

MAA MD-DC-VA Section
Minutes of the Executive Committee
Goucher College, Towson, MD
November 13, 2009

1. Dipa Choudhury called the meeting to order.
2. The minutes of the April 17, 2009 Executive Committee Meeting were distributed and approved with minor changes.
3. Jan Minton presented the Treasurer's report. In addition, she brought questions to the committee which resulted in the following actions:
 - a.) The section will pay \$2500 for 2006 Project NExT. *Background: Jan consulted with Robb Koether after being informed by MAA that we had not paid \$2500 for 2006 Project NExT. Jan and Robb determined that the payment had not been made. After discussion, the committee agreed that the payment should be made.*
 - b.) Students who are helping the host school at section meetings will pay the same fees as other students.
 - c.) The national MAA office will provide three books for student workers from the host school.
 - d.) The host school always has the option of requesting a complimentary dinner for the representative giving the welcome on Friday night.
4. Ann Stewart reported that 16 of 18 faculty who are in their second year of Section NExT have returned for this year. (9 from MD and 7 from VA). There are 9 in the new class (4 from MD and 5 from VA). Activities planned for this weekend's meeting include: Finding your niche, open source opportunities, and grant writing.
5. The committee decided to leave tabled the idea of subsidizing travel expenses of members.
6. Robert Sachs led a discussion of actions the section might take to enhance the STEM workforce. This included a list of individuals and organizations who might be invited to participate in a future meeting on the subject. Members were encouraged to attend Saturday's closing session on student preparedness.
7. Jon Scott distributed the latest draft of the by laws, a copy of the current by laws, and a list of questions for members of the executive committee to ponder as they review the proposal. After discussion, he reviewed the next steps in the process which was initiated as part of a periodic review. Committee members should send him comments within a month, the Committee on Sections will review the revisions during the winter, the by laws need to be presented for approval at the general membership meeting in April, and then the proposal needs to be reviewed by the Executive Committee of the MAA and the Board of Governors.
8. Dipa Choudhury reviewed the process for creating a nominating committee for elections

and the time table for the selection of the section teaching award winner.

9. Future Meetings:
 - Spring 2010 Virginia State University April 16-17
 - Fall 2010 George Mason University
 - Spring 2011 Randolph Macon College
 - Fall 2011 Christopher Newport University
 - Spring 2012 Stevenson University
 - Fall 2012 Virginia Military Institute

10. The meeting was adjourned.