

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
MAA MD-DC-VA Section
James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA
Saturday, April 5, 2008

1. Jon Scott called the meeting to order.
2. Minutes from the fall 2007 General Membership Meeting were approved.
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Robb Koether reviewed the budget.
 - b. Robb reported that attendance is very good this year
 - i. The number of undergrads in attendance (92) is the greatest number anyone can remember.
 - ii. The number of Section NExT participants in attendance (18) is the greatest number anyone can remember.
4. Governor's Report:
 - a. Bud Brown introduced Ivars Peterson, the Director for Publications for Journals and Communications at the MAA.
 - b. Bud reminded attendees that MAA members get 20% off the price of books and encouraged them to check out the new publications.
 - c. Bud reported that MAA membership is healthy. Retention rates are up.
 - d. He encouraged everyone
 - i. to investigate the newly renovated MAA online,
 - ii. to visit MAA headquarters and the Carriage House,
 - iii. to attend one of the study tours,
 - iv. to attend MathFest and the Joint Mathematics Meetings
 - v. and to go to the MAA website and find a committee to get involved with.
5. Strategic Planning:
 - a. Eve Torrence asked everyone to participate in the sticker project sponsored by the MAA.
 - b. Betty Mayfield asked everyone to fill out the strategic planning survey handed out at registration.
6. Elections were held and the following personnel were unanimously voted into office:
 - a. Chair Elect – Dipa Choudhury (Loyola College)
 - b. Treasurer – Jan Minton (Roanoke College)
 - c. At-Large (Section NExT) – (Longwood University)
 - d. At-Large – Dan Symancyk (Anne Arundel Community College)
7. Presentation of the John Smith Distinguished Teaching Award – The Award was presented to Bruce Torrence from Randolph Macon College.

8. Jon Scott announced that future meetings are scheduled for:
 - a. Fall 2008: Nov 7 – 8, 2008; Hood College, Frederick, MD
 - b. Spring 2009: April 17 – 18, 2009; University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA.
 - c. Spring 2010: Virginia State University
 - d. Spring 2011: Randolph-Macon College

9. Jon Scott gave a token of appreciation and thanked the following outgoing officers of the Section:
 - a. Hasan Hamdan – At-Large Member.
 - b. Robb Koether – Treasurer.
 - c. Laura Taalman – Program Chair

10. It was moved from the floor that the Secretary write a letter of thanks and appreciation to the hosts of the meeting.

11. Chair's Report:
 - a. Jon Scott asked attendees to encourage new faculty members in their departments to apply for Section NExT and Project NExT.
 - b. Jon also discussed Math Awareness Month this April – What Makes Your Vote Count?
 - c. He announced the search for an editor for Mathematics Magazine.
 - d. Jon also encouraged everyone to attend MathFest.

12. Other Business from the Floor:
 - a. There will be an “Expanding Your Horizons” program for middle school girls at Villa Julie College. The organizers are looking for presenters.
 - b. Betty Mayfield announced that Laura Taalman will be presenting at MathFest this year.
 - c. Laura Taalman encouraged participation in the SUMS Conference at JMU in October 2008.

13. The meeting was adjourned.