

SECTION BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

University of Tulsa

11 April 2015

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 by Chair Ron Smith.

2. Attendance

More than 20 Section members were in attendance, thereby meeting the quorum requirement stated in the Section Bylaws. MAA Section Visitor Frank Farris was also in attendance.

3. Treasurer's Report and Audit Report

Section Treasurer Kristi Karber distributed the financial report for the 2014 calendar year. As of 31 December 2014, the Section had \$7168.69 in the checking account and \$12,270.13 in the savings account, for a total balance of \$19,438.82. The expense/income breakdown is as follows:

Beginning Balance on 1 January 2014	\$19,228.82
Total Expenses	\$3828.15
Total Income	\$4038.15
Ending Balance on 31 December 2014	\$19,438.82

On paper, the breakdown of the ending balance of \$19,438.82 is as follows:

Operational Funds	\$18,601.56
N.A. Court Funds	\$133.23
Faculty Workshop Funds	\$704.03
Balance on 31 December 2014	\$19,438.82

Separate from the above items is the Court CD which had a beginning balance of \$12,149.72 and an ending balance of \$12,222.90.

Fred Worth reported a clean audit of the 2014 financial records. He suggested that a second officer be added to the checking account. This would eliminate the need for the Treasurer to write a travel reimbursement check to one's self, should the Treasurer serve as the official Section representative to a required national MAA meeting (currently MathFest). Chair Ron Smith reported that in March 2015 the Section added Secretary Anita Walker to the checking account.

The Treasurer's report and the audit report were approved unanimously by oral vote.

4. 2014 Section Business Meeting

The minutes of the 2014 Section Business Meeting as posted on the Section website were approved unanimously by oral vote.

5. Section Meeting registration fees

The following proposal was presented for implementation at the 2016 Section Meeting.

- An early regular registration fee of \$20 will be in effect up to two weeks prior to the Meeting date.
- The regular registration fee will then convert to \$25.
- An early student registration fee of \$5 will be in effect up to two weeks prior to the Meeting date.
- The student registration fee will then convert to \$10.

The proposal was approved unanimously by oral vote.

6. R.B. Deal Fund description

A description for the newly established R.B. Deal Fund as posted on the Section website and as distributed in the Section Meeting registration packet was approved unanimously by oral vote.

7. Elections

The following were elected unanimously by paper ballot:

- (a) Communications Director 2015-2018: Michael Lloyd of Henderson State University
- (b) N.A. Court Committee 2015-2018: Thomas McNamara of Southwestern Oklahoma State University
- (c) 2nd Vice-Chair 2015-2016: Andy Miller of University of Oklahoma
- (d) 1st Vice-Chair 2015-2016: Ramesh Garimella of University of Central Arkansas

A motion to destroy the ballots was approved unanimously by oral vote.

8. Officer Reports

- (a) **Section Governor** Lisa Mantini gave a PowerPoint presentation provided by MAA. Included was information about MAA's various activities and programs, the membership categories, the new MAA departmental membership fees that will begin in 2016, the MAA press, and the upcoming MathFest 2015.
- (b) **Section 1st Vice-Chair** Amy Schachle reported that she had ordered the beautiful weather especially for the Meeting. Final money and registration totals will be reported to the Section when they are finalized. Approximately two dozen copies of the OK-AR Section history were distributed at the registration table as well as at this business meeting.

She also reported the decision made by the Executive Committee at its meeting on Friday, 10 April 2015, Beginning with the 2016 Section Meeting, a concentrated effort will be made each year to ensure that all Meeting attendees are properly registered for the Meeting. The name tag will be the official "badge of entry" for the professional talks, the student talks, the special Lectures, and the Section business meeting. In addition, all students participating in the student talks, the Team Jeopardy, and the Integration Bee will display the same "badge of entry" in order to participate.
- (c) **Communications Director** Michael Lloyd reported on emails, the newsletter, and website activity. Ads contributed \$300 and expenses totaled \$161.36, leaving a positive balance of \$138.64 for the 2014-2015 year of office.

9. Committee Reports

- (a) **Department Chairs Committee** Chair Carolyn Eoff reported that seventeen Section members attended the Department Chairs lunch on Friday, 10 April 2015. Also attending were MAA Section Visitor Frank Farris and MAA Deputy Executive Director Linda Braddy. Items discussed included degree requirements for mathematics majors in light of the ongoing work of the MAA Committee on the Undergraduate Program in Mathematics, mathematics in the general education curriculum, and remediation issues.
- (b) **N.A. Court Committee** Chair Scott McClendon offered thanks to the committee members for their help in arranging for this annual lecture.
- (c) **R.B. Deal Committee** Chair Fred Worth reported that plans are being made for a tribute to R.B. Deal at next year's Section Meeting. Numerous members of the family have expressed interest in being present for the tribute and accompanying lecture.
- (d) **Resolutions Committee** Chair Anita Walker prepared the Resolutions for the weekend. At the decision of the business meeting attendees, the document was not read aloud.

