MAA NCS Executive Board Minutes

President: Donna Flint
Fall 2015, October 24, Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
(David Park House, 7 – 8:30 am)

Members Present: Donna Flint (Section President), Joel Iiams (Past President), Co Livingston (President Elect), Tom Sibley (Governor), Shawn Chiappetta (Secretary), Justin James (Treasurer), Kris Nairn (Information Officer), Aaron Wangberg (Student Chapter Coordinator), Timothy Prescott (Member-at-Large), Jung-Han Kimn (Member-at-Large)

Members Absent: Su Doree (Section NExT Coordinator), Jody Sorensen (Section NExT Coordinator)

- President Donna Flint opened the meeting with introductions

- Upcoming Section Meetings
  a) Spring 2016, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN (April 15-16, 2016)
  b) Fall 2016, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN (October, 2016)
  c) Spring 2016 was tentatively suggested to be hosted at South Dakota State University (subsequently retracted)

- Officer Reports
  a) Governor Tom Sibley reported on the financials of the national MAA. Stating that currently the MAA has more expenses than revenues and is working to correct this.
  b) Past President Joel Iiams handed out an information sheet for the nominations of the Section’s Teaching Award.
  c) President Donna Flint had no report as points of discussion are below.
  d) President-Elect Co Livingston had no report.
  e) Treasurer Justin James passed out financials of the Section and stated the Section is in reasonably good financial shape.
     a. Discussion of a second printing of T-shirts for the spring meeting with a new design.
     b. The Exxon funding used for student lunches is almost used up. The Committee agreed that the Section should continue funding these endeavors from the general fund.
     c. Committee agreed that the Section should reimburse invited speaker’s mileage when incurred.
d. Discussions as to whether the Section can/should accept credit cards in regards. Justin will contact National to see if there is some process already in place.

f) Secretary Shawn Chiappetta had no report.

g) Information Officer Kris Nairn had no report.

h) Student Activities Coordinator Aaron Wangberg reported that there were 12 students at the lunch at MathFest.
   a. Since he will not be attending the upcoming JMM and MathFest, Aaron asked for volunteers to help out in his stead. Kris Nairn will be coordinating for the JMM.
   b. Questions about a separate faculty lunch were asked.

i) Section NExT’s report was given by Co Livingston. She and Randy Westoff met with two Section NExT members to discuss ideas for upcoming events. Ideas of note:
   a. a list-serve for Section NExT members
   b. a retreat or conference just for Section NExT members
   c. a focus on improving teaching activities

- Discussion of Spring Meeting
  o Committee approved of the format sent by the Macalester representatives. The Section Secretary and Information Officer will work with Macalester in the preparations of the spring meeting.
  o Spring meeting is planned to have six themed sessions.
  o It was recommended that the planned banquet have a $20 cost with no included lunch.

- The Committee talked about forming a Committee for the Fall 2016 Section’s Centennial Meeting. Co Livingston will chair the committee.

- Due to the special meetings coming up, the Committee agreed that to help with funds for the spring and fall meeting registration cost will be raised $15 for everyone but students.

- Donna Flint gave an update on the Summer Seminar. She is working to finalize the dates and speaker. Financial considerations will be made once the preliminary information has been settled. (Dates: June 22-24, 2016 with Peter Bubinek from University of Florida as the main speaker.)

- Discussed the request that MAA Sections aid in support of a Project NExT fellow or a portion of a fellow. At this time the Section has declined, but will consider a recurring donation at a future meeting.

- Tom Sibley has confirmed that he has nominations for the upcoming NCS Governor vote and will be sending those to National.

- A call for help in locating individuals for nomination of the Spring Officer Elections: President Elect, Information Officer and one Member-at-Large

- The Section’s National Meritorious Service Award nomination was submitted prior to the deadline.
• An overarching discussion of outreach ensued. Topics included:
  o Encouraging participation by two-year colleges possibly by hosting
  o Outreach to high school teachers, students, two-year schools by sending notes
    from the local hosts to local schools
• Tom Sibley updated the Committee on talks of possible changes to the MAA Governance
  structure. Tom asked for feedback to pass back to National regarding two proposed
  models.
• Discussion about rejecting submissions for talks. Criteria included:
  o speaker must be an MAA member, or
  o the speaker must be sponsored by an institution/faculty and
  o the talk must be mathematical in nature.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30am

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Chiappetta
MAA-NCS Secretary