

MAA Spring 2005 Business Meeting held at Queen's University on April 2nd.

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Cheri Boyd opened the meeting and immediately thanked the local organizing committee. Grace Orzech was the site coordinator for this meeting. The faculty and students of Queen's University were complimented for doing an outstanding job of organizing and running the meeting.

The minutes of the fall 2004 business meeting were presented and approved. The treasurer's report was presented and approved. The treasury has a balance of \$11,576.60 as of December 31, 2004.

In the governor's report, Luise-Charlotte Kappe stated the MAA Headquarters is acting to determine future needs to be addressed in a strategic plan. MAA Headquarters would like a part of section meetings to act as forums or focus groups for information gathering purposes. The Seaway Section will comply with this request.

The program committee reported that the section meetings will be at SUNY at Geneseo on Oct. 28th and 29th, 2005 and at Ithaca College on April 28th and 29th, 2006. The deadline for submission of contributed talks in the fall is Sept. 20th and for the spring meeting the deadline for contributed talks to be submitted is Feb. 20th. The Polya lecturer for the spring 2006 meeting is Steven Rudich. The committee hopes to have a constantly updated program at the host institution's website for the meeting. Sam Northshield is thanked for his efforts in making this available.

The Executive Committee reported that Marist College is being considered to host the section meeting for the fall of 2006. The fall 2006 meeting may be a joint meeting with the MAA Metropolitan section. The Seaway Current will be produced at Rochester Institute of Technology. The Seaway Current is going electronic. Once the newsletter is available, the membership will be sent a postcard indicating that the newsletter is available for downloading from the website.

At this meeting, Julie Held from Corning Community College was elected as the Second Vice-Chair for the section. Jim Conklin was announced as the section's recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award. Gary Towsley assumes his new role as the Chair of the MAA Seaway Section. The local site committee was again recognized for the outstanding work that they did to host the meeting and the business meeting was adjourned.