

MAA MISSOURI SECTION NEWSLETTER

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2008 MAA MISSOURI SECTION MEETING

Missouri State University appreciates the opportunity to host next year's Missouri MAA meeting on April 18-19, 2008, with the Missouri Collegiate Mathematics Competition beginning the evening of Thursday, April 17. We look forward to seeing all of you. If you have suggestions for the meeting schedule or if you have an initiative that you would like to be incorporated into this meeting, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yungchen Cheng, Section Chair

MISSOURI COLLEGIATE MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The twelfth annual Missouri Collegiate Mathematics Competition was held on the campus of the College of the Ozarks on March 29-30, 2007. Thirty-three schools and 91 students competed. The top six schools were:

1. University of Missouri-Rolla, Team A
2. Truman State University, Team A
3. Washington University, Team A
3. Washington University, Team B
5. Drury University, Team A
6. The Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics, and Computing, Team A

Members of the University of Missouri Rolla, Team A were Aaron Goldsmith, Jon Reinagel, and Douglas Mallory and the team sponsor was David Grow. Next year's Contest will be held on the campus of Missouri State University on April 17-18, 2008.

SECTION TEACHING AWARD

Congratulations to **Kenneth Lee** of Missouri Western State for winning the 2007 Missouri Section Teaching Award. 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.

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 six years are listed below for your convenience. If your campus would be willing to host a Spring Meeting, please contact Yungchen Cheng, Chair, or any other member of the Executive Committee.

1997	Missouri Western State College	2005	Missouri Western State College
1999	Rockhurst College	2006	University of Missouri-Columbia
1998	Southwest Missouri State University	2007	College of the Ozarks
2000	Central Missouri State University	2008	Missouri State University
2001	U. of Missouri-Rolla	2009	Truman State University
2002	Truman State University	2010	Missouri State University
2003	Washington University	2011	University of Missouri-St. Louis
2004	Southeast Missouri State University	2012	Northwest Missouri State University

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 30, 2007

The Executive Committee meeting of the Missouri Section was held in the Good Room in the Keeter Center on the campus of the College of the Ozarks. Chair Craig Haile called the meeting to order at 9:05 pm after the banquet. The following officers attended the meeting:

Chair	Craig Haile (C of O)
Past Chair	Dix Pettey (UMC)
Governor	James Bruening (SEMO)
Chair-Elect	Yungchen Cheng (MSU)
Newsletter Editor	Suzanne Tourville (Columbia College)
Student Chapter Coordinator	Les Reid (MSU)
Secretary Treasurer	Mary Shepherd (NWMSU)
Section Liaison Coordinator	Keith Brandt (Rockhurst)

Deanna Haunsperger, MAA Second Vice President, also attended.

1. The minutes of the March 31, 2006 Executive Committee Meeting were approved as distributed in the Spring 2006 Newsletter.
2. Nominating committee report from Craig Haile indicated volunteers for the following offices:

Chair-Elect:	David Garth (Truman)
Secretary Treasurer:	Mary Shepherd (NWMSU)

3. Jim Bruening led a discussion on the Meritorious Service Award. We as a section may select someone every 5 years. The criteria appeared in the fall 2006 newsletter. Recent winners have been Al Tinsley, 5 years ago, and before him, Troy Hicks, Harold Hager and Curtis Cooper. The new section chair, Yungchen Cheng will appoint a committee and recipient nominee will be chosen later in the spring for this award. The nominee will then be approved at MathFest with the award presented at the Joint Meetings in January 2008.

4. The Teaching Award process went much better this past year with several intents to nominate received in November. The committee to select next year's winner will be encouraged to consider sending Tim Ray's nomination forward next year for the Haimo along with the new winner.
5. Craig Haile asked what program needs to be included at the Chairs/Liaisons Breakfast, which will be held in the Henry R. Harold dining room next to barber shop at 7:30 am on Saturday. Deanna Haunsperger offered to talk for about 5 minutes on strategic planning at the national level.
6. Craig Haile thanked Dix for books. The new chair (Yungchen Cheng) is going to take the books this year. The inventory of books seems to be growing and a few titles are dated. We have not yet been paid for the past two years of book sales and Mary Shepherd will follow up with national. Craig Haile may buy some of the older books for prizes.
7. Jim Bruening and Yungchen Cheng will organize a committee to begin to look at revision of our section by laws. These are due for review 2009-2010 at the national level. A template available online for help with this project. Some suggestions for other committee members include Suzanne Tourville and Susan Callahan.
8. Yungchen Cheng began a discussion about the feasibility of a midyear Executive Committee meeting at a central location. It has been done in past, before email. The Committee expressed a willingness to meet. Email is okay, but not necessarily efficient. The meeting would help the chair. We will try one this coming year, probably in Columbia. Suzanne Tourville will help schedule it.
9. Keith Brandt indicated a pressing need to find a new location for hosting of the section web pages. Rockhurst stopped supporting websites 2 years ago. The server where the web pages are housed will no longer be supported as of May 10. Keith is willing to still maintain the pages if a hosting location can be found. Another possibility is to pay to have a site. This will be brought up at the business meeting to see if anyone can help or there are other ideas. We will also ask at the business meeting to approve an estimated \$100 to go offsite for one year as a back-up plan or if no other suggestions come through.
10. Other/New business: It is suggested that in addition to the postcard mailing about the newsletter, that there also be an email with hyperlink for the newsletter. Craig Haile will get with Keith Brandt to check some of the email addresses.
11. Yungchen Cheng will be section representative at MathFest.
12. Craig will work to create a folder/notebook with "how to run a section meeting" information available for future chairs. This will be completed coming summer.
13. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shepherd
Secretary/Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

