

MAA Wisconsin Section Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, April 13, 2019
Carthage College

The meeting was called to order by Section chair, Irfan Ul-Haq, at 8:03 AM. The meeting agenda and the minutes of the April 7, 2018 business meeting were both approved.

Secretary/Treasurer, Jonathan Kane, presented the Treasurer's Report. The section balance is unusually high, but the section has not yet received bills for the 2018 Wisconsin Math Contest and the 2019 spring meeting, so the balance will drop to be more in line with past years. The Treasurer's Report was approved on a voice vote.

There were two announced candidates for chair-elect: Ken Price from UW – Oshkosh, and Chunping Xie from Milwaukee School of Engineering. Dr. Xie withdrew from consideration and offered to run for Chair-Elect next year instead. Ken Price was then unanimously elected as chair-elect for the 2019-2020 academic year.

The 2020 Wisconsin Section Spring Meeting will be held at UW – Stout in Menomonie, Wisconsin. The likely dates are April 24-25. UW – Whitewater has offered to host the meeting in 2021. The Section is soliciting suggestions for hosts for the 2022 meeting and beyond.

Visiting MAA President, Michael Dorff, from Brigham Young University said that the Wisconsin Section was holding a "Fantastic section meeting." He said that it was well organized and had some interesting features that were different from other sections. These included having a strong undergraduate attendance, our Face-Off student competition, and student presentations. Although there is some concern that contests might not be inclusive with some schools dominating consistently, this did not seem to be the case with our Face-Off contest. He also noted that the giving of awards to area high school teachers was unusual and admirable. He said that about half of the sections include workshops at the ends of their meeting. His one word of advice was to contact prospective MAA speakers well in advance of the meeting because their schedules fill up fast. He also suggested that we consider spending some of our section money on projects that would make the section better. There was a discussion of the MAA's new role at the Joint Mathematics Meetings and how this would affect some MAA activities such as SIGMAAs which have traditionally held large meetings at the JMM.

Section Representative, Clare Hemenway, encouraged members to attend MathFest in Cincinnati July 31 – August 3. The MAA will see an annual savings of from \$250K to \$500K by pulling out of the JMM. She encouraged departments to take advantage of departmental memberships in the MAA, and to take make use of the Instructional Practices Guide. Members are encouraged to get involved in committees which are meeting more online reducing the need to travel to committee meetings.

Student Contests Coordinator, Laura Schmidt, delivered the Student Contest Report. Participation in the Wisconsin Math Contest held steady but participation in the AMC contests is slowly falling. The mean Wisconsin scores in the AMC 8/10/12 contests

were generally above the national average. Two students from Madison West High School qualified for the USA Junior Mathematical Olympiad, and one student from University School in Milwaukee qualified for the USA Mathematical Olympiad. Thomas Rose, a 9th grader from Marquette University High School, and Tainxiao Yang, an 11th grader from James Madison Memorial High School, were the state contest winners this year.

Student Activities Coordinator, Balamurugan Pandiyan, said that there was again a student activities room at the spring meeting. It is well stocked with lots of food, has posters of famous mathematicians, and offers a quiz contest in addition to the section's annual Face-Off event. There was a suggestion that students could be encouraged to display 3D-printed object that they have made, or to have students making future posters of famous mathematicians.

Section NExT Coordinators, Matthew Corne and Wesley Hough, reported on the Section NExT workshop held November 10-11, 2018. The workshop was well attended. Kevin Gannon of Grand View University facilitated an interactive workshop on critical and inclusive pedagogy. Several section NExT members made presentations. At the conclusion of the 2019 Section Meeting, there will be a joint workshop with SIGMAA – UR on undergraduate research. Matt Corne will be leaving university and was thanked for his service to Wisconsin Section NExT.

Public Information Officer, Benjamin Collins, seeks a replacement for him when his term expires in the spring of 2021 with the hope that this person can follow how he performs his duties during the 2020-2021 year. The Wisconsin Section will be asked to update its by-laws in 2022, so Ben will put together a committee next spring to begin looking at possible changes.

The Section wishes to thank outgoing Past Chair, Kirthi Premadasa, for his three years of contributions to the section.

Welcome to new section Chair, Kseniya Fuhrman, and the new Chair-Elect, Ken Price.

It was suggested that MAA POM SIGMAA chair would be available to lead a workshop at a future section meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Kane
Secretary/Treasurer