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NEW JERSEY SECTION

**REPORT OF THE CONGRESS REPRESENTATIVE      MathFest 2017**

NJ Section Representative Report from Mathfest 2017  
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This report marks my first as the Section's Representative to the MAA Congress.

The most significant piece of action by the Congress at its meeting in Mathfest was the approval of its own by-laws. These by-laws establish the role of the Congress, the role of its committees, and the role and election of its officers. It is worth noting that officers are elected by approval voting of the nominees and the Chair of the Congress is elected from nominees put forth from the Nominating Committee.

Small group discussions were held to discuss important issues such as promoting the new Instructional Practices (IP) Guide (forthcoming), connecting math to other disciplines, and increasing Section membership and participation. Regarding the latter, some ideas that I have passed on to our Section's executive committee include allowing PhD students from research universities to participate in Section NExT activities, having a contributed paper session for new faculty, and developing student activities connected with the Math Modeling Hub, a project being developed by QUBES in collaboration with SIAM, NCTM, COMAP, and MAA based on the GAIMME Report.

Please feel free to contact me by email ([nguyen@rowan.edu](mailto:nguyen@rowan.edu)) if you have questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,  
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