

**Oklahoma-Arkansas Section of the MAA
Minutes for the 2012 Business Meeting
Garrison Activity Conference Center, Lecture Hall
Henderson State University**

The annual business meeting was called to order by chair **Britney Hopkins**, University of Central Oklahoma, at 9:35 a.m., Saturday, March 31, 2012. There were approximately 40 members present.

The minutes of the 2011 business meeting were approved. **Jill Guerra**, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith, gave the treasurer's report for 2011 for treasurer Linda Braddy. She supplied copies of the yearly report showing the following:

	<u>Checking/Shares</u>	<u>Court CD</u>
Beginning balances, 12-31-2010	\$14,965.14	\$14,394.59
Revenues during the year	\$ 2,871.23	\$ 102.95
Expenses during the year	\$ 2,192.64	\$ 0.00
Ending balances, 12-31-2010	\$15,643.73	\$14,497.54

Linda Braddy supplied an account of all receipts and expenditures from 1-1-2011 through 12-31-2011. As of December 31, 2011 the balance in the share-checking account was \$3,520.33, the balance in regular shares (savings) was \$3,461.78, and the balance in the share CD was \$8,361.62, giving a total of \$15,643.73. This includes \$13,701.68 in the operating account, \$974.23 in Court funds (this is separate from the Court CD), and \$967.82 in the faculty workshop account. The treasurer's report was approved.

Gerry East, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, completed the audit of the treasurer's records for 2011 and found them to be in order.

Jill Guerra, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith, gave the Governor's report. She introduced **Rick Gillman**, Valparaiso University, the chair of the MAA Committee on Sections. In his comments, Rick encouraged the members to attend MathFest.

Carolyn Eoff, Henderson State University, gave the Department Chairs/Liaisons report. There were no recommendations from the Chairs/Liaisons meeting.

Scott McClendon, University of Central Oklahoma, gave the report on student competitions. 16 teams competed in the Jeopardy Game and 75 students competed in the integration competition. The team from the University of Tulsa, consisting of students Trang Le, Alex Ruff and Ahmed El-Kishky won the team competition.

The winner of this year's integration bee were: 3rd place Andres Calderon (the University of Central Oklahoma), 2nd place Nitesh Verma (Cameron University) and 1st place Trang Le (the University of Tulsa). All participants are to be commended and the winners are to be particularly lauded.

This year, we introduced an online registration, which by the feedback I have received, was overly complicated. Next year, we hope to redesign the online registration, making it easier to use. Due to a small snafu with the scoring program, the first round of the jeopardy competition got off to a slow start. However, the second round of the competition ran very, very well, better than any round in the last 4 years.

The competition could not have happened without the efforts of many people. Thanks are greatly extended to Lee Turner, Fred Worth, Larry Lucas, Randy McCauley, Michael Lloyd, Britney Hopkins, John Diamantopoulos, Joan Bell, J.C. Price, Thomas Milligan, Jeffrey Mermin, Gerry East, Meghan DeWitt, Charles Cooper, Nathan Pezant, Christian Constanda, Steve Smith, Daryl Linde, Kristi Karber, Carolyn Eoff, Gregory Herring, Thomas McNamara, and any other faculty supporting or sponsoring the undergraduate students.

Jill Guerra reported that 22 undergraduate student papers were presented.

Dan Prangel, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, gave the site selection report. Invitations have been accepted from Oklahoma State University for 2013, Harding University 2014. Invitations for 2015 have been received from East Central University, the University of Tulsa and Oral Roberts University. The meeting dates are April 5 – 6, 2013, April 4 – 5, 2014 and March 27-28, 2015. The University of Tulsa was nominated by the committee for 2015. The proposed sites and dates were approved.

Michael Lloyd, Henderson State University, the section newsletter editor, reported income of \$150 and expenses of \$117.50. BVT Publishing advertised this year and Henderson State University placed a half-page ad.

The number of members contacted via postcards was 226 this year. The postage cost increased slightly because of the increase in the cost of stamps. Booklet copying costs decreased slightly to \$29. We finished \$33 in the black for the year.

Seven department representatives submitted campus news reports, same as last year. However, they are not all the same departments.

I appreciate the help that Linda Braddy, John Diamantopoulos, Lee Turner, Victoria Valez and others who contributed to the newsletter.

John Diamantopoulos, Northeastern State University, reported on the electronic proceedings and on the Section website. He asked members to feel free to send him suggestions concerning the website.

