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Report of the Governor

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Governor's Report

Report from the Summer Meeting of the MAA Board of Governors

The Board met the day before MathFest 2002 in Burlington Vermont. The early registration was higher than expected and the short course was oversubscribed by almost 50%. This increase in attendance is good news: the MAA is meeting the needs of its membership.

The editors reported that the MAA journals and book series are continuing to attract interesting submissions. More MAA books will be available in book stores and on-line. Sales are good.

The new software for maintaining membership records and serving member needs is fully installed. It has been more expensive than expected, but it is functioning well and is getting good reaction both from members and from staff.

The very conservative investment policy of the budget committee has buffered the Association fairly well from the turmoil in financial markets. Nonetheless, it is important for the Association to build up an endowment which will provide income for new programming as well as protect the MAA from unexpected financial situations.

The most important new issue is how to reconcile MAA practice (which allows Governors who cannot attend Board meetings to send substitutes) with the requirements of our by-laws (which implicitly prohibit voting-by-proxy at Board meetings). This issue has legal and insurance ramifications; our auditors will not let it go unresolved. The discussion at the Board did not reach unanimity. A committee (including the Governor elected from the NJ Section) has been formed to formulate a proposal for further consideration by the Board.

The officers of the Association ask members to be more active in making nominations for MAA prizes and in making suggestions for MAA activities.

Respectfully submitted, Amy Cohen, Governor from the NJ Section.