

## Minutes—Seaway Section Business Meeting

April 2, 2011

Nazareth College, Rochester, NY

The meeting was called to order at 10:42 am with approximately 20 members of the Section present.

Minutes of the previous Business Meeting (October 2010) were approved as distributed in the Seaway Current.

### Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer gave highlights of the report published in the Seaway Current including a small "profit" at the October meeting and a balance of \$10433.

He also mentioned the lack of a book sale at this meeting. The Association is making changes in the process for conducting book sales due to state sales tax liability.

### Governor's Report

Cheri Boyd reported on several items from the latest Governor's Meeting:

- Concerns about membership. Approximately 17% of the Association's membership has taken the electronic membership option. This raises concern about the impact on membership if an electronic library membership is made available. What does membership in the MAA mean to individual members beyond access to the MAA journals?
- The Association is undergoing committee and council restructuring following changes in the by-laws adopted in August 2010.
- The MAA website is being updated and re-designed. The MAA has also taken on hosting Webwork.
- Executive Director, Tina Straley, is retiring as is Association's treasurer.

### Program Chair:

The program chair announced the Fall Meeting, October 14-15, 2011 will be held at St. Bonaventure University and will feature invited addresses by Ivars Peterson, Dror Bar-Natan, and the Randolph lecturer still to be named.

Bill Dunham will speak at the April 2012 meeting to be held at Hamilton College.

The chair expressed his thanks to Charlie Ragozzine (Program Chair) and to Cheri Boyd and her local organizing team, and to Ryan Ganter and the student program committee.

The Nominations Committee presented Gary Raduns for re-election to Secretary of the Section. Gary Raduns was re-elected on voice vote.

A resolution endorsed by the Executive Committee was presented to the membership on behalf of the Educational Policies Committee.

Resolved: That the Seaway Section of the Mathematical Association of America opposes the awarding of college credit for courses taken in high school that are below the level of precalculus. In particular, high school students in New York State should not receive college credit for courses in the standard high school mathematics curriculum (Integrated Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2/Trigonometry), nor for courses such as business math. In general, a high school mathematics course should be considered for dual enrollment college credit only if it has Algebra 2/Trigonometry as a prerequisite.

Further, be it resolved that the Seaway Section affirms resolutions adopted by the Board of Governors of the Mathematical Association of America that university mathematics departments have oversight of dual enrollment courses in terms of syllabi, textbooks, examinations, and choice of instructors, to the same degree that such oversight exists for mathematics courses taught at the university by adjunct faculty."

The matter was referred back to the Educational Policies Committee to consider incorporating Elementary Statistics (which may or may not have Algebra 2/Trigonometry as a pre-requisite) and to verify agreement with the resolution of the Board of Governors.

An Amendment to the By-Laws of the Seaway Section

The Executive Committee presented to the membership for a vote a proposed amendment to add one at-large member to the Executive Committee.

The by-laws would be amended as follows:

### **Article III**

#### **Officers and Executive Committee**

1. The officers of the Seaway Section shall be the Chair, the First Vice-Chair, the Second Vice-Chair, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Governor, and the Immediate Past-Chair or Chair-Elect.
2. The Executive Committee of the Seaway Section shall consist of the officers of the section *and one at-large member elected at the Spring meeting of the section in even years.*

During the preceding Executive Committee meeting, the Executive committee amended the proposal to limit the at-large member to two consecutive terms in that office. The amended proposal was approved on voice vote without dissent.

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 am.