

Governor's Report

MAA Board of Governors Meeting – January 5, 2016

The Board addressed low MAA membership rate among faculty, especially junior faculty. Governors participated in breakout session to discuss the future possibility of MAA offering webinars and other online offerings (such as MathFest videos) to benefit members as a way to increase membership, which grew in 2015 for the first time in ten years. Look for new member benefits in the near future on the MAA website.

The Board voted to approve a governance model consisting of a small board of directors (responsible for budgetary issues) and an assembly consisting of Section representatives and council chairs (responsible for strategic planning and policy). An implementation committee will be formed to draft the details in a proposal that will be voted on by the Board at the 2017 Joint Math Meetings and by the general membership thereafter.

The Board also addressed underrepresentation of females in MAA (authorship by females in MAA journals, awards, committee chairs, etc.) and ways to increase participation such as inviting more female mathematicians to be on editorial boards and reviewers.

As of December 3, 2015, the Second Century Campaign has reached 83%, or \$5.82 million of the goal of \$7 million. Please consider contributing to make the campaign a success, which concludes at the end of 2016.

MathFest this summer will be held in Columbus, OH during August 3-6, 2016. This city is a fitting location for mathematicians since Columbus was named the 2015 Intelligent Community of the Year (by Intelligent Community Forum). Hope to see many fellow NJ Section members there!

Respectfully submitted,
Hieu Nguyen, Governor of MAA-NJ Section