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Bill:

I see you are now "publishing" your e-mail address, so I thought I might try it out. If this doesn't work, there's always the phone.

Let me start with an update on the meeting plans. Janet Nichols and Bruce Lundberg have agreed to work with me as a local arrangements committee. We are scheduled for April 21-22, and have two national speakers lined up. Carl Pomerance will be our Polya speaker, and Martha Siegel (recent Mathematics Magazine editor) our National Officer speaker. We also plan to invite Duane Porter to give a talk as our 1994 Distinguished Teacher. Am I correct in assuming this is the same as a Program Committee

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1-3 years after the initial nomination upon receipt of a statement from the nominating party that they would like to do so. We would probably need to discuss the issue of whether to allow additional materials to be added to the dossier. I will be sending a message to other members of the executive committee concerning this as well, so send me your thoughts.

(In relation to communication within the section, I'll also be contacting Tom Kelley specifically about an e-mail network, as I believe he was the one who volunteered to set up such a network. With the MAA Gopher up and running, this may be easier than he anticipated.)

The other matter Tino and I discussed in some length is defining a "vision" for the Section which would provide us with some direction within the upcoming years. He and I are both concerned with the relation between the Section and other professional organizations, especially (but not exclusively) the NCTM. Another shared concern is with underrepresented groups in

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mathematics. I am hoping that members of the executive committee can "discuss" via e-mail whether these are appropriate emphases for this section, and specific actions we can pursue in their interests.

Well, given that I don't even know that this message will go through, I'll stop there.

Hope all is well in Durango.

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Janet

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Bill:

At last, a free moment or two to drop you a line or two.

Thanks for your reply to my previous inquiries. In the interest of clarity and completeness, let me enumerate my replies and new questions:

(1) I will get in touch with you soon concerning nominating committee member. I'd like to get some advise from Freida before making that appointment.

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(2) The program committee does have some ideas on how to use the Exxon money to attract students to meetings. We will watch for your letter with the details of how to apply. One idea is to organize a poster session on student programs for women or other underrepresented groups. If you know of Section members who are currently running programs for underrepresented groups, that info would be useful to us in preparing the grant proposal.

(3) Tino and I have not talked since August, so I'm not sure where he's at with respect to the motion concerning NCTM membership on the executive committee. I will contact him about this. I have been working with Tom Hibbs of the CCTM concerning a joint Spring meeting. I will suggest to Tino that a motion be made to appoint Tom as the CCTM rep to our committee at a future CCTM Board Meeting.

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(4, With respect to the Distinguished Teaching Award, I would expect that it would be the nominating party who would send in additional materials (if any) when renewing the nomination. I agree that we can not have the nominee do

so. I also like the idea of presenting the award at the banquet; barring any objections, let's begin that at this year's meeting.

(, I also like the idea of moving the Executive Committee meeting, and had already tentatively scheduled it for Friday at 11:30 (although 11 sounds even better.) I will be in touch with Martha Seigel to determine if she could perhaps join us that early.

(6) As I said in my phone message, we plan to send out a
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preliminary meeting announcement this month. If you could forward us the mailing labels, that would be appreciated. We are assuming that the registration fees largely cover the expenses we will incur for mailing. Is this correct? We are also interested in knowing when the newsletters go out. Presumably, at least one of the calls for papers will be included there.

(7) Concerning the meeting date as it appears in the FOCUS, do you know who we should contact in order to get the exact date printed? (I'd be happy to make that contact.)

(8) Don Teets recently sent me some notes on organizing the meeting. I feel we are in good shape. I believe he sent you a copy as well. If there is something he overlooked, or anything you would like to add, please let us know.

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Boy, I think that's it.

Thanks for the assistance.

Best,

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I apologize for my slowness in responding to your request. The nominating committee last year was Charles Brase (who is no longer on because he was the chair and that is an outgoing job), Freida Holley (Metropolitan State) and Cliff Britton (Mesa). Thus, Freida and Cliff need a colleague. My memory is that Freida has been on for two years and so becomes Chair. Cliff would then be chair next year. I know that Bill Emerson has been on the committee recently.

This year the committee will have to nominate a chair-elect and a vice-chair (who is from the 2-year colleges).

I am excited to hear that both Pomerance and Siegel will be at the 1995 section meeting. They should help you and your colleagues at USC make this year's meeting one of our best.

For planning purposes, we might wish to submit a request for a grant from the aid to sections. I am sending you a copy of this letter, and xeroxing the appropriate material from the MAA.

The highlights are: The request cannot exceed \$500/yr. "High priority will be given to Section sponsored projects which will improve Section meetings, projects which are of direct professional benefit to all mathematical scientists within the Section, and projects which encourage diversity in attendance and enhance student participation in Section meetings.

Application deadline is Dec 1 (there was also a July 1 deadline for academic year funds.)

Tino's motion on the CCTM/NCTM member of our committee should not get lost. Have you or he an idea for implementation? Have you or Tino any ideas for establishing contact. I know this year the state CCHE/CDE have worked on this statewide and of course both you and Tino have had successful local meetings.

Your idea of carrying-over nominations for Distinguished Teacher is a good one. I would suggest that when the annual request for nominations goes out, that we ask nominees if they wish to keep their nominations active. I do think that additional material can be added. However, since nominees cannot nominate themselves, perhaps we could ask the original nominator to submit an update. I am fairly certain that nominees could funnel material through the nominator. If the original nominator declines to add new material, we would just go with the original file. If the original nominator has moved, the appropriate department chair could be asked for further information.

It has been suggested that the awards for Distinguished Teaching and/or service be given at the evening dinner. Comments.

It has been suggested that the Executive Committee meeting be at noon on Friday, rather than at Sat breakfast. There are some obvious advantages/disadvantages. The breakfast time is short and quite hurried. It is hard to prepare any motion or real additions to the agenda at a time so close to the business meeting. On the other hand, it is good to have the section speakers visit the executive meeting (Siegel in this case) and they are not in town Fri. Also, the program chairs are busy Fri noon. Further they are not able to give us meeting information.

If we did meet on Fri, I would suggest 11:30, or even 11. It would be OK with me either way.