

Oklahoma-Arkansas Section of the MAA
Minutes for the 2003 Business Meeting
Saturday, March 29, 10:05 – 11:00a.m.
Formal lounge, Allen Chapman Activities Center
University of Tulsa

The meeting was called to order by chair **Debra Coventry**, Henderson State University, at 10:05 a.m. There were approximately 40 members present.

The minutes of the 2002 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/Shares</u>	<u>Court CD</u>
Beginning balances, 12-31-2001	\$12,756.59	\$13,632.53
Revenues during the year	\$ 4,299.52	\$ 512.92
Expenses during the year	\$ 3,536.32	\$ -
Ending balances, 12-31-2002	\$13,519.79	\$14,145.45

He also supplied an up-to-date account of all receipts and expenditures. All Section funds have been transferred to the Pope County Educators Federal Credit Union. As of March 21, 2003 the balance in the share-checking account was \$2,277.80 and the balance in regular shares (savings) was \$10,518.68, giving a total of \$12,796.48 in available funds. This includes \$7,986.30 in the operating account, \$2,780.42 in Court funds (this is separate from the Court CD), and \$2,029.76 in the faculty workshop account.

Don Carnahan, Arkansas Tech University, reported that he had conducted an audit of the treasurer's books on February 10, 2003 and found them to be in order. Carnahan said, "I am confident the records are correct and complete". (Secretary's note: A copy of the full report is available upon request.)

Lisa Mantini, Oklahoma State University, reported that she has represented our section at two national meetings of the MAA's Board of Governors so far, in Burlington last July and in Baltimore this past January. She said that the MAA remains an extremely active and effective organization in good financial health. Mantini reported that Paul and Virginia Halmos gave the MAA a gift of \$3 million to renovate the MAA's Washington Carriage House to serve as a Conference Center. Another generous gift to the MAA from Henry Alder, a long-time MAA leader who recently passed away, will endow a new teaching award for young Ph.D.'s who have from 2 to 7 years of teaching experience. In Alder's honor this will be called the "Henry Alder Award for Distinguished Teaching by Beginning College or University Mathematics Faculty".

Mantini encouraged members to check out the MAA web site to find information on the tremendous success the MAA has had in garnering grant support for projects in mathematics education at all levels, including:

- PMET, Preparing Mathematicians to Educate Teachers, <http://www.maa.org/pmet/>. Several summer workshops are planned.
- PREP, Professional Enhancement Programs of the MAA, <http://www.maa.org/prep/>. Spring and summer workshops cover such topics as departmental assessment, integrating technology in instruction,

quantitative literacy programs, and expositions of several interesting mathematical areas including discrete mathematics, knot theory, and “earth math”.

She also reported that you can now buy MAA books on-line at barnesandnoble.com, amazon.com, or directly on the MAA’s web site. (Secretary’s note: A copy of the full report is available upon request.)

Charles Cooper, University of Central Oklahoma, gave the Department Chairs/Liaison’s report. He reported that there were three primary topics of discussion at the luncheon: 1) the need for more applications for the distinguished teacher award; 2) combining the Department Chairs/Liaison’s luncheon with the Student chapter coordinator luncheon; and 3) whether to continue having three plenary addresses in future meetings as we have done this year. Item 1) was mentioned to encourage each department to submit one name for consideration. On item 2) it was concluded that whether to combine the luncheons would depend on physical facilities of the host institution and the decision would be made on a yearly basis. If the luncheons are combined, the student chapter coordinators will have their own table(s). On item 3) it was decided that no formal motion was necessary. Each year the Section Chair is in charge of securing the invited speaker from among the list of invited speaker’s provided by the national office. The Court committee is in charge of selecting the Court lecturer. It was agreed that the Section Chair, the Court Committee, and the Secretary-Treasurer has the freedom and authority to arrange the program as they did for this year. That is, they will be in charge of inviting up to three plenary speakers, one of which may be a member of the Section. If, in fact, three plenary speakers are scheduled, one of the three should be a member of the Section.

Cassandra Cox, University of Arkansas-Little Rock, gave the student chapters coordinator report. Four people attended the Student Chapter Sponsors luncheon. She asked members to encourage their chapter sponsors to attend future meetings.

William Coberly, University of Tulsa, reported that the student workshop had 18 student participants plus a few faculty members. **Tom Barr**, Rhodes College, conducted the student workshop, titled “Cryptography”. Donna Farrior, University of Tulsa, chaired the student workshop committee. Coberly also reported that 10 people attended the faculty workshop. **Richard Thompson**, University of Arizona, conducted the faculty workshop, titled “Mathematics for Business Decisions”. **Tom Cairns**, University of Tulsa, chaired the faculty workshop committee.

Don Carnahan, Arkansas Tech University, reported that four fellows participated in the Section NExT activities. In addition, **Ed Burger**, Williams College, was a guest and participated in the Friday morning session. **Janet Woodland**, University of Arkansas Fayetteville, **Teri Jo Murphy**, University of Oklahoma, and **Jill Guerra**, Arkansas Tech University, organized the Section NExT activities.

Ed Mosley, Lyon College, gave the site selection committee report. He noted that next years meeting would be held at the University of Central Arkansas on March 26 and 27. He reported that East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma, had submitted an invitation for the 2005 meeting and that the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville had submitted an invitation for the 2006 meeting. Motions were made and approved to accept both invitations. Mosley noted that we now need an invitation for the 2007 meeting, which will be held somewhere in Oklahoma.

