

**Oklahoma-Arkansas Section of the MAA**  
**Minutes for the 2002 Business Meeting**  
**Saturday, April 6, 9:45-10:50 a.m.**  
**Lecture Hall D121A**  
**Henderson State University**

The meeting was called to order by chair **Don Leftwich**, Oklahoma Christian University, at 9:45 a.m. There were approximately 50 members present.

The minutes of the 2001 business meeting were approved. Secretary – Treasurer **John Watson**, Arkansas Tech University, gave the treasurer's report. He supplied copies of the yearly report submitted to the national office showing the following:

<u>Checking</u>	<u>Court</u>	<u>CD</u>
Beginning balances, 12/31/00	\$12,949.48	\$13,025.38
Revenues during the year	\$ 2,653.10	\$ 607.15
Expenses during the year	\$ 2,845.99	\$ -
Ending balances, 12/31/01	\$12,756.59	\$13,632.53

He also supplied an up-to-date account of all receipts and expenditures. The balance in the checking account as of March 27, 2002 was \$12,551.24. This includes \$7,334.30 in the operating account, \$3,292.42 in Court funds (this is separate from the Court CD), \$2,097.98 in the faculty workshop account, and \$ (173.46) in the student workshop account. Watson also reported that he had moved the checking account from the Bank of America to the Pope County Educators Federal Credit Union for two reasons. First, the Credit Union pays more interest. Secondly, while the Bank of America allowed only three checks per month, the Credit Union has no limit. He also anticipates moving the Court CD to the Credit Union in June when it matures in order to get a higher rate of interest.

**Lee Turner**, Southern Nazarene University, reported that he had conducted an audit of the treasurer's books and found them to be in order. Watson thanked Turner for his work and said that he had made some helpful suggestions.

**John Watson**, Arkansas Tech University, reported that he had nothing to add to the governor's report he submitted for the newsletter. He thanked the Section for allowing him the opportunity to serve as governor. Don Leftwich announced that **Lisa Mantini**, Oklahoma State University, had been elected by the Section to serve a three-year term as governor beginning July 1, 2002.

**Charles Cooper**, University of Central Oklahoma, gave the Department Chairs/Liaison's report. He brought the following four motions to the floor, each of which was approved.

1. Because the student workshop budget is operating in the red after last year's workshop, he moved that the student workshop be funded from the operational account in the future.

2. Because there was a tie for high score by a student in the Section on the Putnam exam, he moved that the Putnam plaques reside for six months at OU and six months at OSU. The two students are **Jason Horn**, OSU, and **Jeremy Marzuola**, OU. The secretary/treasurer and representatives of each institution will work out the details.

3. Because there has been an interest expressed by some members about having the newsletter available in electronic format, and because we could save money on postage, he moved that we place the next newsletter on our website and notify members by email or letter. Members could then choose to request a paper copy to be mailed to them.

4. The fourth motion was that the secretary/treasurer be designated as the website administrator, that he be in charge of updating the Section history and getting it on the web, and he be allowed a budget of up to \$500.00 for student labor or secretarial help in getting this accomplished.

Cooper also reported that there was a brief discussion of the use of technology and college algebra.

**Eileen Hargrove**, Oklahoma Baptist University, gave the student chapters coordinator report. There were three chapters represented at their luncheon. They discussed ways to involve students in chapter activities.

**Duane Jackson**, Henderson State University, reported that the student workshop had 20 participants. **Michael Lloyd**, Henderson State University, conducted the student workshop, titled "*Fractal Music*". The student workshop committee was composed of Jackson, Chair, **Don Leftwich**, Oklahoma Christian University, **Vrege Amirkhanian**, Arkansas Tech University, and **Cassandra Cox**, University of Arkansas Little Rock. Jackson also reported that 13 had registered for the faculty workshop and 5 actually participated. **Fred Worth**, Henderson State University, conducted the faculty workshop, titled "*The World Wide Web in the Classroom*". The faculty workshop committee consisted of **Carolyn Eoff**, chair, Henderson State University, **Jason Holland**, Oklahoma Christian University, and **Michael Keisler**, Arkansas Tech University. Jackson observed that the Section saved money this year since both workshop presenters were local.