In New Business, **Britney Hopkins** presented the changes to the By-Laws that have been approved by the Executive Committee and published.

Carolyn Eoff, Henderson State University, presented the following nominations for the nominating committee:

Past-Chair	Britney Hopkins , University of Central Oklahoma
Chair	Fred Worth , Henderson State University
1 st Vice-Chair	Dale Alspach , Oklahoma State University
2 nd Vice-Chair	Ron Smith , Harding University
Treasurer	Kristen Karber , University of Central Oklahoma
Secretary	Lee Turner , Southern Nazarene University
Newsletter Editor	Michael Lloyd , Henderson State University

Duff Campbell, Hendrix University, gave the following report from the Court Lecture Committee: The Committee nominates Michael Scott McClendon of the University of Central Oklahoma to the Court Lecture Committee. Janet Woodland and Duff Campbell are the continuing members. Scott McClendon was elected as a member of the Court Lecture Committee.

The following resolutions were presented, which were approved.

Be it resolved that the Oklahoma-Arkansas Section of the MAA expresses thanks to the faculty, staff, and administration of Henderson State University for their courteous hospitality in hosting the section's 74th annual meeting. Special thanks are extended to Fred Worth for his careful planning and management.

Be it resolved that the section gratefully recognizes Jill Guerra, the Governor, Britney Hopkins, the Chair, Lee Turner, the Secretary, and Linda Braddy, the Treasurer, for carrying out their duties during the academic year 2011-2012.

Be it resolved that the section expresses appreciation to Charles Cooper and Scott McClendon, University of Central Oklahoma, for their excellent presentation in the student workshop on Living in Flatland and to David Gardener, Henderson State University, for his discussion in the faculty workshop of Teaching with Smart Board Technology. The section also is grateful to the student and faculty workshop committees for organizing these events, especially to the committee chairs, Michael Lloyd and Carolyn Eoff.

Be it resolved that the section conveys sincere gratitude to our invited speaker, Rick Gillman, Valparaiso University, Chair, Committee on Sections of MAA for his stimulating lecture on **Everyday Questions, Not so Everyday Mathematics**, as well as to Judith B. Grabiner, Pitzer College, for kindly agreeing to deliver the N.A. Court Lecture **It's All for the Best, Optimization in the History of Science**.

Be it resolved that the section thankfully acknowledges Michael Lloyd, Henderson State University, for his services as newsletter editor.

Be it resolved that the section earnestly commends Steve Butcher, University of Central Arkansas, Anne Fine, East Central University, and the teacher award committees for the selection of outstanding mathematics teachers for the section to honor.

Be it resolved that the section warmly congratulates the following award winners:

- Arkansas teachers of the year:
Elementary School: Sherri Lane, Elgin B. Milton Primary School, Ozark, AR;
Middle School: Kara Lenfesty, Batesville Jr. High School, Batesville, AR;
High School: Brian Leonard, Lake Hamilton High School, Percy, AR.

- Oklahoma teachers of the year:
Elementary School: Elizabeth Ging, John Ross Elementary School, Edmond, OK;
Middle School: Andrea Nicole Brock, Moore West Junior High School, Moore, OK.

- High Scorer in the Section on the Putnam Exam:
Alexander Ruff (University of Tulsa).

- Winner of the Team Jeopardy Competition:
University of Tulsa (Trang Le, Alex Ruff and Ahmed El-Kishky).

- Winner of the Integration Bee:
First Place: Trang Le (University of Tulsa);
Second Place: Nitesh Verma (Cameron University);
Third Place: Andres Calderon (University of Central Oklahoma).

- Oklahoma-Arkansas Award for Distinguished Teaching of Mathematics:
David Gardner, Henderson State University.

Be it resolved that the section conveys appreciation to Jill Guerra for organizing the student presentations and to all judges, institutions, and students who participated. The section also is grateful to Scott McClendon and the Student Activities Committee for planning and running the team competition and the integration bee and to all who participated in these events.

Be it resolved that the section highly commends Jill Guerra and Linda Braddy for managing the Section Next activities.

Be it resolved that the section expresses gratitude to John Diamantopoulos for maintaining the electronic proceedings of the section meeting and the section website.

Be it resolved that the section sincerely acknowledges the contributions of all who served the section on a committee, participated in planning the meeting, or presented a contributed paper.

Fred Worth gave the following summary report:

98 students and 77 faculty registered for the meeting; 142 attended the banquet; 19 attended the luncheon; 59 students participated in the student workshop; 22 persons participated in the faculty workshop.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.