

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
University of Oklahoma
7 April 2017

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 15:35 by Chair Ramesh Garimella.

2. **Attendance**

In attendance were Executive Committee members Past Chair Amy Schachle, Chair Ramesh Garimella, Secretary Anita Walker, Treasurer Kristi Karber, 2nd Vice-Chair Jeanine Myers, Communications Director Michael Lloyd, and OK-AR Section Governor Lisa Mantini. Also attending was Section member Ron Smith.

3. **Listserv**

The continuation of the officer listserv hosted by Henderson State University was approved for another year. Officers were reminded that emailing to the listserv address allows all members of the Executive Committee to read the message. Emails to one or more specific members of the Executive Committee should be sent using the email addresses of those individuals.

4. **Section Representative** Ron Smith was introduced as the incoming MAA Section Representative for the OK-AR Section. On 1 July 2017, he will begin a three-year term on the MAA Congress.

5. **Ballot for elections**

The ballot for the OK-AR Section elections was reviewed and approved. As chair of the Section Nominating Committee, Ron Smith will confirm with the individuals listed on the ballot that they are still planning on standing for election.

6. **Future Executive Committee discussions/actions**

The Executive Committee will create a Faculty Workshop/Student Workshop reimbursement policy to accommodate one or more presenters from outside the OK-AR Section.

7. **Possible future Section Bylaws amendments**

The OK-AR Section Bylaws are subject to national review by MAA during the 2022-2023 year. Possible amendments for consideration are:

- (a) Combination of the Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award Nominating Committee with the Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award Selection Committee to form the Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award Committee
- (b) Deletion of the Liaison Coordinators
- (c) Redefinition of headcounts for Section committees
- (d) Requirement of dues-paying membership in MAA in order to vote in Section elections and to vote on Section business
- (e) Replacement of the word “Governor” with “MAA Section Representative” (a housekeeping item)
- (f) Replacement of the phrase “Board of Governors” with “MAA Congress” (a housekeeping item)

8. **Possible changes in future Section Meeting format**

The following are being considered for future Section Meetings:

- (a) Shortening of the Faculty Workshop and the Student Workshop to two hours each
- (b) Scheduling of the Section Business Meeting to facilitate a quorum
- (c) Inclusion of a poster session

9. **Tentative schedule of lectures for 2018**

The 2018 OK-AR Section Meeting plans currently include a Section Visitor Lecture, a Polya Lecture, and the N.A. Court Lecture. Should a Polya lecturer not be available, then a Deal Lecture could be held.

10. **Lecture funds**

Both the Deal Fund and the Court Fund need to experience increased revenue through donations and earned interest. The offering of the associated lectures cannot be sustained without external input from members and friends of the OK-AR Section.

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 16:34.

Anita M. Walker
OK-AR Secretary
Approved by the Executive Committee
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