MAA NCS Executive Board Meeting Agenda

President: Namyong Lee
Spring 2018, April 20, Minnesota State University, Mankato, Mankato, MN
(Wissink Hall #285, 6:00pm-7:00pm)

1. Welcome
   - Members Present: Jason Douma (Representative), Co Livingston (Past President), Namyong Lee (President), Sarah Jahn (President-Elect), Shawn Chiappetta (Secretary), Justin James (Treasurer), Kris Nairn (Information Officer), Aaron Wangberg (Student Chapter Coordinator), John Zobitz (Member-at-Large)
   - Members Absent: Eric Errthum (Member-at-Large)

2. Upcoming Section Meetings
   a) Fall 2018, Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, MN (October 12-13)
   b) Spring 2019, Augsburg University, Minneapolis, MN
      - April 5-6

3. Officer Reports
   (a) Representative (Jason Douma)
      - Reminded the committee of MathFest (August 1-4)
      - Spoke briefly of the change in publishing where the MAA retains editorial control
        i. AMS publishing the MAA texts
        ii. Taylor & Francis publishing the journals
      - Presented a draft of MAA’s value statement
      - Led a strategic planning discussion for the Section with the Executive Committee prior to the meeting
   (b) Past President (Co Livingston)
   (c) President (Namyong Lee)
      - Thanked Jason Douma for leading the Section Officer Retreat
      - Reminded the Committee of the speakers obtained through the MAA Section Visitor Program and gave an urging to book future year speakers early rather than later
   (d) President-Elect (Sarah Jahn)
      - Spoke briefly about the difficulty of getting nominations for the Meritorious Award (others included the Teaching Award as well). Discussion turned to how to encourage more nominations given the Section contains both faculty who are good teachers and provide service to the Section.
   (e) Treasurer (Justin James)
      - Section is a little down last year primarily due to the sponsoring of a Project NExT fellow and a small loss on the Fall meeting
• Section still carries a loss in the Summer Seminar, but optimism that the next Summer Seminar will help reduce the loss
• Continue to work out how to handle the use of credit cards for registration and lunch through EventBrite

(f) Secretary (Shawn Chiappetta)
• Online submission form was updated based on feedback. A much larger percentage of speakers submitted with form

(g) Information Officer (Kris Nairn)
• No report

(h) Student Activities Coordinator (Aaron Wangberg)
• Students did meet at the Joint Meetings and it is planned to meet at MathFest. Students (or faculty) should email Aaron Wangberg to help facilitate the meet-up

(i) Section NExT (John Zobitz)
• The new Section NExT Committee is working well with the four leaders.
• At this meeting 6 new Section NExTers met with 4 presenting at the meeting

4. New Section Officer nominations:
   o President Elect (2018-2021) – Jonathon Rognness (U. of Minnesota)
   o Secretary (2018-2021) – Shawn Chiappetta (U. of Sioux Falls)
   o Member-at-Large (2018-2020) – Megan Breit-Goodwin (Anoka Ramsey Community College)

5. Identification of someone interested in being a Mentorship Facilitator for both MAA Project NExT and MAA Mentoring Network
   o To be advertised at the Business Meeting either for volunteers or ideas of those who might be willing to volunteer

6. Project NExT support
   o Liked giving support for Project NExT, but decided to not support every year.
   o Undecided on every 2 or 3 years (given the large nature of the support)
   o Encouraged to use some funds in the off-years to support Section NExT members with suggestions like subsidizing Summer Seminar

7. Discussion regarding adding a representative of fixed-term membership on the Executive Committee and/or a community college representative
   o During the Retreat, it was decided not to specify either of these two in the current bylaws. Instead, inviting members from the two groups to participates as guests to determine if there was benefit for the CC contingency

8. Discussion regarding a rotation to awards
To help with obtaining more nominations, more calls to chairs with more careful wording will be done at regular intervals starting in December. Conversation revolved around the requirements and who needs to start the process (those from the faculty’s campus is typically easier and creates a stronger application than from outside the home institution)

9. Summer Seminar update
   - The Summer Seminar that was originally for 2018 will be moved to 2019.
   - The topic will be Active Learning/Inquiry Based Learning.
   - Namyong Lee has contacted a group that is eager, willing, and available for Summer 2019. He will continue to act as contact to set place, time, price and other logistics

10. Matters Arising

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Shawn Chiappetta

MAA-NCS Secretary
March 27, 2018

North Central Section

Dear North Central Section Officers,

Since it began in 1994, MAA Project NExT has given nearly 1,800 early-career faculty the opportunity to launch their careers and become better educators. With your support, this year we will welcome the largest group of Project NExT Fellows in the MAA’s history, giving them the opportunity to become the very best mathematics professors in the field!

Will you join us in building the next generation of leaders by supporting MAA Project NExT? Your section’s gift of $2,500 will sponsor a Project NExT Fellow for an entire year.

We are proud to share that in 2017, the MAA was awarded funding from the Henry Luce Foundation to support 10 additional female fellows in both the 2018 and 2019 cohorts. This is a huge step towards our goal of expanding Project NExT and bringing equity to STEM industries, as we currently receive many more applicants than we can accept.

“Being a part of a Project NExT has given me the supports to gain confidence as I embrace my new role as a professor. It has provided me with energy and acceptance as I continue to navigate and grow in my career as an educator and scholar.”

Natalie Hobson, 2017 Project NExT Fellow

Now more than ever, our focus is on building mathematical capacity at all levels. Your section’s contribution of $2,500 or more can help shape the minds of our youth and support our most influential educators for years to come!

Sincerely,

Michael Pearson
Executive Director

Dave Kung
Project NExT Director (Gold ’00)

Yes, we want to support Project NExT!

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