

**Oklahoma-Arkansas Section of the MAA**  
**Minutes for the 2014 Business Meeting**  
**David B. Burks American Heritage Center, Heritage Auditorium**  
**Harding University**

The annual business meeting was called to order by chair **Dale Alspach**, Oklahoma State University, at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, April 12, 2014. There were approximately 35 members present.

The minutes of the 2013 business meeting were presented by **V. Lee Turner**, Southern Nazarene University, and were approved. **Kristin Karber**, University of Central Oklahoma, gave the treasurer's report for 2013. She supplied copies of the yearly report showing the following:

	<u>Checking/Shares</u>	<u>Court CD</u>
Beginning balances, 1-1-2013	\$18,716.50	\$12,149.72
Revenues during the year	\$ 4,498.47	\$ 42.66
Expenses during the year	\$ 3,986.15	\$ 0.00
Ending balances, 12-31-2012	\$19,228.82	\$12,192.38

**Kristin Karber** supplied an account of all receipts and expenditures from 1-1-2013 through 12-31-2013. As of December 31, 2013, the balance in the share-checking account was \$6,966.62, and the balance in regular shares (savings) was \$12,262.20, giving a total of \$19,228.82. This includes \$17,997.87 in the operating account, \$1,036.92 in Court funds (this is separate from the Court CD), and \$194.03 in the faculty workshop account. The treasurer's report was approved.

**Brittney Hopkins**, University of Central Oklahoma, gave the audit report. She completed the audit of the treasurer's records for 2013 and found them to be in order.

**Jill Guerra**, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith, gave the Governor's report. She presented a PowerPoint presentation from the national MAA, emphasized the 2015 Centennial that will be celebrated at MathFest in Washington, D.C. in August, 2015, commented on Math Awareness Month to be held during April, and listed several professional development opportunities, including Project NExT, PREP, and Get Involved. Jill also made some comments regarding the CUPM Curriculum Guide to be published in 2015.

**Dale Alspach** reported the results of the section governor election. Lisa Mantini, Oklahoma State University, was elected governor of the section.

As the MAA representative to the section meeting, **Ivars Peterson** greeted the meeting. He encouraged members to buy MAA books through the member portal. He also encouraged members to attend the Centennial Meeting in Washington, D. C. in August, 2015.

**Michael Lloyd**, Henderson State University, gave the Department Chairs/Liaisons report. He reported on discussions on program reviews that are required by the states, MAA website materials, compensation for adjunct faculty, and placement in College Algebra as well as alternatives to College Algebra. No recommendations were made to the business meeting.

**Scott McClendon**, University of Central Oklahoma, gave the report on student competitions. The Undergraduate Team Competition was fantastic this year with 17 teams registered to compete. These teams were comprised of 49 undergraduate students. Of these 17 teams, the team from the University of Tulsa won the competition this year, with teams from Oklahoma State University coming in second and third, and the University of Arkansas, Fort Smith in fourth. The students on the winning team were Christian Mann and Robbie Mudroch. Each of the first place winners received an award of \$50.

The Integration Bee was also a success! This year, 36 students participated in the Integration Bee. The winner of the Integration Bee this year was Saxon Sampley of Oklahoma State University. Travis Grigsby of Oklahoma State University was second, and Nina Williams of Oklahoma State University and Lindsay Lester of Southern Nazarene University tied for third. The first place winner was awarded \$100.

**Jill Guerra** reported that 31 undergraduate student papers were presented. First place winner was Frederick McCollum of University of Arkansas--Fayetteville, second place was Tyler Gorshing of Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and third place was Matt Lukac of University of Arkansas--Fayetteville.

**Myron Rigsby**, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith, gave the site selection report. Invitations have been accepted from the University of Tulsa for 2015 and Arkansas Tech for 2016. Invitations for 2017 have been received from Northeastern State University and the University of Oklahoma. The University of Oklahoma was nominated by the committee for 2017. The meeting dates are April 10 – 11, 2015, April 1 – 2, 2016, and April 7 – 8, 2017. The proposed sites and dates were approved.

**Michael Lloyd**, Henderson State University, the section Communications Director, reported income of \$200 and expenses of \$101.60. He expressed appreciation to the University of Tulsa, and Oklahoma State University who each placed a full-page advertisement. Eight department representatives submitted campus news reports. 70 newsletter booklets were made. Communications are about \$100 in the black. Michael thanked Dale Alspach, Mike Dougherty, Kristi Karber, Ron Smith, Lee Turner, Scott McClendon, Fred Worth, the department chairs and others who contributed to the newsletter.

**Dale Alspach** presented a change to the By Laws. The change affects the composition of the Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award Selection Committee. The change was approved.

