

Governor's Report

By Donald Trasher, Fall 1998

The Board of Governors met in Toronto prior to MathFest 1998 held at Ryerson Polytechnic University. There were a number of business items that needed approval as well as reports given by officers, staff and committee chairs.

Since financial stability has been an ongoing issue Treasurer Gerald Porter gave a lengthy report highlighted by the information that deficits for the previous two years have been replaced by a \$60,000 surplus in 1997. We were reminded that a 5% dues increase for 1999 was approved by the Board in January 1998 which hopefully will keep the MAA in "the black." The budget approved for 1999 projects a surplus of \$160,000.

The major topic of discussion centered on MathFest 2000. MathFest 1999 will be held in Providence, Rhode Island, but because of other mathematics events, ICME9 July 31 - August 7 (Japan) and the AMS meeting at UCLA, August 7 - 12, 2000, the date, place, and even having MathFest 2000 was under discussion. The Board of Governor's reaffirmed its desire that MathFest 2000 be held and directed the Associate Secretary and appropriate committees to work toward that end. The period August 3 - 5 is under consideration at a site in the Far West that would allow/encourage participation in the AMS Conference. At present, San Jose, California and Boulder, Colorado are under consideration, but other sites closer to UCLA will be investigated.

Reports from the publication side of MAA were encouraging with several new titles published, two authored by Seaway Section members: H.S.M.Coxeter, Univ. of Toronto, (Non-Euclidean Geometry) and T. Rishell, Cornell Univ. (Writing in Mathematics). MAA On line is developing nicely (average monthly hits 150,000) and soon will offer the MAA Basic Library List (Updated) and at some point "soon" will offer on-line ordering and eventually on-line membership renewal. The MAA is also in the process of working on JSTOR to include the Monthly's entire 104 volumes in its database, and Mathematics Magazine and the College Mathematics Journal are possibilities for the future.

A By-Laws change approved by the Board of Governors expands to four (three journal editors and now the Chair of the Committee on Publications) the pool from which an individual can be selected to represent publications on the Executive Committee of MAA.

Finally, the Board approved the annual James R.C. Leitzel Lecture, in memory of Jim who passed away this year, but for many years directed Project NextT. The first lecture will be held at MathFest 1999.

Some information you should know: Heather Ames Lewis, Nazareth College and Jeffrey L. Meyer, Syracuse University are 1998-99 Project NextT fellows from the Seaway Section. Sean Simpson (Canisius College), Karl Papadantonakis (Cornell University), David Biddle (SUNY Binghamton), Sergio Fratarcangeli (SUNY Geneseo) were speakers from Seaway Section institutions at the Joint MAA-TTME Student Conference at MathFest '98. Sean was one of four MAA student paper prize winners.