**Jill Guerra**, Arkansas Tech University, reported that the Section had received \$3,000 in start-up funds from Project NExT (New Experiences in Teaching) in order to establish a Section NExT. Guerra, with the help of **Janet Woodland**, University of Arkansas Fayetteville, and **Teri Jo Murphy**, University of Oklahoma, organized the Section NExT activities. Five fellows attended the activities that included discussions about teaching and the profession with **John Watson**, Secretary/treasurer and Governor of the Section, and **Ann Watkins**, President of the MAA.

**Ray Hamlett**, East Central University, gave the site selection committee report. He noted that next year's meeting would be held at Tulsa University. He reported that the University of Central Arkansas and the University of Arkansas Fayetteville had submitted letters requesting to host the 2004 meeting. According to the site selection guidelines, since UCA had not hosted the meeting since 1972 and UAF hosted the meeting in 1982, the committee recommended UCA to host the 2004 meeting. This recommendation was approved. Hamlett also reported that the

guidelines prevented naming a 2006 site at this time, but UAF had indicated a willingness to let their invitation stand for 2006. He noted that no institution in Oklahoma has extended an invitation for the 2005 meeting.

**Bill Feldman**, University of Arkansas Fayetteville, reported that **Steven Krantz**, Washington University in St. Louis, had given an inspiring and entertaining Court lecture the previous night. The committee nominated **Charles Seifert**, University of Central Arkansas, for a three-year term on the Court Lecture Committee. The nomination was approved. **Andy Magid**, University of Oklahoma, and **Benny Evans**, Oklahoma State University, have 1 and 2 years remaining to serve on the committee, respectively.

**Dennis Bertholf**, Oklahoma State University, submitted a written report on the AMC 10 and AMC 12 for Oklahoma for the year 2002, which was read at the meeting. **Alan Cochran**, University of Arkansas Fayetteville, gave the AMC report for Arkansas. There was no AMC 8 report for Oklahoma. Both had summary reports available for Section members. They reported that a major change for the year was that a school could choose one of two different dates to take the exam. The average on exam B was about 10% higher than the average on exam A.

**Ken Harrelson**, Oklahoma City Community College, newsletter editor, reported that 425 newsletters were produced at a cost of \$467.09 and \$206.62 was spent in postage. Eight ads for \$100 each were sold to OU, OSU, TU, UAF, Addison Wesley, Prentice Hall, McGraw Hill, and Houghton Mifflin, producing a surplus of \$126.29.

**William Durand**, Henderson State University, reported that **Daniel Hansen**, Northeastern Oklahoma State University, was awarded the 2002 Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award posthumously. His widow, **Jane Hansen**, accepted the award at the banquet and gave a moving testimony of Dan's effectiveness as a teacher and mentor to his students.

**David Gardner**, Henderson State University, reported that the Arkansas Teacher awards committee received 14 nominees, 4 of whom made application. Two middle school teachers and two high school teachers applied. The winners were: **Kristen Scanlon**, Westfork Middle School, Westfork, Arkansas, and **Earlean Collins**, Pine Bluff High School, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. The other two committee members were **Donna Foss**, University of Central Arkansas and **Ed Mosley**, Lyon College. **Sandy Johnson**, University of Oklahoma, reported that the Oklahoma Teacher awards committee sent out 150 nomination forms to University Deans of Education, Mathematics Department Chairs, and public school principals. They also used three list serves: onenet, CASMEO, and OCTM. There were 44 nominations, 14 of whom applied. The winners were: **Lori Martin**, High School, **Becky Winters**, Middle School, and **Eileen Lillard**, Elementary School. The other committee members were **Gerry East**, Southwestern Oklahoma State University and **Nancy Warden**, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

**David Boliver**, University of Central Oklahoma, gave the department liaisons report. He asked that departments that did not have liaisons send a request to him or **Carolyn Eoff**. Their email addresses are [dboliver@ucok.edu](mailto:dboliver@ucok.edu) and [eoffc@hsu.edu](mailto:eoffc@hsu.edu), respectively. In particular, liaisons are needed at ORU and NWOSU. **Fred Worth**, Henderson State University, program editor for the meeting, gave a report. There was a brief discussion of the advantages of having one person

serve as program editor for several years versus having the program editor be a faculty member at the host institution. It was noted that the program was the responsibility of the secretary-treasurer and there was no need to amend our bylaws to create an official position of “program editor”.

