

**Minutes**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Wisconsin Section of the MAA**  
**January 18, 2013**  
**UW-Baraboo**

Present: James Swenson, Ken Jewell, Clare Hemenway, Andy Matchett, Jonathan Kane, Laura Schmidt, Ken Price, Steve Szydlik, Kirthi Premadasa, Ben Collins

James Swenson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM.

The minutes of the September 28, 2012 Executive Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Szydlik/Jewell.

Jonathan Kane presented the Treasurer's Report showing a Wisconsin Project NExT balance of \$309.05 and a section general funds balance of \$7,198.76 for a total of \$7,507.81. On a motion of Matchett/Hemenway the committee approved moving \$500 from the section general funds to Wisconsin Project NExT. The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Matchett/Jewell.

Ken Jewell reported on the April 2013 section meeting. Hotel rooms have been reserved. A suggestion that a Student Poster Session be scheduled was considered premature but gave rise to a lively discussion about reformatting the spring meeting in 2014 so that it includes more student activities. On a motion of Collins/Price a committee of Price (chair), Swenson, Premadasa, Kane, and Jewell was formed to consider changes to the meeting format. Kavita Bhatia is the host contact at Marshfield for the 2013 meeting. Call for speakers, talk topics, and the use of PayPal for meeting registrations were discussed. By a motion of Szydlik/Schmidt it was decided to adopt a suggestion of the MAA to raise the meeting registration rate for non-student, non-MAA members to \$30.

Andy Matchett reported on the MAA Board of Governors meeting suggesting that the MAA needed to be run more like a business to avoid running deficits as it has been doing for several years. Three changes are (1) to improve book sales by, among other things, moving the sales to an in-house operation, (2) to increase participation in the American Mathematics Competitions, and (3) to simplify the MAA membership dues structure. Jonathan Kane added that at the Section Officers meeting it was announced that the way MAA handles book sales at section meetings was being completely changed making it somewhat easier for sections to make those sales by having all sales done through the MAA web site.

Laura Schmidt reported on the state of student contests and submitted her report. Participation in the state MAA contest is declining, and scores on the exam are decreasing. It is time to consider changes in the contest writing and administration.

Ben Collins has asked that all newsletter reports be submitted by February 1. Suggestions were made for the next *Know Your Wisconsin Mathematician* article.

On a motion of Hemenway/Price it was decided to present the 2013 Section Teaching Award to Christopher Bendel of UW-Stout.

Ken Price and Steve Szydlik said that student activities for the spring meeting would run about \$100.

Kirithi Premadasa reported that the Wisconsin Project NExT Fall Workshop on Emerging Technologies had seven participants. It lost money due to the low participation rate. Topics being considered for Project NExT to discuss at the spring meeting include Mathematics Education strategies for teaching College Algebra and beginning Calculus courses, and Balancing Teaching, Research, and Service activities for non-tenured faculty.

Jennifer Kosiak was unable to attend the meeting but her report discusses Wisconsin Mathematics Council scholarships and the Green Lake meeting scheduled for May 2-3, 2013.

The Executive Committee agreed to contact Thomas Drucker from UW-Whitewater to see if he would run for the chair-elect meeting. UW-Whitewater should be reminded to come to the Marshfield meeting with recommended dates for the 2014 meeting which will be in Whitewater. Ripon College has requested hosting the 2015 meeting although they should be asked if Ripon College could postpone to 2016 so that a site on the western side of Wisconsin can be host in 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 PM.

For the record:

- Laura is in her fourth year as contest coordinator (through spring 2015)
- Steve and Ken are in their eighth year as Student Activities Coordinators (through spring 2014)
- Kirithi is in his first year as WI-NExT coordinator (through spring 2015)
- Ben is in his seventh year as Newsletter Editor/PR Officer (through spring 2016)
- Jon is in his first year as Secretary/Treasurer (through spring 2015)

All offices are on three-year terms, except for Newsletter Editor/PR Officer which is on a five-year term.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Jonathan Kane  
Secretary/Treasurer