MAA NCS Executive Board Meeting Minutes

President: Sarah Jahn
Spring 2019, April 5, Augsburg University, Minneapolis, MN
(Hagfors Center 152, 4:30pm-6:30pm)

1. Welcome
   o Jason Douma (Representative), Namyong Lee (Past President), Sarah Jahn (President), Jonathan Rogness (President-Elect), Justin James (Treasurer), Shawn Chiappetta (Secretary), Kris Nairn (Information Officer), Aaron Wangberg (Student Chapter Coordinator), John Zobitz (Member-at-large), Megan Breit-Goodwin (Member-at-large)

2. Upcoming Section Meetings
   a) Fall 2019, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN
      • October 18-19
   b) Spring 2020, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN
      • April 17-18

3. Officer Reports
   a) Representative (Jason Douma)
      a. Gave reminders:
         (i) MAA provides the Instructional Practice Guide via maa.org/ip-guide
         (ii) MAA Connect (social app) is in the works
             1. Could be used for committees and for Section communications
         (iii) “BIG” Math Network
             1. Interested in more activity at Section Meeting
                a. Possibly a special section at Pi Mu Epsilon
             2. Highlight speakers from BIG at the Section Meetings
   b) Past President (Namyong Lee)
      a. No report (update on Summer Seminar later)
   c) President (Sarah Jahn)
      a. No report (update on nominees later)
   d) President-Elect (Jonathan Rogness)
      a. No report
   e) Treasurer (Justin James)
      a. Reminder that the subvention disbursement changed to spring (reflected in the financial statement)
      b. Summer Seminar registration is looking good (~18 with a 20-person break-even)
c. EventBrite is being used for the Summer Seminar and for the Section Meetings. Easy to set up and while not extensively used for the Section Meeting will continue to make it available for future

d. Financially, the Section is doing well

e. Though we lose a little (~$50) at the Team Competition, it provides a valuable service so we continue to support and continue the event

f) Secretary
   a. No report (update on hardware for meetings later)

g) Information Officer
   a. Discussion on Section Newsletter
      (i) Question on whether the newsletter should be annual rather than biannual
      (ii) Can we include a widget to the website for individuals to add information from their school in a real-time way
      (iii) Request blurbs from the host school (a way to add some specialization)
      (iv) What kind of material should be looking for? Student projects, faculty hires, faculty publications, etc.

h) Student Activities Coordinator (Aaron Wangberg)
   a. Sponsored a lunch at JMM
      (i) ~10 students
      (ii) Students had good discussions and continued the conversations after lunch as they went to different talks

i) Section NExT (Namyon Lee)
   a. Will sponsor lunch on Saturday
   b. A Section NExT workshop will occur in the Fall
   c. Continue to sponsor the speaker with Lori Ziegelmeier

4. New Section Officer Nominations:
   o President Elect (2019-2022)
     ▪ John Zobitz (Augsburg University)
   o Information Officer (2019-2022)
     ▪ Donna Flint (South Dakota State University)
   o Member-at-Large (2019-2021)
     ▪ Rob Thompson (Carleton College)

5. Summer Seminar update including registration information (Namyon, Megan, Justin)
   o Currently have ~18 registered (need ~20 for break-even) with a cap of 30
   o A short discussion about crafting a statement of accessibility for speakers/attendees led into larger questions of inclusivity.
     ▪ Tabled for continued discussion at future meeting
A question regarding the housing allowance for the speakers was brought up, and was sorted out.

6. Future of the Section “Book Sale” (Justin)
   - Since we haven’t collected monies at the book sale since the switch to on-line, the question of whether we should continue carrying physical copies at the meetings (book “display”)
   - Currently, Section does not receive monies back from the book sale. Section receives physical copies of new books. Is this the right solution or should we receive money?
   - If discontinued, what is done with the books that we currently have?
   - Continued discussion is encouraged and be brought up at the Business Meeting

7. Hardware availability at meetings (Shawn)
   - Moving forward, submission forms will remove the “overhead projector” to include an “other” option with a note that the other options may not be available (e.g., overhead projectors)

8. Continued discussion of MAA without the JMM (Jason)
   - Continuation from Fall:
     - Interviewing was originally thought to be a problem, but current interview trends seems to rely more digital interviewing tools (e.g., Zoom)
     - National Committees that met regularly with face-to-face at both meetings, will most likely move to one face-to-face at MathFest and another online meeting (or as needed)
     - A continued re-envisioning of Section meetings to allow for some functions to move to regions
     - Talk continues to come back to how can the Section do a better job with outreach (high school, 2-year colleges, BIG)
     - Could National help pitch idea?
   - Discussion continued with the possibility of a joint meeting with MinMATYC and/or MATC(?) in Duluth for spring 2021.
     - Further questions need to be answered due to the difference in price structure of the meeting
     - Last time was Spring 2000

9. Project NExT Support (attached)
   - Reminder that the Section agreed to support a Project NExT Fellow every three years (next year)

10. Matters Arising
    - Discussed a special session at fall meeting for 2-year during lunch time
- Would need to find space
- Megan will contact Doug Anderson

- Section Officer Meeting Report (Aaron Wangberg)
  - REU’s for underrepresented populations
    - Can help to bring students into mathematics
      - Students that participate would be good individuals for a panel
    - How can National help facilitate?
  - Be careful with communications.
    - Some Sections received phishing emails based on information on Section website.
    - Should be skeptical when receiving requests for payment.
  - Information about our members (both student and non-student) in our Section is available through National
    - What do we do with the information? Is it the “right” information?
  - How do local initiatives replace JMM?
    - Give suggestions to Section meeting hosts that help the MAA’s mission and region constituents (high school, 2-year colleges, businesses, etc.)
      - Example: Possible to offer a keynote that is open to the public to encourage interaction outside the MAA
      - Example: Invite (nearby) students for recognition of doing well on math competitions

- Action Item:
  - Raise the registration fee for non-students/invited speakers to $25
    - Rationale: With the increased number of institutions who are charged room rates when hosting the Section meeting, it makes sense to increase the amount the Section collects to help offset the institutional costs (which may negatively affect the number of institutions willing to host).
      - Motioned: Jonathan Rogness
      - Seconded: Kris Nairn
        - Motion Pass

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Shawn Chiappetta