

Seaway Section  
Mathematical Association of America  
Alfred University  
October 10-11, 2014

#### Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Present: Charlie Raggozine, John Maceli, Gary Towsley, Gary Raduns, Ryan Gantner, Jonathan Cox.

Scheduled start: October 10, 2014, 3:00 P.M.

Minutes of the Spring 2014 meeting were approved with a spelling correction.

Chair's Report: None.

Governor's Report: Gary Towsley was not able to attend the Governor's Meeting at MathFest. There was very little activity to report from the meeting. The Association's operating deficit has been reduced to approximately \$100K per year in part through combinations of outsourcing and insourcing. There was continuing discussion of how to make the Board of Governor's meetings more effective since much of the work is *pro forma* and the costs of the meetings is approximately the operating deficit. The Governor's received a preliminary report from the CUPM.

Secretary's Report: The Section Officer's Meeting focused on the Centennial Celebration of the Association and discussion of the question: What if you couldn't have a meeting? The question is meant to encourage us to continue thinking about the purpose/mission of the Section(s). Is it just to have a meeting? If not, how else do we fulfill the mission?

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported proceeds from book sales following the spring meeting of \$230, but a net loss of \$581.33 on the spring meeting (excluding book sale proceeds). Nonetheless, including book sale and subvention the balance grew from \$15,230.35 on 3/1/2014 to \$16,138.00 on 9/15/2014.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair: As of October 3 there were 117 registered for this meeting, 63 faculty, 53 students, and one from Business/Industry/Government. Keynote speakers at this meeting include George Hart, Carol Schumacher (Randolph Lecture), Joel Foisy, and Mark McKinzie. There will be a tribute to L.C. Kappe at the banquet. The Spring 2015 meeting will be held at Colgate University. The spring meeting will commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Section (and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Association). Keynote speakers will include Gary Towsley on the history of the Section, MAA President Bob Devaney, Jeffrey Weeks, and the Gehman Lecture by Jon Kleinberg. Additional highlights will include a display of historical artifacts from the section. In 2015-16 we are eligible for a Polya lecture (Bill Dunham or Erica Flappan). Preliminary information on future sites: Fall 2015 at Saint Lawrence University and Spring 2016 possibly at RIT.

The Executive Committee heard a brief update on SUNY Seamless Transfer. Discrete Mathematics has been removed from the list, but Linear Algebra and Differential Equations are now included.

Additional topics of discussion included: endorsing by consensus the continuation of a chair's workshop at future meetings, soliciting designs for a commemorative t-shirt for the spring meeting, nominations are being sought for Section Governor. There was also discussion of means to increase participation in Section and National meetings including waivers, additional support for the Governor, and support for an officer's representative at the Joint Math Meetings.

John Maceli indicated that he will be joining the Association's Committee on Sections in January.

The session moved seamlessly to the Extended Executive Committee.

Extended Executive Committee

Also in attendance: Marlo Brown and Jane Cushman.

Minutes of the April 2014 Extended Executive Committee meeting were approved.

The program committee repeated the essence of their report to the Executive Committee (see above).

The student program committee reports approximately 50 students registered to attend and 13 student talks.

The Randolph Lecture Committee reminded us that Carol Schumacher will present the Randolph Lecture at this meeting and has been meeting with Seaway NExT/PFF presenting on IBL.

The Gehman Lecture Committee reports the selection of Jon Kleinberg as the Gehman lecturer for the Spring 2015 meeting at Colgate University.

The Educational Policies Committee had nothing to report.

The Distinguished Teaching Award Committee is seeking nominations.

The Nominating Committee consisting of Bob Rogers, John Maceli and Margaret Morrow is seeking nominees for Governor. Jim Conklin has accepted and the committee is awaiting a response from Joel Foisy.

The Seaway Current newsletter editor reports that the Newsletter is up and posted on the section web site. She is always pleased to include news or articles.

The Seaway NExT/PFF will have a session tomorrow run by Jeff Johannes.

The Webmaster requests updated information for the Executive Committee on the website.

Review of venues: Spring 2015 at Colgate University to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Section. Fall 2015—discussions are ongoing with St. Lawrence University.

SUNY Seamless Transfer Update: Discrete Mathematics is off the list. Linear Algebra and Differential Equations are on.

Jeff Johannes brought a programming suggestion from Patrick Rault that we consider a better way to “end” the meetings—perhaps closing with an invited speaker. The suggestion brought extended discussion but little resolution.

The session closed with open-ended discussion of possible means to commemorate the anniversary—interviewing long-term members, bonus features, magnets, t-shirts, ...

The Extended Executive Session adjourned at 5:34.

### **Business Meeting**

**October 11, 2014**

**10:40 A.M.**

Approximately 20 members in attendance.

The Program Committee Chair gave highlights to expect at the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting at Colgate University including speakers: Bob Devaney, Jon Kleinberg, Gary Towsley, and Jeffrey Weeks.

The Randolph Lecture will be given later today by Carol Schumacher. The Gehman Lecture Committee has selected Jon Kleinberg to give the Gehman Lecture at the Spring meeting.

There is nothing to report from the Educational Policies Committee.

The Nominations Committee is working on nominations for Governor.

The editor of the Seaway Current is looking for news to publish.

The webmaster was not present.

Chair, Charlie Raggozine

- Sought comment on potential dates for a Fall meeting at St. Lawrence University (possibly as late as the first week of November).
- Gave an update on SUNY Seamless Transfer (Discrete Mathematics is removed, Linear Algebra and Differential Equations are included).
- Indicated t-shirts commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Section and 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Association will be available, and possibly some commemorative token.

Gary Towsley, Treasurer, reports balances prior to the spring 2014 meeting (\$15,230.36) and prior to this meeting (\$16,138.00). He particularly noted \$230 proceeds from the sale of books at and following the meeting. With a healthy balance to work with, he solicited suggestions for what to spend some money: suggestions from the floor included providing 1 year memberships, nice tokens, donation to Project NExT and/or providing some subsidy for Fellows from our Section, additional travel funds for Governor or representatives to Section Officers meetings at the Joint Math Meetings and MathFest, paying mileage for invited speakers.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55.

Respectfully submitted,  
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