MAA NCS Executive Board Meeting Minutes

President: John Zobitz
Spring 2021, March 26, Virtual via Zoom
5:15pm-6:45pm

1. Welcome
   o Introductions were done as we had MAA Congress Chair, Tim Chartier joining for the meeting
   o Tim spoke briefly

2. Officer Reports
   a) Representative – Kris Nairn (CSBSJU)
      • No report
   b) Past President – Jonathan Rognes (University of Minnesota)
      • Gave thanks to John Zobitz and the rest of the Executive Board for the handling of the Section business during the pandemic
      • Announced there were no nominations for either the Teaching or Service award
   c) President – John Zobitz (Augsburg University)
      • Meeting is ready to go with work done before the meeting to make sure that the technology would work smoothly
      • Looking for more ways to support the Section and students
         • Continue to strive to have more diversity of speakers and activities to make the Section more inclusive of all its constituents
      • Thanked the Board members for their assistance during the past year
   d) President-Elect – Megan Breit-Goodwin (Anoka-Ramsey Community College)
      • Continues to act as a bridge between the other sister organizations in the region
         • ND Council of Teachers in Mathematics – next meeting TBD
         • SD Council of Teachers in Mathematics – next meeting Feb 2022 (Huron)
         • NDMATYC – Fall possibly
         • MinnMATYC – virtual
            • Moved dates possibly due to conflict
      • NCS Twitter account is active @MAANorthCentral
   e) Treasurer – Justin James (Minnesota State University-Moorhead)
      • Lower than typical subvention (possibly due to lower membership)
      • Major expense last year was the Project NExT support (once every 3 years)
      • Institutional memberships increased the Section NExT funds (no decrease due to virtual activities)
• Added credit card use to EventBrite
• NOTE: Board (via email) approved $250 honorarium to invited speaker
• For this meeting, we provided registrants opportunity to pay/donate the typical registration fee

f) Secretary – Shawn Chiappetta (University of Sioux Falls)
• Meeting had 3 invited speakers and 11 contributed talks [approximately the same as previous meetings]


g) Information Officer – Donna Flint (South Dakota State University)
• Thanks to Megan for setting up Twitter account
• New website template provided by MAA will be rolled out after the meeting.
• Questions involving our policy for photographs
  • Will ask permission at first talk (for screenshots)
  • Release on future registration forms will be needed
• Thanks to John for his leadership and organizing during the year

h) Student Activities Coordinator – Aaron Wangberg (Winona State University)
• Student activities during the past few months did not go as planned
• MAA-CTUM
  • Instructional practice guide: possibly have a reading group
  • Was invited to talk at other Section’s meeting
  • possibility of bringing National topics to the Regional level

i) Members-at-Large – Rob Thompson (Carleton College) and Jeremiah Bartz (University of North Dakota)
• Jeremiah – no report
• Rob
  • Thanks to John for his work

3. Heuer Team Contest
   o John presented the background to refresh the Board’s memory and to bring Tim up to speed
   o Walked through the 4 possibilities and then opened up for discussion:
     ▪ How many (and who) is interested in serving on the contest? (3 or 4 counted)
     ▪ How many are needed? (minimum of 3)
     ▪ Do we rotate membership?
     ▪ Other options:
       • smaller number of questions
       • having a school (rotating) provide the questions and grading
       • virtual walkthrough of problem solutions (by students) with possible award for best presentation
       • add graduate students to the mix
Ultimately, Board felt that the organizing committee should have agency to decide the direction (with Board input) of the Contest.

Jon Rogness volunteered to serve as the point-person for the first year

An important point was to make sure diversity and inclusion are being considered in the process

4. Elections (Slate of nominees with floor nominees to be offered)
   - President-Elect – Aaron Wangberg
   - Secretary – Shawn Chiappetta
   - Student Activities Coordinator (replacement) – Rob Thompson
     - Note: Rob would have 2 years left on the term
   - Member-at-Large – Martha Gregg

5. Upcoming Meetings
   - Fall 2021 – Augustana University
     - Dates: TBD
     - Daniel Perry (contact)
     - May require $100 sanitation fee for meeting
     - Board discussed the financial sharing of running the meeting
     - All rooms that might be used have ability to offer synchronous Zoom
   - Spring 2021 – Metropolitan State University
     - Dates: TBD

6. Summer Seminar 2022
   - Requested to have a non-teaching focused seminar
   - Questions regarding the Seminar:
     - Should Section postpone for one more year
     - Residential vs. Virtual offering
     - Survey to Section to get ideas and feedback to help plan
       - John plans to follow up with this

Motion to adjourn at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Chiappetta
MAA-NCS Secretary