

Executive Committee Decision

Date: March 12, 2020
Subject: Cancellation of 2020 Section Meeting
Meeting Format: Email Communication
Reported By: Myron Rigsby, Section Secretary

Ron Smith, Section Representative, placed the following motion before the committee:

Upon recommendation from the host institution and the MAA National Office and due to concerns from many universities and government officials, I propose that we cancel the Oklahoma-Arkansas Section Meeting for 2020.

The motion was seconded by Kristi Karber, Treasurer. Votes from executive committee members were collected by email.

The motion passed unanimously. Therefore, there will be no Section Meeting in 2020.

Reasons:

- Concern over limiting the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus and the possible impact on conference participants and their home institutions. This concern is increased by the fact that the meeting follows the spring breaks of institutions in both states.
- In response to concern over the spread and impact of the virus:
 - The intended host institution, the University of Arkansas, has placed significant restrictions on university-related travel and discouraged the hosting of on-campus meetings.
 - The national MAA recommended that in-person Section Meetings scheduled for the spring of 2020 be cancelled.
 - In addition to the host institution, multiple other institutions affiliated with the section have placed restrictions on official travel by institution faculty and students, thus limiting the ability of many of these faculty and their students to attend the meeting.