**Michael Dougherty**, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, presented the following nominations for the nominating committee for the position of secretary: **Vrege Amirkhanian**, Arkansas Tech University, **Myron Rigsby**, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith, **Fred Worth**, Henderson State University, and **Anita Walker**, East Central University. Anita Walker was elected to a three year term.

The following will be the section officers for 2014-2015.

Past-Chair	<b>Dale Alspach</b> , Oklahoma State University
Chair	<b>Ron Smith</b> , Harding University
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair	<b>Amy Schachle</b> , University of Tulsa
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair	<b>John Watson</b> , Arkansas Tech University
Treasurer	<b>Kristen Karber</b> , University of Central Oklahoma
Secretary	<b>Anita Walker</b> , East Central University
Communications	<b>Michael Lloyd</b> , Henderson State University

**Nick Zoller**, Southern Nazarene University, gave the following report from the Court Lecture Committee: The Committee nominates Ramesh Garimella of the University of Central Arkansas to the Court Lecture Committee. Michael McClendon and Nick Zoller are the continuing members. Ramesh Garimella 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 Mathematical Association of America recognizes that its 76th Annual Meeting is successful because of the efforts of everybody involved: the host institution Harding University who has graciously offered its facilities and hospitality, the Section officers, the Section committees, the student presenters, the professional presenters, the judges, the moderators, and the attending members.

*Be it resolved* that the following are thanked for their ongoing administrative contributions to the Section:

Jill Guerra for her leadership and caring attitude during her tenure as Governor of the Section; Lee Turner for his devotion and attention to detail during his six-year service as Secretary of the Section; Past Chair Fred Worth, Chair Dale Alspach, 1st Vice-Chair Ron Smith, 2nd Vice-Chair Amy Schachle, Treasurer Kristi Karber, and Communications Director Michael Lloyd for their guidance as the officers of the Section

*Be it resolved* that the following committees are thanked for their efforts in recognizing individuals who have demonstrated exceptional abilities and behaviors in the world of mathematics:

N.A. Court Committee chaired by Duff Campbell  
Distinguished Teaching Award Nominating Committee chaired by John Watson  
Distinguished Teaching Award Selection Committee chaired by David Wright  
Oklahoma Teacher Award Committee chaired by Andrew Wells

Arkansas Teacher Award Committee chaired by Debra Coventry

*Be it resolved* that the following committees are thanked for their efforts in developing special programs for the benefit of the Section members:

Student Workshop Committee chaired by Robert Huff  
Faculty Workshop Committee chaired by Steve Smith  
Section NExT coordinated by Jill Guerra  
Student Competition Committee chaired by Scott McClendon

*Be it resolved* that the following committees are thanked for performing special duties on behalf of the Section:

Nominating Committee  
Resolutions Committee  
Site Selection Committee  
Department Chairs Committee  
Liaison Coordinators

*Be it resolved* that the following individuals are thanked for their presentations as part of the special programming of the Section:

Duff Campbell of Hendrix College for the Student Workshop entitled 'The Plusses and Minuses of Mathematical Competitions'

Ivars Peterson of the Mathematical Association of America for the Faculty Workshop entitled 'Writing Mathematics Well'

Ivars Peterson of the Mathematical Association of America for the MAA Invited Lecture entitled 'Mobius Madness'

Paul Blanchard of Boston University for the N.A. Court Lecture entitled 'Newton's Method: Complex Numerics and Complex Dynamics'

*Be it resolved* that the Section proudly congratulates the recipients of the special Section awards:

Oklahoma-Arkansas Distinguished Teaching Award  
Jill Guerra of University of Arkansas--Fort Smith

Arkansas Teachers of the Year  
Bessie Dawson of Crosset Elementary School  
Ouida Newton of Poyen High School  
Daniel Wietecha of Gravette High School

High Scorers on the Putnam Exam  
Gary DeClerk of Hendrix College  
Dateng Le of Oklahoma State University

Team Jeopardy Competition

Christian Mann and Robbie Mudroch of Tulsa University

Individual Integration Bee winners

First Place -- Saxon Sampley of Oklahoma State University

Second Place -- Travis Grigsby of Oklahoma State University

Third Place -- Nina Williams of Oklahoma State University and Lindsay Lester of Southern Nazarene University

Undergraduate Presentation winners

First Place -- Frederick McCollum of University of Arkansas--Fayetteville

Second Place -- Tyler Gorshing of Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Third Place -- Matt Lukac of University of Arkansas--Fayetteville

*Be it resolved* that the Section expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to all its members, for without each and every one of them the Section would not be complete.

**Ron Smith**, Harding University, reported that there were 193 persons registered for the meeting, consisting of 79 regular registrations and 114 student registrations. The banquet had an attendance of 172. There were 34 at the faculty workshop.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.