

**BY-LAWS¹ OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION
MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

**ARTICLE I
Name and Purpose**

1. The name of this Section shall be the Rocky Mountain Section of the Mathematical Association of America, Inc.
2. The purposes of the Rocky Mountain Section shall be to assist in the improvement of education in the mathematical sciences at the collegiate level by carrying out the purposes of the national organization within the territory defined below in Article II, Section 1.

**ARTICLE II
Membership**

1. The membership of the Rocky Mountain Section shall be as follows:
 - (a) members of the Mathematical Association of America, Inc. residing in the states of Colorado, South Dakota west of the Missouri River, Wyoming, and part of Montana, ZIP Codes 800-816, 577, 820-831, 59715
 - (b) members of the Mathematical Association of America, Inc., not being resident in the territory of this Section, who have become members of this Section in accordance with Article VI of the By-Laws of the Mathematical Association of America, Inc. (editorial note-This article concerns how sections are formed or rearranged in geographic terms. The key proviso is the need for 25 members in one part of a section to petition to change the geographic boundaries of a Section.)

**ARTICLE III
Officers**

1. The officers of this Section shall be a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Past Chairperson, Chairperson-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer and Meeting Chairperson.
2. The Executive Committee of the Section shall consist of the Officers of the Section, the Section Governor (ex-officio).
3. Each Section Officer must be a member of the Mathematical Association of America, Inc. and of this Section. The Vice-Chairperson shall be associated with a two-year school.
4. The Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Section according to the schedule below, and shall take office upon the adjournment of the meeting.

Chairperson-Elect:	Every two years, a Chairperson-Elect is elected at the Annual Meeting. This person holds that position for one year, followed automatically by a two-year term as Chairperson, then a one-year term as Past Chairperson. [change to 2-yr cycle effective with the election of Chair-Elect in 1998]
Vice-Chairperson:	Elected at alternate Annual meetings for a two-year term
Secretary-Treasurer:	Elected every third Annual meeting for a three-year term
Meeting Chairperson:	Elected each Annual meeting for a one-year term (Note: The position has evolved into "program chairperson" and is selected by the host of the Annual Meeting.)

5. The duties of the Section officers shall be:
 - (a) The Chairperson shall preside at each meeting of the Section and of the Executive Committee of the Section. The Chairperson shall appoint every committee of the Section and be an ex-officio member of each committee, unless directed otherwise by the membership of the Section at an official Section meeting.
 - (b) The Vice-Chairperson shall assume the responsibilities of the Chairperson if the Chairperson is absent or incapacitated.
 - (c) The Chairperson-Elect will assume the responsibilities of the Vice Chairperson if the Vice Chairperson is absent or incapacitated.
 - (d) The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for the records of the Section, the filing of reports to the national office, and for mailings to the Section (call for papers, program announcements, etc.) In addition, the Secretary-Treasurer shall see the recommendations of the national office and/or the Section's Executive Committee be carried out effectively. The Secretary-Treasurer will keep all books and accounts, receive and be responsible for all Section funds, and pay all bills of the Section from its funds. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
 - (e) The Meeting Chairperson, as the Chairperson of the Program Committee, will coordinate the program for the Annual Meeting. The Meeting Chairperson will be a member of the staff of the host institution.
6. The Executive Committee shall conduct the affairs of the Section between meetings of the Section membership. It is empowered to fill any vacancy among the officers of the Section or the Executive Committee until the next Annual meeting.

¹ Approved in 1979?; last modified in 1998.

ARTICLE IV
Committees

1. There shall be two standing committees, the Program Committee and the Nominating Committee.
2. The Nominating Committee will consist of three persons, each appointed for a three-year term on a rotational basis. Each member will serve as Chairperson during his or her second year of office. At least one and one-half months prior to an election at a meeting, the Nominating Committee shall provide a list of candidates for distribution to the members of the Section. This shall not prevent other nominations being made from the floor at the time of the election.
3. The Program Committee will consist of the Past Chairperson and/or Chairperson-Elect, the Meeting Chairperson and the other officers ex-officio. The Program Committee shall:
 - (a) recommend the time and place of the Annual Meeting at least two years in advance, subject to the approval of the Section members at a meeting. At the request of the host institution, the Program Committee is empowered to change the time or place of a scheduled meeting.
 - (b) plan the program of the annual meeting and, in conjunction with the arrangements committee at the host institution, bear the responsibility for its production.