Charles Seifert, University of Central Arkansas, reported that **William Jaco**, Oklahoma State University, had given an inspiring Court lecture the previous night. There were two nominations from the floor to fill a three-year

term on the Court Lecture Committee. **Paul Goody**, University of Oklahoma, was elected. **Benny Evans**, Oklahoma State University, will be serving his third year on the committee and Seifert his second year.

Dennis Bertholf, Oklahoma State University, reported on the AMC 10 and AMC 12 for Oklahoma for the year 2002. **Alan Cochran**, University of Arkansas Fayetteville, gave the AMC report for Arkansas. Both had summary reports available for Section members.

Ken Harrelson, Oklahoma City Community College, newsletter editor, reported that 475 newsletters were produced at a cost of \$530.23 and \$210.00 was spent in postage. Eight ads for \$100 each were sold to OU, OSU, OSU College of Business, TU, Addison Wesley, Prentice Hall, McGraw Hill, and Houghton Mifflin, and a \$50 ad was sold to John Jobe, producing a surplus of \$109.77.

William Durand, Henderson State University, reported that **Weiping Li**, Oklahoma State University, was awarded the 2003 Oklahoma-Arkansas MAA Section Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics. Durand encouraged each department in the Section to submit a nomination for next year's award. Durand also said that the selection of the Section's awardee is not made in time to forward the name to the national office as a nomination for the Haimo Award. A motion was made, seconded, and approved that the Section Distinguished Teacher in year x will be the Section's nominee for the Haimo Award in year $x+1$.

Ed Mosley, Lyon College, reported the Arkansas Teacher award winners were: **Kathi Sweere**, Burns Elementary School in Conway, **Mark Sparks**, Batesville Junior High School in Batesville, and **Danny Davis**, Newark High School in Newark. The other two committee members in Arkansas were **Donna Foss**, University of Central Arkansas and **David Gardner**, Henderson State University. **Sandy Johnson**, University of Oklahoma, reported that the Oklahoma Teacher winners were: **Judy Ferrell**, Sangre Ridge Elementary School in Stillwater, Monique Reed, Putnam City Central Middle School in Putnam City, and **Laniel Gibson**, Norman High School in Norman. The other committee members were **Gerry East**, Southwestern Oklahoma State University and **Nancy Warden**, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. A motion was made and approved to raise the travel reimbursement limit for Teacher award winners from \$100 to \$150, effective immediately.

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 **Fred Worth**, Henderson State University. Their email addresses are dboliver@ucok.edu and worthf@hsu.edu, respectively. Boliver reported that the Governor of Oklahoma had signed a proclamation making April 2003 "Math Awareness Month". A copy of the proclamation will be posted on the Section website. Boliver reported that upon receiving an email concerning Section participation in the White House Education Project, and upon receiving approval from the Section Executive Committee, he had volunteered to serve as a contact person in helping schools find guest speakers from our Section.

Fred Worth, Henderson State University, program editor for the meeting, gave a report. He noted that he is willing to try to accommodate special requests for a particular session, but can't guarantee to honor all such requests. He asked that people abide by the deadlines concerning submitting abstracts, and that next years deadline would probably be a few weeks earlier. A discussion followed about the expense of mailing a copy of the program to all Section members. It was agreed that next year the program would be made available on the

web as soon as it is available, but not mailed to members. Copies will, of course, be available at the meeting.

The nominating committee presented the following slate of candidates:

Past chair	Debra Coventry , Henderson State University
Chair	William Coberly , University of Tulsa
1 st Vice-Chair	Charles Seifert , University of Central Arkansas
2 nd Vice-Chair	Robert Ferdinand , East Central University
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 its thanks to the faculty, staff and administration of **Tulsa University** for their courteous hospitality in hosting the 65th Annual meeting of the association. Special thanks go to **William Coberly** and our banquet chef.

Be it resolved that the section expresses its appreciation to **Lisa Mantini** for her outstanding service in representing the section as governor for the past year. Thanks also to section officers, chair **Debra Coventry**, 1st vice-chair **William Coberly**, and **John Watson**, secretary-treasurer of the section for carrying out their duties during 2002-2003.

Be it resolved that the section expresses its gratitude to **Tom Barr** of Rhodes College for presenting an interesting and stimulating student workshop on “Cryptography”. 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 “**Mathematics for business decisions**” and to **Richard Thompson** of the University of Arizona for his excellent presentation in the workshop.

Be it resolved that the section conveys its sincere appreciation to the Polya Lecturer, **Edward Burger** of Williams College, for his interesting and entertaining presentation “**How to always win at limbo**”; to our invited speaker **Underwood Dudley** of DePauw University, for his thought provoking and entertaining presentation “**Why teach mathematics**”; and to **William “Bus” Jaco**, Oklahoma State University, for his beautiful and inspiring N.A. Court Lecture entitled “**Are those the same space?**”.

Be it resolved that the section expresses thanks to **David Boliver** for coordinating math awareness, 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 **Donna Foss** 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 **Fred Worth**, for their help in strengthening lines of communication within the section.

Be it resolved that the section expresses its gratitude to **Teri Joe Murphy** and **Janet Woodland** for

organizing and implementing Section NExT, and to **Don Carnahan** for his able assistance.

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

Be it resolved that the section expresses its thanks to everyone who served the section on a committee or participated in planning the annual meeting.

William Coberly reported a total of 160 registrations for the meeting which included 62 students, 25 attended the department chairs/liaisons/student chapter sponsors luncheon, and 141 persons attended the banquet. He also reported that the average temperature during the meeting was 15 degrees below normal.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.