

OBSERVATIONS ON THE SECTION OFFICERS SURVEY --

1. 25 of 29 sections responded to survey by June 15, 1984.
2. 6 sections have separate sessions for Dept. Representatives.
3. 8 sections have a meeting of Department Chairs.
4. 1 section has a meeting of "Zonial Reps".
5. 21 sections report very successful banquets or luncheons.
6. Only one section reports financial problems and is not able to carry through programs it feels are necessary. (Allegheny)
7. Question X of the survey asked what kinds of programs are usually successful at the Section Annual Meetings. The responses are:

Pedagogy and Math Education: 15

Expository: 18

Research: 8

Computer Related: 17

Applied Math: 9

History: 2

Other: 0

Three sections stated that they tried to balance their program.

One respondent noted that the success of a talk depended more on the speaker than on the subject.

8. Question XI of the survey asked what types of changes in programming had been observed in the past few years.

More undergraduate involvement: 17

More computer related papers: 13

More contributed papers: 8

Less technical papers: 7

No change: 4

More Applied Math: 4

More Invited Addresses: 3

Articulation with H.S.: 2

More Discrete Math: 1

More involvement with Legislature 1

9. Question IX asked if there were problems with which the Section needed help.
 - a. How do we get Ph.D. institutions to participate. This was specifically mentioned as a problem by 9 sections. Note that 11 sections rated participation by Ph.D. institutions as poor.
 - b. We need a national brochure listing mathematics requirements for degree programs.
 - c. We want a continuation of Section Officer Meetings at both National Meetings.
 - d. How do we increase attendance at the section meetings?