President Joel Iiams opened the meeting with greetings

Upcoming Section Meetings

(a) 2015 Spring: April 24-25, Winona State University, Winona, MN
   • Plan for three featured talks (one being a Section NExT sponsored talk)
(b) 2015 Fall: Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
(c) 2016 Spring: Macalester College, St. Paul, MN
   • Plan for a banquet to attract more people to the fall meeting
(d) 2016 Fall: University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Officer Reports

(a) Governor – Tom Sibley
   • The MAA is always looking for volunteers for the numerous committees. The Governor is happy to help the process by nominating individuals.
   • National MAA is running a deficit of 1% (better than last year) mostly due to declining memberships.

(b) Past President – Randy Westoff
   • No report

(c) President - Joel Iiams
   • Reported on the discussions at the Committee on Sections meeting from MathFest. The question posed is: what can the Section due to further the MAA mission if we didn’t have section meetings?
   • Can we find a way to encourage retirees to stay active in the Section?

(d) President-Elect – Donna Flint
   • No report

(e) Treasurer – Justin James
   • Covered the financial summary of the Section (in good standing)
   • Noted that the discount code for purchases were going to be in effect through Oct. 9 (two weeks after meeting)

(f) Secretary – Namyong Lee (Shawn Chiappetta subbing)
• Attendance: 53, with 11 undergraduate students and 4 graduate students

(g) Information Officer – Kris Nairn
• No report

(h) Student Activities Coordinator – Aaron Wangberg
• Look for email for the student lunch at the Joint Meetings sometime in December. Contact the coordinator if you want to make sure you are on the mailing list.

(i) Section NExT – Kris Nairn/Shawn Chiappetta
• No report

• Nominations for open positions (President-Elect, Secretary, Member-at-Large)
  o Send nominations to the Nominating Committee (Past-President, President, President Elect) prior to the Spring Meeting

• Nominations for awards
  o Watch the webpage to find deadline for nominations and for information as to how to nominate someone as well as who nominations go to

• Summer Seminar (for 2015 Summer)
  o Because of lack of ideas and late timing, the Summer Seminar will be shifted to Summer 2016 to coincide with the Section’s Centennial celebration

• Bylaws
  o Given the appropriate reading of the Bylaw changes and discussion of wording, a motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed changes (see website). The motion passed unanimously resulting in the changes being sent for final approval by the National Committee.

• Other Matters:
  o MathFest 2015 is in Washington D.C. to celebrate the MAA’s Centennial and is an extra day than typical. They are still looking for ideas to celebrate, please pass those along to the Section Secretary
  o Pi Mu Epsilon will be held April 10-11 at St. John’s University and the featured speaker is Ami Radunskaya.

Meeting adjourned at 1:19pm

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn Chiappetta