

**MD-DC-VA Section of MAA
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
St. Mary's College, St. Mary's City, MD
November 6, 2015**

Attending: Caren Diefenderfer, Ethan Duckworth, John Hamman, Brian Heinold, Kathryn Linehan, Brian Lins, Heather Moon, Edwin O'Shea, Phillip Poplin, Karin Saoub, David Shoenthal, Gwyn Whieldon,

John Hamman called the meeting to order. Previous meeting's minutes passed by acclaim.

Upcoming open executive positions. John Hamman asked for the organization of a committee to elect a new Governor (and other forthcoming open executive positions) for the section. David Shoenthal offered to informally seek members who would be interested in being nominated for open offices, including the Governor position.

Logistics of Meetings. Kathryn Linehan reports that all is in order for the upcoming meeting. Heather Moon reports a switch in those who are introducing the banquet speaker and the morning speaker. John Hamman's announcement that the next section meeting will be held at Montgomery College was warmly received. It will take place on April 15-16 and will be a celebration of the section's centennial.

Celebration of MAA MD-DC-VA's 100 Years. Ideas were proposed for the centennial of the section, including displays of historical documentation of the section and the section's active departments from that time. John Hamman wondered if the history display is an idea that will have a critical mass of participants. The Naval Academy may have extensive resources on that front. A broader narrative is also possible, not just MAA-related objects. Phillip Poplin graciously agreed to be the primary coordinator/contact for this project.

Engagement with Teachers. There was a discussion on how to involve teachers in the section. A general discussion followed about how to attract more teachers. The committee was asked by John Hamman to think about future concrete proposals on this topic.

Treasurer's Report. Brian Lins reported the financial affairs of the section. Last meeting was very expensive due to the best of problems, that of having lots of (hungry) students at the meetings who eat at the banquet and lunch. This contributed to an unusual drop in the combined accounts balance. The general fund as of October 13, 2015 has a balance of \$5258.93. For this meeting Brian proposed not taking \$10 out of every registration fee for Section NExT as the current Section NExT monies are adequate.

The attendance breakdown for this meeting is students 16+4, faculty+others 81. These figures did not include on-site registration, a number of which are anticipated from the St. Mary's student body.

Section NExT. John Hamman briefed the executive committee on our Section NExT. The eight 2017 fellows will be introduced to the section at the general membership meeting. Gwyn Whieldon and Kathryn Linehan reported that some NExT-specific activities are scheduled for this meeting.

Teaching and Service Awards Committee. John Hamman asked to consider establishing a rotation and fixed terms for the Teaching and Service Awards Committee. Currently there is no fixed timeline of service. David Shoenthal thinks there may be a stipulation in the Service Award; if so, then could this model be extended to the teaching award. Another thought proposed was to link the at-large position on the executive board with responsibilities to coordinating these committees.

Another possibility proposed was to make the Teaching Award Committee the same as the Service Award Committee. One officer queried if it was the secretary's job to liaise with the award committees (the current secretary is fine with that arrangement). A proposal was passed to ask the membership their thoughts on combining the two committees into one award committee.

Governor's Informal Report. Caren Diefenderfer first reports that SIGMA-BIG would like to find ways to participate in the section meeting. Perhaps a focus on industry and applications and/or a dedicated BIG panel. Caren has a contact in the BIG who is interested in cooperating on this front. With the Spring meeting more focused on undergraduates, there was a lean more toward a panel in the Spring. The officers assented to give Kathryn Linehan free rein on how this plays out.

On The Media: The Newsletter Karin Saoub is hoping for more (and more diverse) input from departments in the section. Should there be a section of the newsletter for retirement announcements, memoriam. Retirements are already included in the news from the section pages. There was an assent to creating "In Memorium Notices" section in the Newsletter assuming sufficient use.

First plans for the Fall 2016 Meeting Scheduling of the Fall 2016 section meeting and location was discussed, with no definitive leads. Typically, meeting is first weekend in November (Nov. 4-5, 2016). If not close to the I-64 corridor, we can find a venue (hopefully) in northern Virginia.

Discussion of this, after the location has been approved by the Section Chair, will take place via e-mail (so we don't have to wait until the next meeting). Responsibility for deciding on location seems to lie with Chair, not with Officers.

Meeting is officially adjourned.