ARTICLE V
Meetings

1. The Section shall hold one regular meeting each year, to be referred to hereafter as the Annual Meeting.
2. The Annual Meeting shall be planned by the Program Committee.
3. Total funds available to the Program Committee for the Annual Meeting, which are to be provided by the Section, shall not exceed \$100 of the funds received from the Association, except by unanimous consent of the Executive Committee. All registration fees are available to the Program Committee.
4. A special meeting may be called by the Executive Committee. A member of group of members of the Section may request the Executive Committee to call a special meeting by submitting a petition stating the nature and reason(s) for such a special meeting and bearing the signatures of twenty-five (25) members of the Section. A decision by the Executive Committee not to honor such a request will be reversed by the submission of a petition requesting the special meeting and signed by twenty percent (20%) of the Section's membership as determined by the previous year's roll. The Executive Committee shall determine the time and place of special meetings.
5. Each member of the Section shall be notified in writing at least ten days in advance of the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the Section.
6. A quorum shall consist of those members present.

ARTICLE VI
Dues and Use of Assets

1. Every person, except a regularly-enrolled student, attending the Annual Meeting shall pay a registration fee determined by the Executive Committee.
2. The assets of the Rocky Mountain Section shall be used exclusively to further the purposes of the Section and in the event of the dissolution of the Section the remaining assets will be returned to the national organization to be used for a purpose consistent with the purposes of the national organization.
3. The Section Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to solicit voluntary dues from members of the Section in an amount recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the membership at a regular meeting of the Section. Through coordination with the national organization and with the authorization of the Section Executive Committee the section may periodically solicit contributions from other sources. [effective 1998]

ARTICLE VII
Amendments

1. These By-Laws may be amended by a majority of the votes cast by the members at the Annual or a Special Meeting of the Section, subject to the approval of the Board of Governors of the Mathematical Association of America, Inc.
2. A proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to every member of the Section at least twenty days prior to the meeting at which the voting on the amendment will take place.
3. When an amendment has been approved by the members of the Section, it must be submitted in seven copies to the Committee on Sections for its recommendation to the Board of Governors.
4. A complete revision of this set of By-Laws will be subject to the same procedure as that for amending this set.

History of motions and agreements approved by Section Membership

The Rocky Mountain Section of the MAA endorses the NCTM standards since these do specify content.
(approved April 13, 1991)

The Rocky Mountain Section of the MAA shall expand the Executive Committee to include one member of the NCTM from each of Wyoming, Colorado, and the part of South Dakota which lies in the section. These NCTM members are to be nominated by their respective state boards. At any meeting of the Executive Committee, only the member of the NCTM representing the state in which the section is being held that academic year shall have a vote. (approved April 16, 1994)

Agreement:

At the 1996 (Executive Committee?) meeting, it was agreed to support the Colorado Governor's recognition of outstanding mathematics students by contributing financially to the reception.

Motion to Rename the Distinguished Teaching Award (passed April 18, 1998)

Burton W. Jones was a lifelong advocate of excellence in teaching at all levels and a strong supporter of the MAA, its members and programs. In honor of his memory a motion passed at the 1998 Spring meeting of our section to name the Distinguished Teaching Award for him. Hence, it will be the Burton W. Jones Distinguished Teaching Award. The recipient will receive \$50.

To endow a fund to support this award, members of the Association, as well as others who wish to remember Burton Jones or to recognize teaching, are encouraged to donate to the "Jones Teaching Award Fund" (c/o Rocky Mountain MAA). Please send your generous check to Bill Ramaley, Math Dept, Ft. Lewis College, Durango, CO 81301.

Motion to Establish a Committee on Profession Linkages (passed April 18, 1998).

A Committee on Professional Linkages consisting of not more than six members will be formed to address issues of collaboration and coordination with other professional organizations in our region. Membership will include:

- MAA Rocky Mountain Section Chair, or his or her designee (as a representative of 4-year colleges)
- MAA Rocky Mountain Section Vice-Chair or his or her designee (as a representative of 2-year colleges)
- The NCTM Delegate of each of the NCTM affiliates in our region (as representatives of K-12 education)

Members of the Committee on Professional Linkages will be included in and informed of any business transacted by the Executive Committee, including the Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Committee on Professional Linkages will be responsible for the proposal and review of recommendations concerning collaborative efforts, joint meetings, or other activities which address professional linkages in keeping with the Section Mission Statement. {1998-99 members include Al Skillman, John Brown, and from the CCTM, Eileen Rogers (Colorado Springs School District 11) < Eileen_J._Rogers@cssd11.usa.net>}

Motion to Support the American Association of University Professors' (AAUP) statement on academic freedom (passed April 14, 2007)

The section agreed to support the AAUP's statement on academic freedom at the 2007 section meeting held at CSU-Pueblo.

Agreement: The executive committee agreed the recipient of the DTA will be awarded \$100e instead of \$50.00. This will go into effect during spring 2008.