

MAA MD-VA-DC General Membership Meeting
Shenandoah University
Armstrong Concert Hall
November 5, 2022

Meeting called to order at 1:10PM.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2022

Minutes approved at 1:15PM subject to minor changes requested by Dave Taylor.¹

II. REPORT OF THE TREASURER: PHILLIP POPLIN (IN ABSENTIA)

The treasurer's report was delivered by Section Chair Kathryn Linehan. The full report was made available in the newsletter. The section continued with its typical expenditures and income sources and the accounts generally appear to be in "good shape with nothing to worry about at the moment." Section Chair Linehan mentioned a pending anonymous donor who was intending (at the time of the meeting) to make a reasonably large donation (\$2000) to Section NExT. The announcement of the donation was met with a large round of applause.

Section Chair Linehan received no questions regarding the report of the treasurer.

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

The section's Representative to the MAA Congress, Margaret Rahmoeller, opened her slide show presentation by expressing her thanks for having been elected to the position, indicating that it has been "a blast so far" and that she is "super excited." Her report consisted largely of MAA awareness items, including business updates from national that did not require votes. Representative Rahmoeller noted that national would be adopting a new database transformation portal that is anticipated to be more user friendly and also discussed potential updates to the bylaws that would adopt anti-discriminatory language and the board of directors.

Representative Rahmoeller then took the opportunity to to promote the MAA's special speaker programs (MAA Section Visitor, Polya Lecturer, and MAA/AWM/NAM Section Lecture Series that began in 2022), including a discussion of the rotation and opportunities for the section to take advantage of the programs

Representative Rahmoeller then informed the section about a number of talks and programs that have gone "virtual," making them accessible to a wider audience and encouraged section members to take advantage of the opportunities by the expanded virtual offerings and programs.

Representative Rahmoeller then promoted number of other programs and opportunities offered by the MAA, including SIGMAAS, a virtual conference for undergraduate mathematics (OURFA²M²),

¹The phrase "rich events" was requested to be changed to "big events" and in discussion of the online access of the meeting it was requested that it be described as "streamed online and live."

funding opportunities, and an OPEN Math Workshop Series (encouraging members to keep an eye out for opportunities and faculty development). Representative Rahmoeller also discussed inclusivity and promoted efforts to include more people in participants in MAA activities and programs at both the sectional and national level.

Representative Rahmoeller closed with a number of general business announcements, including but not limited to MathFest 2023 (to be held in Tampa, FL), changes to departmental memberships and new membership categories, the announcement of a new national-level service award (The T. Christine Stevens Service Award), and extended thanks to all donors.

Dave Taylor then commented about the MAA Council of Meetings being impressed with attendance at MathFest and having a “positive feeling” moving forward. A small amount of cross-talk ensued.

IV. REPORT FROM THE AWARDS COMMITTEE: ANN STEWART AND LIASION, TOM WEARS

Ann Stewart presented the Sister Helen Christensen Service Award to Minah Oh.

V. REPORT OF THE SECTION CHAIR: KATHRYN LINEHAN

Section Chair Linehan announced the Vice Program Chair, Dina Yagodich, and Dina’s transition to Program Chair.

Section Chair Linehan relayed a number of informational items from the National Section Officers Meeting. Section Chair Linehan reiterated the promotion/outline of the MAA’s Lecture Series and some of the opportunities it provides the section with and briefly discussed some of the attendance issues at meetings that have plagued sections post Covid-19. Section Chair Linehan solicited suggestions for encouraging attendance and participation at meetings. Section Chair Linehan then mentioned some of the issues with program chair that were discussed at the officers meeting and informed the section’s members about discussions related to the possibility of a chair and a co-chair.

Section Chair Linehan then noted that the original date for the Spring 2023 meetings is Easter weekend and that this would “require some changes.”

James Blowers then noted the issue with Easter and a Solar Eclipse in the spring of 2024 and inquired about the meeting location for Fall 2023. Section Chair Linehan noted that there “are currently no volunteers to host the section meeting in Fall 2023, but that Spring 2024 is tentatively scheduled.”

Lastly, Section Chair Linehan announced that a nominating committee for upcoming elections was to be formed in January and that the section “is seeking volunteers (to serve on the committee).”

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Section Chair Linehan announced that the book exhibit will return at the Spring 2023 meeting (which appeared to be warmly received by members in attendance) and that nominations for the section’s awards would convert to a rolling system so that nominations can be submitted year round.

VII. Bud Brown requested that a letter be sent to Shenandoah University to thank them for volunteering to host the Fall 2022 section meeting and indicated that there should be a special plug in the later expressing gratitude and extended thanks to all of the students who helped ensure an excellent meeting.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 1:47PM.