MAA NCS Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Presiding: Megan Breit-Goodwin
Spring 2022, April 1 – Metropolitan State University
(SEC 216 – 5:30-7:00pm)

1. Welcome
   a. In attendance:
      * Jeremiah Bartz, Megan Breit-Goodwin, Shawn Chiappetta, Donna Flint, Martha Gregg, Justin James, Kris Nairn, Rob Thompson, Aaron Wangberg, John Zobitz

2. Upcoming Section Meetings
   a) Fall 2022
      * University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
      * October 14-15, 2022
   b) Spring 2023
      * Winona State University, Winona, MN
      * March 24-25, 2023

3. Officer Reports
   a) Representative – Kris Nairn (CSBSJU)
      * reminder of grants from MAA for a variety of ways to support the Section’s goals
      * new NAM speaker (speaker series, three different lines)
   b) Past President – John Zobitz (Augsburg University)
      * reported on MAA-NCS Award for Distinguished University Teaching of Mathematics
   c) President – Megan Breit-Goodwin (Anoka Ramsey Community College)
      * the Section is still getting things done
      (i) virtual meetings
      (ii) team competition
      (iii) section Next
      (iv) student programming
      1. We should be celebrating
      2. A thank you to all
      * through the pandemic, we have seen a need to have local meeting to share mathematics (the mathematics hasn’t stopped)
   d) President-Elect – Aaron Wangberg (Winona State University)
      * fall meeting at UND
      (i) Hortensia Soto (Colorado State University, MAA Associate Secretary, Section Visitor) is our invited speaker
      (ii) October 14-15
(iii) Eric Egge has suggested he would do his Teaching Award presentation (need to confirm)

b. spring Winona State
   (i) speakers have been invited
   (ii) March 24-25
      1. earlier than normal, but does not conflict with other Section activities

e) Treasurer – Justin James (Minnesota State University-Moorhead)
   a. Section is in good financial shape
   b. will keep an eye on Project NExT fellowship ($2500 every third year)
   c. many Section Institutional Membership
      (i) though they are acknowledged at two time so it looks small in the spring
   d. still holding a minor deficit from summer seminar (~$40)
   e. registration:
      (i) different registration rates?
      1. emeriti/adjunct/retired
      (ii) **Motion: (motioned: Jeremiah, 2nd by John)**
         1. Faculty who are Emeriti, VITAL, retired or HS educators are free, and
         2. they will be given a choice to donate to the Section in lieu of registration.
            a. **Motion passed**
   
f) Secretary – Shawn Chiappetta (University of Sioux Falls)
   a. No report

g) Information Officer – Donna Flint (South Dakota State University)
   a. introduced the new website
   b. gave tour of new features
      (i) includes a section news input
   c. Question: Can nomination forms for awards could be inputted directly in the form?
   d. MAA National needs to approve the site before it goes live
      (i) clarification given that the Section doesn’t need approval of future changes, but rather MAA is making sure that initial page is fully fleshed out
   e. reimagining the purpose of the newsletter with the hope that the news submission form on the site will produce a more lively and active news feed
   f. looking input for final changes
      (i) contact Donna F for comments
   g. will look into archiving old newsletters and programs
   h. gave thanks to previous Information Officers for their work as it provided a foundation to work from
h) Student Activities Coordinator – Rob Thompson (Carleton College)
   a. estimation game online in the fall was a huge success
   b. Sarah Jahn will be doing tabletop games with students tonight
   c. received BIG career game from MAA (possibly for next time)

i) Members-at-Large – Jeremiah Bartz (University of North Dakota) and Martha Gregg (Augustana University)
   a. Jeremiah - excited to have everyone up to UND next fall

4. Election Update
   o James Seller (UM-Duluth) – Information Officer
   o Jeremiah Bartz (UND) – President-elect
   o Julia Walk (Concordia) – Member at large
     - Motion to present the slate at the Business meeting
       - Motion passed

5. Summer Seminar Updates
   o planned on virtual seminar on math/social justice
     - led by Dr. Gizem Kiraali (Pomona State University) and Dr. Lily Khadjavi (Loyola Marymount)
   o leaders wanted an in-person seminar so it will be postponed until summer 2023
   o working to keep it cost-effective
   o site to be determined
   o seminar will be built off the short-course they implemented at JMM
   o Question: Is there a partnership that can allow us to leverage the costs?
     - hoping to propagate the work beyond the MAA-NCS
     - Note: NSF has $50,000 grants for conferences
     - Note: submit request by June?

   - working with John Zobitz & Augsburg

6. NCS Team Competition
   o competition planned to resume in fall 2022
   o box of questions is coming down to be given to the teams group
   o Jon Rogness is leading the organization until it is self-sufficient
   o meeting to be held at the end of Section meeting for in-person organizing meeting

7. Section NExT Updates
   o current leadership team: Aaron Wangberg, John Zobitz, Namyong Lee, Lori Ziegelmeier)
   o had some virtual meet-ups in the fall
     - participation from many people from all parts of the Section
   o local one this spring
   o Immediate issue: what does the rotation of leadership look like?

8. (if time) Timeline for information for scheduling a meeting
9. Matters Arising

- Discussion:
  - Implicit Bias for selection of award winners
    - review of information brought some concerns regarding the collection of nominations
    - possibility that information leans toward male nominees, courses taught, and teaching methods of more a “traditional” methods
    - create a standardization for evaluation of teaching nominations
    - need to communicate the process (once finished)

- Teaching Award – Rebecca Glover, University of St. Thomas
- Service Award – Namyong Lee, Mankato State

Thanks.

Adjourned at 7:02. (motioned by John and seconded by Kris)