

MAA Wisconsin Section Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, April 25, 2020
via ZOOM

The meeting was called to order by Section Chair, Kseniya Fuhrman, at 10:03 AM. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wisconsin Section Spring Meeting was cancelled, and this business meeting was conducted using Zoom, an Internet meeting platform. The minutes of the April 13, 2019 business meeting were presented and approved.

Secretary/Treasurer, Jonathan Kane, presented the Treasurers Report. The financial state of the section is good. The section made a profit from last year's spring meeting at Carthage College. The bank balance appears to be low compared to recent years, but normally the April balance includes deposits from the spring meeting and banquet registrations while bills for the meeting have not been paid. This year, the only meeting expenses were \$24 in PayPal charges for collecting and then returning a few registration payments. The Treasurers Report was approved.

The main duty of the chair-elect for the Wisconsin Section is to serve as program chair for the Spring Meeting. There was a motion to allow Chair-Elect, Ken Price, serve as chair-elect for an additional year so that he would serve as program chair for the 2021 Spring Meeting. In addition, it was proposed that Kseniya Fuhrman would serve again as chair and Irfan Ul-Haq would serve again as past-chair until April 2021. The motion passed.

The 2020 Wisconsin Section Spring Meeting had been planned to be held at the University of Wisconsin – Stout. Instead, UW – Stout agreed to host the 2021 Spring Meeting the weekend of April 23-24, 2021. They have even secured bigger rooms for that meeting. UW – Whitewater had offered to host the 2021 Spring Meeting and is now willing to host the 2022 Spring Meeting instead. The Section solicits offers to host the Spring Meeting in 2023 and beyond.

Past-Chair, Irfan Ul-Haq, announced that the winner of the 2020 Wisconsin Section Distinguished Teaching Award is Chris Frayer from UW – Platteville. The award will be officially presented at the 2021 Spring Meeting.

Lisa Marano from West Chester University was scheduled to be the MAA Section Visitor for the 2020 Spring Meeting. Instead, Lisa attended the Business Meeting

via Zoom. She asked the participants what they thought were things that the Wisconsin Section did well and the challenges facing the Wisconsin Section. Listed as strengths of the section were the student involvement in our annual Spring Meeting including the annual Face-Off competition, the awards we give to local secondary school teachers at our meeting, an active Section NExT program, and collegiality among the Section membership. Challenges included the fact that there are pockets of activity in the section where some universities, particularly UW – System schools, where MAA activity is common, and other areas, such as private schools, schools in the far north of the state, and our three Ph.D. granting institutions where there is almost no MAA involvement. Lisa also discussed what the MAA would do to replace its involvement in the annual Joint Mathematics Meetings starting in 2022.

Section Representative, Clare Hemenway, presented the Representative report which reviewed the MAA mission statement and goals, touted MAA's new social media outreach, MAA Connect, annual recognitions awarded by the MAA, new activities for Business, Industry, and Government (BIG) membership, and the various MAA membership categories including Departmental memberships. Clare's term as Representative ends at the end of June 2020. It was announced that Thomas Drucker from UW – Whitewater will be the next section representative beginning his term on July 1.

Student Contests Coordinator, Laura Schmidt, presented the Student Contest Report. Two Wisconsin students received perfect scores in the 2019 AMC 8. The Wisconsin average was 10.3 compared to the national average of 9.4. More Wisconsin students participated in the 2020 AMC 10/12 contests than in recent years. 37 schools and 829 students participated in the 2019 Wisconsin Section High School Math Contest. There were 18 perfect scores, so next year's contest will be made more challenging. The two winners of the combined Wisconsin contest and AMC 10/12 contest are John Wood, a tenth grader from Marquette University High School, and David Zhou, a tenth grader from Arrowhead Union High School.

Student Activities Coordinator, Balamurugan Pandiyan, said that there was little to report since most Wisconsin Section student activities take place at the Section Spring Meeting.

Section NExT Wisconsin Director, Wesley Hough, discussed the 2019 Section NExT fall workshop, plans for the cancelled 2020 spring workshop, and the planned 2020 fall workshop.

Public Information Officer, Ben Collins, announced that he will be stepping down when his third five-year term ends in the spring of 2021. Anthony van Groningen from Milwaukee School of Engineering will take over for Ben as Public Information Officer and will shadow Ben over this next year to learn the requirements of the position.

The Wisconsin Section By-laws are scheduled for revision over the next two years. Ben Collins will chair a committee that will recommend changes to the current By-laws. The committee will begin work this summer and present proposed changes to the By-Laws at the fall Executive Committee Meeting and the Business Meeting next spring. Please send Ben any suggested By-Law changes.

As MAA-Connect is just getting started, there has not been much online activity among Wisconsin Section membership, so, as Public Information Officer, Ben Collins has been overseeing MAA Connect in Wisconsin. If the platform use grows, there may be a need for a new section officer in charge of social media.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Kane
Secretary/Treasurer