March 31, 2007

The Business Meeting of the Missouri Section was held in the Royal Oak Room of the Keeter Center on the campus of the College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Missouri. Chair Craig Haile called the meeting to order at 11:10.

1. The minutes of the April 1, 2006 Business Meeting were approved as published in the Spring 2006 Newsletter.
2. Craig Haile reported on the Executive Committee Meeting.
 - a. Every five years, the section selects a recipient for the Meritorious Service Award. The selection process is moving forward and a selection will be made this spring. The award will be presented at the Joint Meetings in January 2008. Previous winners have been Al Tinsley, Troy Hicks, Harold Hager and Curtis Cooper.
 - b. A review of our section by-laws will be coming up soon. A committee will be appointed. If anyone has an interest, contact Yungchen Cheng or Jim Bruening.
3. Jim Bruening made the Governor's Report. Jim was not able to attend the governor's meeting in January and Leon Hall attended in his absence. See the report in last newsletter. Highlights include that the MAA is in the strategic planning process with some groups issuing final or preliminary reports. Governance is one of the groups issuing a report on the relationship between the sections and national. The question raised is whether the board of governors best way to accomplish governance. Financially, the MAA is doing well. The Carriage House in Washington, DC is completed with a dedication scheduled April 18-20. Dues are being restructured. An increase in retired member dues may be most noticeable. Also, the national office may separate journal subscriptions from membership. And finally, all eyes at the national level are looking to the 2015 centennial celebration of MAA.
4. Mary Shepherd, Secretary Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. The balance as of March 30, 2007 is \$4,827.35.
5. Suzanne Tourville, Newsletter Editor, thanked everyone for alerting her to mistakes in the newsletter regarding university names. She will send an email with hyperlink along with paper postcard in the future. Let her know if there is anything new anyone would like to see in the newsletter.
6. Les Reid, Student Chapter Coordinator, encouraged all schools to try to get a student chapter going. You can expect to hear more in next couple of months as he tries to get the section to do more with student chapters.
7. Shing So, High School Contest Coordinator Report, reported that there is not much in work involved in this position, mostly answering questions about the contest and getting in touch with headquarters to get children registered. A copy of the top results of the contest is attached. Most of contact with teachers is done from headquarters. We still have a bank account with about \$200 in account, but not enough for a cash award to students. Shing So does arrange for students to go to Governor's open house and to receive a plaque from headquarters. Al Tinsley helped with this and helped present the award last year.

8. Keith Brandt, Public Information Coordinator/Section Liaison Coordinator, reported there is not much to report. He is working to get a verification email about address soon.
9. Keith Brandt, Web Page Administrator, reported that the Missouri Section web page lives on a computer that will not be supported after May 10. The future of website at Rockhurst is in jeopardy. Keith wondered if some other school could host the site and Keith still update. Another possibility is that the section could buy offsite webhosting. Rhonda McKee said KME had faced the same dilemma. Truman State University offered to host it. Craig Haile moved that the section approve money to host the website off site if hosting falls through with Truman. Motion approved.
10. Jeff Poet reported on the Electronic Proceedings. He encouraged presenters to submit their presentations. If students presented, their faculty advisors are encouraged to help them.
11. Craig Haile reported on the Run/Walk. There were over 30 participants. Six prizes were awarded.
 - a. A College of the Ozarks hat, shirt and one pound fruitcake went to Becky Everly and Jean Tao.
 - b. Pancake/waffle mix to W. Y. Chen (SEMO)
 - c. Jellies to Jennifer Pyaton and Yungchen Chen
 - d. Book and two pound fruitcake Paul Plummer.
12. Craig Haile reported on the following nominations, both of whom volunteered.

David Garth of Truman for Chair-Elect
Mary Shepherd for Secretary/Treasurer

Nominations from the floor were requested, but none were received. The individuals listed above were approved by the section.
13. Yungchen Cheng, incoming Chair, reported on the 2008 meeting. Yungchen tried, but could not get a joint meeting with MoMATYC. Missouri State University in Springfield will host the section meeting on April 18-19, 2008. The student competition will be on April 17 and 18.
14. Old/New business.
 - a. Jim Bruening moved that the secretary send letter of appreciation to the appropriate official(s) at College of the Ozarks, approved.
 - b. Yungchen Cheng called for appreciation to Craig and his students for great job.
 - c. Craig Haile expressed appreciation to all student help.
15. The Business Meeting adjourned at 11:41 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shepherd
Secretary/Treasurer

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

Thanks.

Suzanne Tourville
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