

MD-DC-VA Section of MAA
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
November 5, 2010

Attending: Dipa Choudhury, Bob Sachs, Jan Minton, Cindia Stewart, Dawit Haile, Ann Stewart, Don Spickler, Jennifer Bergner, Dan Joseph, John Hamman, Dan Symancyk, Bud Brown

- 1.) Dipa called the meeting to order.
- 2.) The minutes of the April 16th Executive Committee meeting were approved as distributed.
- 3.) Jan presented the treasurer's report and pointed out the impact of travel expenses on account balances. She indicated that speaker travel expenses vary but this year they will be much larger due to the longer distances traveled by the speakers. In addition, this year, the winner of the student presentation award from the spring meeting actually went to MathFest. Jan, who mentioned that she has not paid honorariums to speakers, asked if she was in error by not doing so. From the subsequent discussion, it was clear that our policy is to not pay honorariums but to cover speaker expenses to the extent that they are not covered by their home institution.
- 4.) Ann Stewart distributed a chart showing the names and affiliations of the 14 members of the section NExT class of 2012 as well as the members of the 2011 class and announced that sessions on undergraduate research and effective teaching when the class's ability is bimodal would be conducted on Saturday morning. In response to a question from Dan Joseph, Ann said that currently there is no exit survey for the section NExT members at the end of their two year program, but she would look into the idea.
- 5.) Dipa reviewed a few items from the revised ByLaws that will go to the membership for approval at the fall general meeting. She specifically mentioned the inclusion of program chair elect and a requirement for the Nominating Committee to post its slate one week in advance of the membership meeting.
- 6.) The committee discussed Don Spickler's idea to publish the proceedings of section meetings following a review by Don and Dan Joseph of what they found out about the success of two sections that have tried it. The consensus was that while it would be worthwhile to pursue, it would require an editor who was committed to the endeavor. It was decided that at the membership meeting Dipa would announce that the Executive Committee was looking for someone interested in serving as editor of section meeting proceedings.
- 7.) Dipa remarked about how quickly the job postings got put on the web site once the decision was made to include openings on the site. She thanked Don and encouraged schools to continue to use the section site to post openings.
- 8.) Dipa reported on a email she received from David Bressoud on common core standards. A discussion followed on what was happening locally.
- 9.) Dipa asked for nominees for the Nominating Committee.

10.)The date for the fall 2011 meeting has not been set but an effort should be made to avoid conflicts with AMS and AMATYC. This year the meeting conflicted with AMS.

Future Meetings

Randolph-Macon College, April 15-16, 2011

Christopher Newport University, Fall, 2011

11.)Jon Scott reported that Montgomery College hosted the A.M.C.; he called on others to consider hosting it so that students would not have to travel so far. A discussion followed about how to do this and about other ways that college math departments are involved with community outreach activities.

12.)Jennifer was granted approval to purchase a book as a prize in a contest she was organizing for the meeting. She also reviewed plans for a mathematical Amazing Race competition that she was planning for the spring meeting. This contest, which would be in addition to Jeopardy, would promote additional student participation.

13.)Dipa announced that she would have a moment of silence for Professor Joan Morrison from Goucher College and Professor Susan Slattery from Stevenson University at the start of the general membership meeting on Saturday.

14.)The meeting was adjourned.