It was reported that the assessment forum, led by **Bernie Madison**, University of Arkansas Fayetteville, had an attendance of 16 and there are opportunities for future workshops sponsored by the MAA through an NSF grant.

**Stan Eliason**, who was unable to attend last years meeting due to a prior commitment, thanked the Section for being named the 2001 Distinguished Teacher of the Year. The nominating committee presented the following slate of candidates:

Past chair **Don Leftwich**, Oklahoma Christian University  
Chair **Debra Coventry**, Henderson State University  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair **William Coberly**, Tulsa University  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair **Charles Seifert**, University of Central Arkansas  
Secretary/treasurer **John Watson**, Arkansas Tech University

There were no nominations from the floor and the candidates were elected by acclamation. **Ed Mosley**, Lyon College, presented the following resolutions, which were approved.

**Be it resolved** that the Oklahoma-Arkansas Section of MAA expresses it’s thanks to the faculty, staff and administration of

**Henderson State University** for their courteous hospitality in hosting the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the association. Special thanks goes to **Debra Coventry** and our banquet chef. **Be it resolved** that the section expresses its appreciation to **John Watson** for his outstanding service in representing the section as its governor for the past year. Thanks also to section officers, chair **Don Leftwich**, 1<sup>st</sup> vice-chair **Debra Coventry**, and **John Watson**, secretary-treasurer of the section for carrying out their duties during 2001-2002.

**Be it resolved** that the section expresses its gratitude to **Michael Lloyd** of Henderson State University for presenting an interesting and stimulating student workshop on “**Fractal Music**”. Additional appreciation is extended to the student workshop committee for organizing the event.

**Be it resolved** that the section expresses its gratitude to the faculty workshop committee for organizing the workshop on “**The World Wide Web in the Classroom**” and to **Fred Worth** of Henderson State University for his excellent presentation in the workshop.

**Be it resolved** that the section conveys its sincere appreciation to our invited speaker **Ann Watkins**, President of the MAA, for her interesting presentation “**Fallacies in Elementary Statistics**” and to **Steven Krantz**, Washington University, for his beautiful and inspiring N.A. Court Lecture entitled “**Fixed Point Theorems, Old and New**”.

**Be it resolved** that the section expresses thanks to **David Boliver** and **Linda Griffith** for coordinating math awareness in both states, and to **Alan Cochran**, **Dennis Bertholf**, and **Nancy Warden** for administering the AHSME exams in Arkansas and Oklahoma. Thanks also to **Ken Harrelson** for his service as newsletter editor.

**Be it resolved** that the section expresses its sincere thanks to **David Gardner** and **Sandy Johnson** and the teacher award committees for the selection of outstanding mathematics teachers for the section to honor. Appreciation is also extended to department liaison coordinators, **David Boliver** and **Carolyn Eoff**, for their help in strengthening lines of communication within the section.

**Be it resolved** that the section expresses its gratitude to **Jill Guerra** for organizing and implementing Section NExT, and to **Teri Joe Murphy** and **Janet Woodland** for their able assistance.

**Be it resolved** that the section expresses its profound gratitude to **John Jobe**, Poet Laureate (or is it Poet Lariat?) of the section for his masterful and entertaining poetic expressions as the “old timer”.

*As the “old timer” we all appreciate John Jobe  
Very soon he will journey to his abode  
We laughingly call him our poet lariat  
This kind of teasing, well, he can bear it  
But never fear next time he will return and reload.*