

## **Chapter 2: Structure**

### **The By-Laws of the Oklahoma-Arkansas Section**

#### **1933 By-Laws of the Oklahoma Section of the Mathematical Association of America**

##### **ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE.**

1. The name of this organization shall be the Oklahoma Section of the Mathematical Association of America.
2. Its object shall be to assist in promoting the interests of mathematics in the State of Oklahoma, especially in the collegiate field, by holding meetings for the presentation and discussion of papers, by conducting investigations for the purpose of improving the teaching of mathematics, by assisting in the building up of the mathematical libraries, by cooperating with other organizations whenever this may be desirable for attaining these and other similar results.

##### **ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP.**

1. The membership of this section of the Association shall consist of members of the Association who reside in the State of Oklahoma.
2. No one is eligible for membership in this section without being a member of the Association.
3. All persons interested in mathematics are invited to attend and take part in the meetings of this section whether they are members of the Association or not.

##### **ARTICLE III. OFFICERS.**

1. The officers of this section shall be a chairman, a vice-chairman and a secretary-treasurer; these three shall constitute an Executive Committee.
2. The officers shall be elected annually. They shall be eligible for reelection, but not for more than two consecutive years, except in the case of the Secretary-Treasurer, whose term may be extended indefinitely.

##### **ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS.**

1. This section shall hold at least one meeting annually. The place and time for this meeting shall be arranged by the Executive Committee.
2. The officers shall have the power to call other meetings of the section whenever they deem it desirable.

**ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS.**

1. These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting.

Committee

Submitted for action by the

N. A. Court, Chairman  
A. M. Wallace, Vice-Chairman  
E. F. Allen, Secretary-

Treasurer.

**Current By-Laws of the Oklahoma-Arkansas Section of the  
Mathematical Association of America**

**(Approved May 5, 1975)**

**Article I. NAME AND PURPOSE.**

1. The name of this Section shall be the Oklahoma-Arkansas Section of the Mathematical Association of America, Inc.
2. The purposes of the Oklahoma-Arkansas Section shall be to assist in the improvement of education in the mathematical sciences at the collegiate level by carrying out the purposes of the national organization within the territory defined below in Article II, Section 1.

**Article II. MEMBERSHIP.**

1. The membership of the Oklahoma-Arkansas Section shall be as follows:
  - (a) members of The Mathematical Association of America, Inc., residing in the states of Oklahoma and Arkansas, zip codes:  
Oklahoma: 73000 - 74999  
Arkansas: 71600 - 72999;
  - (b) members of The Mathematical Association of America, Inc., not being resident in the territory of this Section, who have become members of this Section in accordance with Article VI of the By-Laws of The Mathematical Association, Inc.

**Article III. OFFICERS.**

1. The Officers of this Section shall be a Past-Chairman, Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer.
2. The Executive Committee of the Section shall consist of the Officers of the Section and the Section Governor (ex officio).
3. Each Section Officer must be a member of The Mathematical Association of America, Inc. and of this Section.
4. The Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and shall assume the respective offices at the end of the Annual Meeting.

5. The term of each officer shall be from the end of the Annual Meeting at which he is elected to the end of the next Annual Meeting. This term shall be called one year. The Second Vice-Chairman shall be eligible for re-election for a second year, but after two consecutive terms of service he shall become ineligible as candidate for election as Second Vice-Chairman for the next year. The Secretary-Treasurer may be re-elected indefinitely.

6. The nomination procedure of the Section Officers shall be for the Chairman to appoint a Nominating Committee to recommend a slate of Officers. The Chairman and the First Vice-Chairman are to be automatically nominated as Past-Chairman and Chairman, respectively, for the following year. Additional nominations can be made by any member of the Section at the time of the election.

7. The duties of the Section Officers shall be:

(a) The Chairman shall preside at each meeting of the Section and of the Executive Committee of the Section. He shall appoint every committee of the Section and be an ex-officio member of each committee, unless directed otherwise by the membership of the Section at an official Section meeting.

(b) The First Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman in presiding at each meeting of the Section and in the absence of the Chairman preside in his place at both Section meetings and at meetings of the Executive Committee. The First Vice-Chairman shall look after local arrangements for the Annual Meeting of the Section.

(c) The Second Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman and First Vice-Chairman in presiding at each meeting of the Section and in the absence of the Chairman and First Vice-Chairman preside in place of the Chairman at both Sectional meetings and at meetings of the Executive Committee. The Second Vice-Chairman shall specifically promote the objectives of The Mathematical Association of America in the two-year colleges of this Section.

(d) The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes of both the Section and the Executive Committee, have custody of the records of the Section, handle the official correspondence and maintain care of the monies of the Section, keeping proper and accurate records and paying authorized bills.

8. The Executive Committee shall conduct the affairs of the Section between meetings of the Section membership.

9. If a vacancy on the Executive Committee other than in the office of Governor should occur, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy by appointing a member of the Section to serve until the next annual meeting.

#### **Article IV. MEETINGS.**

1. The Section shall hold at least one regular meeting each year. One meeting of the Section will be designated as the Annual Meeting.