2015 Section Meeting Resolutions

Whereas the Oklahoma-Arkansas Section of the Mathematical Association of America recognizes that its 77th Annual Meeting has been successful due to the efforts of all involved: the welcoming atmosphere of the host institution University of Tulsa, the hospitality extended by the Gilcrease Museum, the ongoing service of the Section officers and the Section committees, the efforts of the student and professional presenters, the expertise of the competition judges, the willingness of the presiders, and the participation of the attending members,

Therefore, be it resolved that the following are thanked for their administrative contributions to the Section:

- Lisa Mantini for her leadership during the first of three years as Governor of the Section
- Past Chair Dale Alspach, Chair Ron Smith, 1st Vice-Chair Amy Schachle, 2nd Vice-Chair John Watson, Treasurer Kristi Karber, Secretary Anita Walker, 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 Scott McClendon
- R.B. Deal Committee chaired by Fred Worth
- Distinguished Teaching Award Nominating Committee chaired by Beverly Hartler
- Distinguished Teaching Award Selection Committee chaired by Andy Miller
- 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 arranging special activities for the Section members:

- Student Workshop Committee chaired by Kim Adams
- Faculty Workshop Committee chaired by Matt Donahue
- Section NExT coordinated by Jill Guerra
- Student Contributed Talks Committee chaired 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 chaired by Ron Smith
- Resolutions Committee chaired by Anita Walker
- Site Selection Committee chaired by Sarah Marsh
- Department Chairs Committee chaired by Carolyn Eoff
- Liaison Coordinators co-chaired by Doug Aichele and Steve Hennagin

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

- Fred Worth of Henderson State University for the Student Workshop entitled *Mathematics and Sports*
- Mike Oehrtman of Oklahoma State University and Jason Martin of University of Central Arkansas for the Faculty Workshop entitled *CLEAR Calculus: Coherent Labs to Enhance Accessible and Rigorous Calculus*
- Frank Farris of Santa Clara University for the MAA Section Visitor Lecture entitled *Polyhedral Symmetry in the Plane?*
- Brian Hopkins of Saint Peters' University for the MAA Editor Lecture entitled *The Symmetric Group and Fair Division: Does Knowledge Matter?*
- Azmy Ackleh of Louisiana State University at Lafayette for the N.A. Court Lecture entitled *Competitive Exclusion and Coexistence in Population Models*

Be it resolved that the Section congratulates the recipients of the special Section awards and recognitions:

- Oklahoma-Arkansas Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics
 - Max Forester of University of Oklahoma

- Arkansas Teachers of the Year
 - LaDonna Marsh of Eastside New Vision Charter School in Warren, Arkansas
 - Chae D. Coan of Barton Junior High School in El Dorado, Arkansas
 - Tammye Stahler of Harrison High School in Harrison, Arkansas
- Oklahoma Teachers of the Year
 - Kelly Yates of Adams Elementary School in Enid, Oklahoma
 - Pam Joy of Grandview 5th and 6th Grade Center in Elk City, Oklahoma
 - Barbara Aylworth of Yukon High School in Yukon, Oklahoma
- High Scorers (tied) on the Putnam Exam
 - Mark E. Denker of Oklahoma State University
 - Christoph C. Kinzel of University of Oklahoma
- Team Jeopardy Competition winner
 - Stephen Lowe, Zach Osman, and Moujtaba Kasmani of University of Tulsa
- Individual Integration Bee winners
 - First Place: Mark Lawrence of Southern Nazarene University
- Undergraduate Oral Presentation awards
 - R.B. Deal Prize: Kyle Reeves of East Central University
 - Second Prize: Lance Ford and Brittany Myers of University of Central Oklahoma
 - Third Prize: Austin Himschoot of Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts

Finally be it resolved that the Section expresses its sincere appreciation to all its members, for it is because of them that the Section exists and continues to thrive.

- (e) **Section NExT** Coordinator Jill Guerra reported there were two new participants and five returning participants. Activities last from Thursday evening through Friday lunch. Items discussed included research with undergraduates, time management, professional-level research, and networking.
- (f) **Site Selection Committee** Chair Sarah Marsh reported that bids for the 2018 Section Meeting have been received from both Arkansas Tech University and University of Arkansas. Arkansas Tech University will host the 2018 OK-AR Section Meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for 6-7 April 2018. The dates will be confirmed by the host institution.
- (g) **Student Competition Committee** Chair Scott McClendon reported that sixteen teams competed in the Team Jeopardy Friday night with University of Tulsa winning first place.
- (h) **Student Contributed Talks Committee** Chair Jill Guerra thanked the judges and reported that seventeen talks were scheduled but only sixteen were given. The results appear in the Resolutions.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58.

Anita M. Walker
OK-AR Secretary

Approved by the Section 2 April 2016