

# Board of Governors Report

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## **January 12, 1999 - San Antonio**

The Board of Governor's met in San Antonio on January 12, 1999. A summary of the business of possible interest to section members is as follows:

MathFest 1999 is scheduled for July 31 - August 2 in Providence, RI. It was decided that MathFest 2000 will be held August 3 - 5, 2000 at UCLA. Changes in MAA leadership occurred with G.L. Alexanderson passing on the Presidency to Tom Banchoff (Brown University). Further, it was announced that Marcia Sward, Executive Director of MAA, will not stand for reelection and will terminate her ten years plus of service at the end of 1999.

The finances of the Association are still tight though treasurer G. Porter is hopeful that we will break even in 1998. Since the Association is dependent on dues collection for a good portion of its operating budget, and the membership continues to decrease (1998 approximately 25,000--down from 28,000 in 1997), the Finance Committee's recommendation for 2000 of a 4% increase over 1999 rates was approved.

A review of the 1994 MAA Strategic Plan was submitted and discussed and the Board approved the creation of a Planning Team to prepare a list of prioritized goals for the MAA as we head into the 21st century. A proposal by the American Mathematics Competition Committee to establish a new examination designed for 9th and 10th grades was approved. It will be offered for the first time in February 2000.

Elections for Governor's-at-Large were conducted. Elected were: -Representing Minorities - William Velez, Univ. of Arizona -Representing High School Teachers - Dan Kennedy, Baylor School, Chattanooga

### Old Business

- 1) It was approved in principle to have MathFest after the year 2000 with the proviso that summer meetings be fiscally sound.
- 2) It was tentatively approved that the Finance Committee be abolished and that the Executive Committee enlarged by the two elected members of the Audit Committee. This will be brought to the governors in Providence for final approval after the Bylaws rewording is completed.

### New Business

- 1) Approved making the MAA Department Liaison Committee a standing committee.
- 2) Approval was requested from the Membership Committee as follows: "that members in the 'Regular' categories be required to choose at least one of the following subscription options: the American Mathematics Monthly, Mathematics Magazine, The College Mathematics Journal, or Math Horizon. The price of a "regular" membership type would be the same for any one of the latter three options. After much discussion it was moved/approved to send this back to committee.

This is a brief summary of the 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. meeting of the Board.