2. The Regular Meetings shall be planned by the Executive Committee.

3. A Special Meeting may be called by the Executive Committee or by a written petition of twenty percent of the members of the Section.

4. Each member of the Section shall be notified in writing at least ten days in advance of any Regular Meeting or Special Meeting of the Section.

5. A quorum shall consist of those members present at properly called meetings.

#### **Article V. FEES AND USE OF ASSETS.**

1. The Section may collect a registration fee from those attending a regular meeting. The amount of the fee may vary with the category of the person attending the meeting. The amounts of the fees and the definition of the categories of the persons to whom the fees apply must be approved by a majority of the members present at a properly called meeting of the Section.

2. The assets of the Oklahoma-Arkansas Section shall be used exclusively to further the purposes of the Section, and in the event of the dissolution of the Section the remaining assets will be returned to the national organization to be used for a purpose consistent with the purposes of the national organization.

#### **Article VI. COMMITTEES.**

1. The Chairman, with the consent of the Section shall appoint member(s) of the Section to be in charge of the high school mathematics contests sponsored by the Section.

2. The Chairman may appoint other committees as required, or as directed by the Executive Committee or by members of the Section at a regularly called meeting.

#### **Article VII. AMENDMENTS.**

1. These By-Laws may be amended by a majority of the votes cast by the members at a Regular or Special Meeting of the Section, subject to the approval by the Board of Governors of The Mathematical Association of America, Inc.

2. A proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to every member of the Section at least fifteen days prior to the meeting at which the voting on the amendment will take place.

3. When an amendment has been approved by the members of the Section it must be submitted in seven copies to the Committee on Sections for its recommendation to the Board of Governors.

4. A complete revision of this set of By-Laws will be subject to the same procedure as that for amending this set.

#### **The Leadership of the Secretary-Treasurers of the Section**

Every organization needs for its continued success an individual or individuals that are the heart and the soul of that organization, the person who is the conscience of the organization throughout the year, the person who daily attends to the details necessary for an organization's survival. The founding fathers of the Oklahoma Section saw this individual to be the Secretary-Treasurer of the Section. Of all the officers of the Section the Secretary-Treasurer was the only

officer that was allowed to be "re-elected indefinitely." This was written into the original By-Laws of the Section and continues to be case today.

The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer as described in our current By-Laws are "to keep the minutes of both the Section and the Executive Committee, have custody of the records of the Section, handle the official correspondence and maintain care of the monies of the Section, keeping proper and accurate records and paying authorized bills." The Secretary-Treasurer does so much more than this. For example, the Secretary-Treasurer also is in charge of soliciting papers for each of the Section programs, planning the program for Section meetings, and keeping track of the time schedule of activities of the Section throughout the year, reminding the various committees of the Section of their responsibilities and the dates by which they are to be completed.

The Oklahoma-Arkansas Section has been fortunate to have men of leadership, energy, and enthusiasm occupying the post of Secretary-Treasurer of our Section. The Secretary-Treasurers of our Section are:

1933 - 1935	<b>E. F. Allen</b> , Oklahoma A and M College
1935 - 1939	<b>C. E. Springer</b> , University of Oklahoma
1939 - 1952	<b>J. C. Brixey</b> , University of Oklahoma
1952 - 1966	<b>R. V. Andree</b> , University of Oklahoma
1966 - 1970	<b>H. V. Huneke</b> , University of Oklahoma
1970 - 1978 University	<b>E. K. McLachlan</b> , Oklahoma State University
1978 -	<b>John M. Jobe</b> , Oklahoma State University.

### **The Governors of the Section**

The Board of Governors of the Mathematical Association of America consists of the officers of the MAA, the Ex-Presidents for terms of six years after expiration of their respective presidential terms, the members of the Finance Committee, and of additional elected members called "Governors." Each of the twenty-nine Sections of the MAA is entitled to elect a Governor to the Board. The function of the Board is to supervise all scholarly and scientific activities of the Association, to administer and control these activities, and to authorize expenditures of funds of the Association. The present system of Section representation on the MAA Board through Section Governors was not initiated until 1946 and implemented in 1948. Before then the MAA Board of Governors had a system of Regional Governors that were elected to the Board.

The Governors of our Section are:

1948 - 1951 **N. A. Court**, University of Oklahoma

1951 - 1954 **J. C. Brixey**, University of Oklahoma

1954 - 1957 **L. W. Johnson**, Oklahoma A and M College

1957 - 1960 **W. N. Huff**, University of Oklahoma

1960 - 1963 **O. H. Hamilton**, Oklahoma State University

1963 - 1966 **Gene Levy**, University of Oklahoma

1966 - 1969 **R. B. Deal**, University of Oklahoma Medical  
School

1969 - 1972 **J. E. Scroggs**, University of Arkansas

1972 - 1975 **T. W. Cairns**, University of Tulsa

1975 - 1978 **John M. Jobe**, Oklahoma State University

1978 - 1981 **Paul E. Long**, University of Arkansas

1981 - 1984 **James H. Yates**, Central State University

1984 - 1987 **Robert C. Eslinger**, Hendrix College

1987 - 1990 **Robert D. McMillan**, Oklahoma Christian College