsletters			
C.7 Travel			
C.8 Meeting Expenses	\$2,610.00		
C.9 Speakers Travel/Lodging			
C.10 Students Lecture Program			
C.11 Book Sale			
C.12 Project NExT			
C.13 Awards	\$100.00		
C.14 Miscellaneous Office			
C.15 Awards			
C.16 Patterson Prizes			
	(C) TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	2,710.00
	(D) ENDING BANK BALANCE, 12/31/2017	\$	7,179.00

Teaching Award

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the 2019 Missouri Section Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics are now being accepted. The Missouri Section Selection Committee will determine the recipient of the award from those nominated. The awardee will be honored at the Spring 2019 meeting of the Section and will be widely recognized and acknowledged within the Section.

Anyone is entitled to make a nomination, but nominations from chairs or MAA liaisons in departments of mathematical sciences are especially solicited. For this reason, this call for nominations is sent to both department chairs and MAA liaisons so that the responsibility for nominations can be shared between them.

We urge you to submit a nomination for the MAA Missouri Section Teaching Award if you have someone eligible and qualified in your department in order that your candidate has an opportunity to be considered for the Section Award and, if so selected, also for the national award. Even if not selected this year, it is an honor for someone to have been nominated; your department will receive recognition for its commitment to excellence in teaching, and the work done in preparing a nomination folder for your candidate is not wasted since your candidate can be nominated again in a future year. Self-nomination is not permitted.

Please discuss this memo with your colleagues and post it in a prominent place in your department.

Eligibility

- College or university teachers who currently teach a mathematical science at least halftime during the academic year in a public or private college or university (from two-year college teaching through teaching at the Ph.D. level) in the United States or Canada. Those on approved leave (sabbatical or other) during the academic year in which they are nominated qualify if they fulfilled the requirements in the previous year.
- More than seven years of experience in teaching a mathematical science.
- Membership in the Mathematical Association of America.

Guidelines for Nomination

Nominees should

- Be widely recognized as extraordinarily successful in their teaching.*
- Have teaching effectiveness that can be documented.

- Have had influence in their teaching beyond their own institution.**
- Foster curiosity and generate excitement about mathematics in their students.

* "teaching" is to be interpreted in its broadest sense, not necessarily limited to classroom teaching. It may include activities such as preparing students for mathematical competitions at the college level such as the Putnam Prize Competition or the Mathematical Contest in Modeling, attracting students to become majors in a mathematical science or to become Ph.D. candidates, working with pre-service or in-service teachers, etc.

** "influence beyond..." can take many forms, including demonstrated lasting impact on alumni, influence on the profession through curricular revisions in college mathematics teaching with wide-ranging impact, influential publications or innovative books concerned with the teaching of college mathematics, etc.

Nomination Deadline - To initiate the nomination please send a brief information to the Secretary at pmclaughlin@ucmo.edu by **March 1, 2019**.

Nomination Materials -

1. **Narrative:** Please describe the nominee's extraordinary success in teaching by providing a narrative of the nominee's background, experience, teaching style, special contributions, other teaching awards, and any additional evidence of the nominee's unusual achievement in teaching. Please limit this portion to no more than five double spaced pages.
2. **Letters of Recommendation:** Please include two letters of recommendation of no more than one page each, from the nominee's colleagues (one of whom could be the department chair).

All nomination materials should be sent to the Secretary at pmclaughlin@ucmo.edu **no later than March 31, 2019**.

We look forward to your participation in this exciting MAA venture of taking substantive action to honor extraordinarily successful teaching. We want to see such teaching recognized at all post-secondary school levels. We depend on you to help us identify those who merit such recognition.

REMARKS

Nominations for someone from another Section should be sent to the Secretary of the nominee's Section.

At the national level, MAA recognizes outstanding teaching with the Deborah and

Franklin Tepper Haimo Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics; each year at most three awards are given. At least one of the Award recipients must be a current Section nominee. This Section nominee may be the current recipient of the Section Award for Distinguished Teaching or a previous recipient of such an award from any Section. At most one of the Haimo Award recipients may be other than a current or past recipient of a Section Award for Distinguished Teaching. As you see, your nomination for a Section Award for Distinguished Teaching provides the opportunity for the person to be nominated for the national award **next year**.

FUTURE MEETING SITES

The Spring Meeting is held at various locations around the state. The meeting sites for the next several years are listed below for your convenience. If your campus would be willing to host a Spring Meeting, please contact Chris Johnston, Chair (CJohnston@lindenwood.edu), or any other member of the Executive Committee.

- 2019 Lindenwood University
- 2020 University of Central Missouri
- 2021 Truman State University
- 2022 University of Missouri – Kansas City
- 2023 Missouri State University

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

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