

MAA MD-DC-VA Fall 2023 Section Meeting
Stevenson University
Saturday, October 14, 2023

Meeting of the General Membership
Dr. David Taylor, Presiding Officer

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

Since Secretary Tom Wears was not able to attend the meeting, Chair Taylor asked for a volunteer to serve as Acting Secretary. Ray Cheng volunteered, to the thanks of all, and was appointed Acting Secretary.

The minutes of the Spring 2023 Section Meeting were reviewed by the Members. The following corrections were identified. In a footnote, capitalize "inclusivity" to preserve consistency of style. Correct the spelling of "bring." Correct the spelling of "Dina" in multiple instances. Correct the spelling of "Jill Tysse." The minutes were approved as corrected and Acting Secretary Cheng will forward this list to Secretary Wears for correcting.

The Members observed a moment of silence in remembrance of a long-time Member, Dr. Edwin O'Shea, who passed away on September 26, 2023. It was noted that James Madison University is taking donations toward a scholarship in his honor.

Treasurer Phillip Poplin presented the Treasurer's Report. He expressed expectation that more institutions hosting future Section Meetings likely will charge rent for the use of their facilities. Program Chair Dina Yagodich and Representative Margaret Rahmoeller furnished information about a national

payment system undergoing testing. Treasurer Poplin continued with current and historical attendance figures. Program Chair Yagodich enumerated some advantages of early registration to the overall planning process.

Representative to the MAA Congress Rahmoeller gave her report. She summarized the past MathFest, and announced that MathFest 2024 will take place in Indianapolis 2024 on August 7--10. MAA will be a partner at the 2024 Joint Mathematics Meetings in San Francisco. Proposal deadlines for upcoming workshops, mini-courses and other events were listed. Representative Rahmoeller asked Members to alert new faculty in their departments of Project NExT and Section NExT. She raised awareness of Scatterplot, the new MAA journal for data science, and encouraged Members to contribute to the MAA blog. Members were further asked to consider becoming a Featured Member on MAA media. In addition, Members were pointed toward some online resources, including the MAA Programs Weekly Newsletter, and the May 2022 Impact Report. Representative Rahmoeller and Program Chair Yagodich discussed some of the benefits of individual Student and VITAL Memberships, and compared their costs to a Departmental Membership. Representative Rahmoeller demonstrated how to set the notifications on MAA Connect, an electronic communication platform for MAA individual Members and Communities. Member Dan Kalman asked whether the MAA will be organizing mini-courses at the JMM. The deadline has passed, but the matter remains to be decided.

Chair Taylor read the citation for the Sister Helen Christiansen Service Award. He presented the award to the recipient, Webmaster Brian Heinhold, to wide acclaim.

Chair Taylor presented a list of the twelve Section NExT members.

Program Chair Yagodich announced that the Spring 2024 Section Meeting will be at James Madison University. She asked Members to let Vice Program Chair Blain Patterson know of prospective keynote speakers for future meetings beyond the spring (keynote speakers for the Spring 2024 meeting are already arranged). She commended Dr. Ben Wilson for his phenomenal job as the local organizer for the present meeting. The Membership tendered its gratitude to Program Chair Yagodich for her accomplishments as the Program Chair.

Ray Cheng had No Report in his capacity as Acting Secretary.

Chair Taylor explained that a shift of the newsletter cycle from March/September to January/July would have two advantages: four touch points with the membership per year (versus two), and meeting information contained in the newsletter would be more timely. He displayed a QR code that will enable Members to submit news items to the Section News.

Program Chair Yagodich alerted Members to phishing emails and other possible scams in which scammers pose as members of the Executive Committee.

Ray Cheng had No Report in his capacity as At-Large Board Member.

The Nominating Committee for Spring 2024 Elections was identified, along with a list of anticipated vacancies on Executive Committee.

Future Section Meetings will include Spring 2024 at JMU, and (tentatively) Fall 2024 at ODU. Plans for Spring 2025 remain open, but Chair Taylor voiced support for a more central location, possibly hosted jointly with MMATYC or VMATYC.

Member Dan Kalman asked whether any upcoming meeting venues will be charging for facility use, and it was opined that JMU will not.

Member Dan Kalman proposed that the Secretary issue a letter of thanks to Stevenson University for hosting the present meeting. The motion was adopted by general acclaim.

Treasurer Poplin moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, and Members signified their approval by rising and departing.