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A Pictorial Review of the Fall 2006 Meeting of the Ohio Section of the MAA

The Fall 2006 Ohio Section meeting took place at Muskingum College, on October 26-27. Most of the events were held in the Boyd Science Center.

The meeting was opened by Section President Tom Dence, of Ashland University.

Barbara D'Ambrosia, chair of the Program Committee, introduced the speakers.

David Singer, the 2005 winner of the Section's award for distinguished teaching, gave the opening talk, titled "Focusing on the Critical Points of Polynomials."

Michelle Wiggins, Chair of CONCUR (Committee on Curriculum), introduced the panelists who spoke on the Future of the College-Level Mathematics Curriculum.
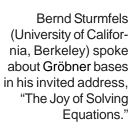

Panel members were Harold Putt (Ohio Northern), Carol Phillips-Bey (Cleveland State), Marsha Guntharp (Capital), and Dick Little (Baldwin-Wallace).

Curtis Bennett (Loyola Marymount University, and formerly of Bowling Green State University) gave the after-dinner talk, complete with models of hyperbolic space.

Bernd Sturmfels (University of California, Berkeley) spoke about Gröbner bases in his invited address, "The Joy of Solving Equations."

Of course, there was ample break time for meeting participants to exchange ideas, to meet new people, or to catch up with long-time friends.

The fifteen contributed papers included one by Tom Dence, titled "Do You Know the Constant L = 2.622057 ?"

Curt Bennett's talk, titled "Averaging, Discrete Means, Coalition Building, and a Paradox of Social Choice" concluded the meeting.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Spring 2007 Ohio Section meeting!

April 13—14, 2007
Shawnee State University

There will be plenty of interesting talks, as well as activities for your students.

Speaker Curt Bennett with Program Chair Barbara D'Ambrosia, at the end of the meeting