

MD-DC-VA Section of MAA  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA  
October 26, 2012

Attending: Dan Joseph, Dan Kalman, Brian Lins, David Taylor, Leigh Lunsford, Robb Koether, David Shoenthal, Randall Cone, Meagan Herald, Jill Dunham, and Don Spickler.

Dan Joseph called the meeting to order.

1. The minutes of the April 12, 2012 Executive Committee meeting were approved as distributed.
2. Brian Lins presented the treasurer's report. He noted that the bank (BB&T) had begun charging \$2.00 per month for the checking account to pay for photocopies of checks. That charge has been discontinued and photocopies are no longer received. The Section paid \$250 to send a Section representative to MathFest and \$500 to send some students to MathFest. There was a discussion of the diminishing balance in the general fund and the growing balance in the Section NExT fund. It was decided not to take action at this time.
3. Randy Cone gave a brief report on the ad hoc committee on the state of mathematics education. He said that the committee needs to establish a set of goals, that perhaps it could connect with high school and elementary school math teachers and provide training for them. Randy is eager to continue working on the committee.
4. Dan Kalman gave the governor's report. The MAA would like nominating committees to be very careful not to let bias influence their selection of nominees. He also reported a change in the rules for the Halmos Award no longer requiring sections to nominate their most recent teaching award winner. He noted that a disproportionate number of MAA awards have gone to members of the California section.
5. Jill Dunham reported that there are 8 new Section NExT fellows in our Section. At this meeting, there will be two sessions and a meet-and-greet session for the Section NExT fellows.
6. Leigh Lunsford reported on the Section Officers Meeting at MathFest. She suggested that the Section institute a Section Service Award, the details of which would be worked out by a committee. It was decided to bring the idea up for discussion at the meeting of the membership.
7. Dan Joseph announced that
  - a. David Shoenthal would chair the nominating committee to fill the offices of Program Chair, Newsletter Editor, At-Large Member, and Webmaster.

- b. The Executive Committee will appoint a replacement for Jennifer Bergner at the end of this year.
8. The Fall 2013 Section meeting will likely be held at Longwood University. Longwood University may co-host the meeting with Hampden-Sydney College.
9. Dan Joseph mentioned that apparently some members are not getting the Section e-mails. He pointed out that in order to receive the e-mails, members must opt in.
10. Funds are available from the MAA's Regional Undergraduate Mathematics Conference (RUMC) for student activities.
11. The Section will discontinue providing travel funds for the winners of the Math Jeopardy contest.
12. Dan Joseph distributed some flag designs of other sections, reminding the officers that our section needs a flag design for the upcoming MAA Centennial in 2015.
13. There is a room available for the students at the meeting who will be taking the Virginia Tech Math Contest on Saturday.
14. At the meeting of the membership, Mary Kay Abbey will say a few words in memory of Sr. Helen Christensen. Already more than \$303.00 has been collected to purchase a brick for the MAA walk in memory of Helen.
15. Dan Joseph mentioned that he had contacted all colleges and universities within 1 1/2 hours of VMI to encourage their faculty to attend this meeting.
16. The meeting was adjourned.