

Appendix A: The Governors of the Missouri Section of the MAA

Originally, the MAA had a twelve-member Board of Trustees with no particular connection to the Sections. However, about 1940 [G1] the Association's scheme of organization was modified. A big reason for doing this was to correct the fact that "the inter-relation between the Sections and the Association as a central body is tenuous almost to the point of non-existence." Part of this reorganization resulted in replacing the twelve Trustees by a Board of Governors, to include two Governors elected to three-year terms by the membership at large, and also a Governor elected to a two-year term by the membership in each of fourteen Regions. Transition plans were made and this reorganization was carried out. Region 10 was composed of Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri, and at the 1940 MAA Summer Meeting the first four Regional Governors, from Regions 5, 7, 10, and 12, were announced. According to the transition plan, and to avoid having all the regional Governors' terms expire at the same time, the other Regions elected Governors later in 1940 or in 1941. There were four Governors of Region 10:

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| 1. O. J. Peterson, Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, KS | 1940-42 |
| 2. L. M. Blumenthal, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO | 1942-44 |
| 3. G. W. Smith, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS | 1944-46 |
| 4. Ralph Hull, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE | 1946-48 |

The regional set-up lasted less than ten years. At the 1945 MAA Winter Meeting, the Board recommended changes in the By-laws of the Association, part of which were to "do away with our present regions and provide for the election of a Governor from each Section of the Association." This By-law change was to be voted on at a business meeting in 1946. At this time it was also recommended that the Section Governors serve three-year terms instead of the two-year terms of the Regional Governors. All this was adopted at the 30th Annual Meeting of the MAA in December 1946. Another part of the By-laws change was the requirement that there must be at least two nominations for every Governor-of-Section election, a rule still in effect. Again, a transition to the new organization was developed, and the Section Governor elections were set up so that each year approximately one-third of the Sections would elect their Governor. Because of this, Missouri was without representation for 1948-49. Ralph Hull's term ended in 1948 and, as stated in [G2], "Since the system of Regional Governors is being replaced by a system of Sectional Governors, no elections have been held to replace the Regional Governors whose terms expired on July 1, 1948." The first Governor of the Missouri Section was G. M. Ewing, whose term began in July 1949. Governors' terms begin in the summer, with the Summer Meeting (now MathFest) as their first official meeting. Missouri Section Governors have been:

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| 1. G. M. Ewing, University of Missouri, Columbia | 1949-52 |
| 2. R. J. Michel, Southeast Missouri State College, Cape Girardeau | 1952-55 |
| 3. F. F. Helton, Central College, Fayette | 1955-58 |
| 4. W. R. Utz, Jr., University of Missouri, Columbia | 1958-61 |
| 5. R. J. Michel, Southeast Missouri State College, Cape Girardeau | 1961-64 |
| 6. J. J. Andrews, St. Louis University, St. Louis | 1964-67 |
| 7. Paul Burcham, University of Missouri at Columbia, Columbia | 1967-70 |
| 8. A. G. Haddock, University of Missouri-Rolla, Rolla | 1970-73 |

9. R. W. Freese, St. Louis University, St. Louis	1973-76
10. Charles J. Stuth, Stephens College, Columbia	1976-79
11. Troy L. Hicks, University of Missouri-Rolla, Rolla	1979-82
12. H. Keith Stumpf, Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg	1982-85
13. Harold Hager, Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau	1985-88
14. Shirley Huffman, Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield	1988-91
15. Curtis Cooper, Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg	1991-94
16. Lanny Morley, Truman State University, Kirksville	1994-97
17. Al Tinsley, Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg	1997-2000
18. Vic Gummersheimer, Southeast Missouri State U., Cape Girardeau	2000-03
19. Leon Hall, University of Missouri-Rolla, Rolla	2003-06
20. Jim Bruening, Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau	2006-07*
21. Yungchen Cheng, Missouri State University	2007-09-12*
22. Susan Callahan, Cottey College, Nevada	2012-15

*Jim Bruening passed away in September 2007. Yungchen Cheng was appointed to complete Jim's term, and then was elected for a full term of his own in 2009.

Here is the list of the “losers” in most of the governor elections. If anyone can fill in any of the gaps, please let me know. However, these people should in no way be considered losers. Being nominated for Governor means they were considered leaders in the section – in every governors election the section was going to be a winner no matter which candidate was elected. Several of the people (with a *) on the following list went on to get elected Governor in a later election.

1. unknown	1949-52
2. unknown	1952-55
3. R.M. Rankin, Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy	1955-58
4. unknown	1958-61
5. J. J. Andrews*, St. Louis University	1961-64
6. unknown	1964-67
7. Franklin Haimo, Washington University	1967-70
8. Dale Woods, Northeast Missouri State	1970-73
9. unknown	1973-76
10. unknown	1976-79
11. H. Keith Stumpf*, Central Missouri State	1979-82
12. Harold Hager*, Southeast Missouri State	1982-85
13. Richard Friedlander, University of Missouri-St. Louis	1985-88
14. Richard Friedlander, University of Missouri-St. Louis	1988-91
15. Fred Wilke, University of Missouri-St. Louis	1991-94
16. Mangho Ahuja, SEMO and Ken Lee, MWS	1994-97
17. Vic Gummersheimer*, Southeast Missouri State	1997-2000
18. Ken Lee, Missouri Western State	2000-03
19. Yungchen Cheng*, Missouri State University	2003-06
20. Yungchen Cheng*, Missouri State University	2006-09
21. Carol Browning, Drury University	2009-12
22. Shing So, University of Central Missouri	2012-15

Beginning in 1952 (for Missouri), when the results of the sectional governor elections were announced in the *Monthly*, the sections with the highest percentages of votes cast were noted, sometimes along with other data such as the section with the highest total number of votes cast. In the nine governor elections in which Missouri was involved from 1952 through 1976, we were first three times (1961, 1964 and 1976) and second twice (1967 and 1973) in the percentage of votes cast (from 1952 through 1961 only the section with the highest percentage was named, so not all the second-place sections were given). In all but one of those years the other first or second place section was Kansas (first five times and second twice). Only in 1970 was neither Missouri nor Kansas in the top two in percentage of votes cast among the nine sections electing governors that year. In 1979 and after, these percentages were not reported in the *Monthly* for sectional governor elections involving Missouri.

Missouri Section Governors have come from ten different institutions, with balanced participation in the Section from all over the state, a positive thing. One person, R.J. Michel from SEMO, was elected to more than one term, and two have been women. Note that only four of the Governors' last names begin with a letter in the last half of the alphabet, N-Z; is this coincidence or should the order of the names on the ballots be randomized instead of alphabetical? Has the same thing happened in other sections?

The part of the 1940 reorganization providing that each year the membership at large shall elect two governors for three-year terms, means there are six Governors-at-Large on any one Board. Three of these have been from Missouri:

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| 1. Shirley A. Hill, University of Missouri-Kansas City | 1972-1974 |
| 2. Deborah T. Haimo, University of Missouri-St. Louis | 1974-1976 |
| 3. Charles Hatfield, University of Missouri-Rolla | 1975-1977 |

References

[G1] Report of the Committee to Review the Activities of the Mathematical Association of America, *The American Mathematical Monthly*, Vol. 47, No. 2 (Feb. 1940), 64-84.

[G2] New Sectional Governors of the Association, *The American Mathematical Monthly*, Vol. 55, No. 7 (Aug.-Sep. 1948), 456-457.