

The MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION of AMERICA

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Dear MAA Departmental Representative:

As you may be aware, the MAA is now in the process of establishing MAA student chapters at colleges and universities throughout the country. The purpose of these student chapters is to attract students to careers in the mathematical sciences and to encourage membership in the MAA. I have enclosed a brief description of the structure of the MAA student chapters, the requirements for membership, and some of the benefits that members will receive.

In September you will be receiving an application form for starting a student chapter at your institution. However, we would like to urge you to begin making plans now by having your department appoint a faculty advisor for your MAA student chapter. If you currently have a mathematics club, then the advisor of that mathematics club would be a natural choice. Moreover, if you have a Pi Mu Epsilon chapter, there is no reason why the faculty advisor of Pi Mu Epsilon could not also serve as a faculty advisor for the MAA student chapter. In fact, we are looking forward to working closely with Pi Mu Epsilon on joint activities.

Each member of your student chapter will automatically become a member of the MAA section to which your institution belongs. A coordinator of student chapter activities will be appointed by your MAA section, and we anticipate that numerous activities for student chapter members will be sponsored by your MAA section. This will afford members of your MAA student chapter the opportunity to meet students with similar interests from other institutions and to interact with professional mathematicians.

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MAA Departmental Representative

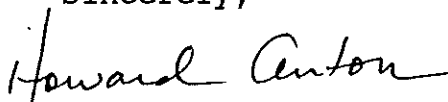
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If your department is in a position to appoint a faculty advisor at this time, please list his or her name on the enclosed card and mail it to the Washington office of the MAA. In September the faculty advisor will receive the application form for forming your student chapter. If we do not receive the card back from you with the name of the faculty advisor, then the application form will be mailed to you in the fall.

We believe that the MAA student chapters can offer many new and exciting opportunities for your students, and we hope that you will join with us in this undertaking.

Sincerely,



Howard Anton, Chair
MAA Committee on Student
Chapters

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