

**MD-DC-VA Section of MAA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Christopher Newport University, VA
November 18, 2017**

David Taylor called the meeting to order with the section gavel. Minutes from the previous meeting on April 29 were approved.

Treasurer's Report Mitch Keller reports that the account balance is “a little ahead of last year by a few hundred dollars,” with a detailed description of the accounts shared on paper with the committee.

Student achievement fund is higher than usual – this is due to the surplus from the collection for the Carriage House brick in honor of Caren Diefenderfer.

There are two meetings worth of Section and Project NExT funds that have accumulated; the source of these funds is \$10 out of each \$20 of every meeting's registration fees. This fee covers one Project NExT fellow from the section and the meal expenses of the Section NExT fellows. In response, David Kung, Director of Project NExT, expressed his appreciation for the section's support of Project NExT.

Pre-registration numbers: Total non-student participation is numbered at 89 and there were 14 student registrations. Faculty numbers are lower than previous Fall meetings which might be explained by the timing of the meeting being so close to Thanksgiving.

Section Representative's Report Jennifer Bergner opened with

Jennifer thanked David Carothers for attending Mathfest in July and also for agreeing to attend JMM in her place.

Jennifer reports that the new mission statement for the MAA, ratified at Mathfest, is “to advance the understanding of mathematics, and its impact on the world,” to convey the sense that the organization serves all mathematical practitioners beyond the collegiate level.

Jennifer reports on the reach and breadth of the MAA's activities: its member's contributions to the public sphere; the social media presence; its programs, including Project NExT; math competitions; Mathfest; the MAA publications.

Sectional response to the new mission

One member asked if the national organization offered suggestions for expanding MAA in a way that's consistent with new mission. Also mentioned that participation over time has been less representative of industry and government as reflected in the talks.

David Taylor and Jennifer Bergner stated that there are no national prescriptions. The section has tried to address this but without any sustained success.

David Carothers, related to the national and sectional objectives, said that this year's Mathfest Governors' meeting was different from previous years: formerly there was an emphasis on voting and procedure, now an emphasis on policy and vision, including ways of broadening participation from different mathematical communities.

Former MAA President, Francis Su reports that discussion on MAA values continues and that the mission grew out of a long discussion. This

Bob Sachs wonders if the SIGMAA can be tapped?

John Hamman: can we discover what other sections have done? Can we provide a theme to our invited talks that would reflect this desire?

Bonita Saunders is member's name!!

New Faculty Coordinator's Report (Section NExT) Dina Yagodich reports that there are nine new fellows in this year's cohort. Fellows are from across the section geographically. Dina asks for members who are willing to act as mentors to contact her.

David Taylor encourages members to say hello to all new Section NExT fellows.

Newsletter Send Maggie new things; new initiative for messages from students. Also, Section NExT fellows will be included in the newsletter. **Membership Celebration**

Section Chair's Report David Taylor reports on the proposed changes to the Bylaws, with helpful yellow highlighting to indicate the proposed changes. This includes the merging of the two award committees to one Awards Committee. The Awards Committee will also nominate Motion carried unanimously.

Next, a desire to establish the Section Department Liaison program. This is, partially, in response to

Upcoming open executive positions. The following positions are open for nominations for the : Vice Program Chair, Secretary, Director of Member Communication, Student Activities Coordinator, New Faculty Coordinator (Section NExT), At-Large.

Nominating Committee: John H, Jennifer B, David S.

John Hamman will lead this committee, to informally seek members who would be interested in being nominated for these open offices.

Sister Helen Christiansen Award To Dave Kung

New Business Dave Carothers asked if there were issues that the officers wanted to bring to the national meetings.

David Taylor announces locations for upcoming meetings. (Same as exec meeting)

John Hamman encouraged folks to buy books!!

John Hamman (on behalf of Bud Brown) to sending a letter of thanks and certificate.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting is officially adjourned.

Submitted by: Edwin O'Shea, Secretary, MD-DC-VA Section