

MAA MD-VA-DC Executive Committee Meeting
Shenandoah University
Winchester, VA
Gregory Hall, Room 105¹
November 4, 2022

IN ATTENDANCE: Kathryn Linehan (Chair), Dina Yagodich (Vice Program Chair), Tom Wears (Secretary), Phillip Poplin (Treasurer), Jeb Collins (Newsletter Editor), Amy Vennos (Director of Member Communications), Jilly Tysse (New Faculty Coordinator), Jeff Ledford (Student Activities Coordinator), Kristen Boyle (At Large Member), Blain Patterson (At Large Member), Brian Heinhold (Webmaster)

Presiding Officer: Dr. Kathryn Linehan, Section Chair

Meeting called to order at 2:40PM followed by a brief round of introductions and exchange of pleasantries.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2022

Minutes approved at 2:51PM.

II. REPORT OF THE TREASURER: PHILLIP POPLIN

Treasurer Phillip Poplin reported that, “by and large, things look good” on the financial front and outlined section expenses and the section’s donation to Project NExT. Treasurer Poplin noted that the total deposits of \$8,200 are a little less than in the past, while the catering expenditures from Spring 2022 MD-DC-VA Section Meeting at Montgomery College were more slightly more expensive than they have been in past.

Treasurer Poplin also announced the name of the Consortium Fund has been changed to COMMIT.

During discussion, Jill Tysse informed the section officers of a pending upcoming donation of \$2000 to the Section NExT fund. At the time of the discussion, exact details of the donation were unknown and the identify of the pending donor was not revealed.

Additionally, Jeb Collins inquired about COMMIT funds and using/accessing COMMIT money to pay for speakers. A brief discussion about using COMMIT funds and workshop registration funds followed.

III. REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MAA CONGRESS: MAGGIE RAHMOELLER

Representative to the MAA Congress Maggie Rahmoeller was teaching class and the report of the Representative to the MAA Congress was initially skipped.

¹Several members of the executive committee joined via Zoom.

IV. REPORT OF THE NEW FACULTY COORDINATOR: JILL TYSEE

New Faculty Coordinator Jill Tysee announced that there were five new members of the Section NExT Class of 2024 and outlined workshops and activities for members of Section NExT at the meeting of the general membership.

V. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM CHAIR: RYAN SHIFLER

Program Chair Ryan Shifler was not present on account of traveling back to Sailisbury University from another meeting.

Previously, Ryan was voted in to serve a second term as Program Chair, but this came into conflict with section bylaws. Dina Yagodich agreed to step in as Vice Program Chair and assume the role of Program Chair in the spring of 2023. This also amounted to Dina serving as the de facto Program Chair for the Fall 2022 meeting.

The section officers all extended their sincere thanks and gratitude to Program Chair Shifler for his yeoman's work and incredible flexibility in deftly navigating the sectional meetings through the COVID-19 pandemic.

VI. REPORT OF THE SECTION CHAIR: KATHRYN LINEHAN

Section Chair Kathryn Linehan began her report by briefly discussing the MAA meeting of the National Officers and promoting the MAA speakers programs and the potential of using the the speakers programs as a way to keep in touch with the national MAA. Chair Linehan then outlined some of the details and advantages of the speaker programs. Chair Linehan then commented briefly on tentative plans for future meetings.

Related to the current issue over the minor confusion with the role of Program Chair, Chair Linehan noted that other sections have multiple program chairs and/or co-chairs in order to divide labor and responsibilities. A brief discussion ensued, where Jeb Collings noted that there is currently overlap arranged for chairs and vice chairs and that as a practical measure the section could seek to elevate the position of vice chair to co-chair or at least make the vice chair more active. As an initial response, most officers present seemed in favor of implementing some type of change to the role of vice chair, but Dina noted that we would need to continue to have someone who would act as the official and final sign-off on decisions left to the Program Chair.

Lastly, Chair Linehan reported that there have been issues with low(er) attendance numbers at sectional meetings nationwide.

VII. REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE, REPRESENTED BY TOM WEARS

Secretary Tom Wears indicated that the Sister Helen Christensen service award would be awarded to Minah Oh at the meeting of the general membership.²

VIII. POTENTIAL REPORTS FROM OTHER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

a. VICE PROGRAM CHAIR: DINA YAGODICH

There was no report from the Vice Program Chair.

b. WEBMASTER: BRIAN HEINOLD

Webmaster Brian Heinhold indicated that there were no updates.

c. SECRETARY: TOM WEARS

Secretary Tom Wears indicated that there were no updates.

d. NEWSLETTER EDITOR: JEB COLLINS

Newsletter Editor Jeb Collins did not have an official report, but offered several suggestions for how to use the newsletter to better advertise and promote activities and accomplishments of section's members. A brief discussion ensued.

e. DIRECTOR OF MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS: AMY VENNOS

Director of Member Communications Amy Vennos was absent and no report was submitted.

f. STUDENT ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR: JEFF LEDFORD

No report was submitted by the Student Activities Coordinator.

g. MEMBERS AT LARGE: KRISTEN BOYLE AND BLAIN PATTERSON

Members at Large Kristen Boyle and Blain Patterson did not submit a report.

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION:

Jill Tysee announced that Section NExT members would be helping with student activities.

Chair Linehan re-initiated a discussion of books and the book exhibit. A brief discussion followed and it was agreed that the section would reach out to the national MAA in an effort to bring back

²The identity of the recipient was kept confidential at the executive meeting.

the book exhibit for the spring of 2023.

A brief discussion related to using MAA Connect Libraries for transition documents and guidelines for the roles of section officers was then outlined.

Lastly, Chair Linehan made several general announcements related to upcoming elections in the spring of 2023.

X. Meeting adjourned at 3:30PM.