

Governor's Report

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Greetings from sunny Arizona, where I attended the Board of Governors meeting in Phoenix on January 6, 2004. Here are some of the highlights of the meeting I want to share with you.

The MAA has two new programs involving other segments of the mathematical community in national and section activities, namely graduate students and community college faculty. The MAA has given small grants to several Sections to develop pilot programs for involvement of graduate students on the section level. The Seaway Section has one such grant and for us it will go towards the enhancement of our existing Section NExT/PFF program, where graduate students have been involved since the beginning. All the grant money will be used to help graduate students with their expenses at the spring meeting in Cortland, April 23-24. A particular attraction for graduate students at this meeting will be the workshops on the academic job search organized by Tom Rishel, which will be held in conjunction with the Seaway NExT/PFF program on Friday afternoon.

Project ACCESS, short for Advancing Community College Careers: Education, Scholarships and Service, is a mentoring and professional development initiative for two-year college mathematics faculty funded through a three-year grant from the Exxon Foundation. The project is developed jointly by the MAA and AMATYC and modeled after Project NExT. ACCESS fellows will attend two consecutive national meetings of AMATYC and participate in a pre-conference workshop. In the intervening year, Fellows will attend an MAA Section meeting near their home institution where they will participate in Section NExT activities and the regular meeting. We hope to welcome ACCESS Fellows in the Seaway Section. The deadline for applications is July 1, 2004. Further details and application material are available at:

<http://www.maa.org/ProjectACCESS>

In the year 2015, the MAA is celebrating its 100-th anniversary. This is still more than ten years away, but preparations are already under way. One project for the centennial is establishing and expanding MAA archives on the national and section level. It is not clear yet what should be archived and where the repository would be. In the mean- time, until a clearer picture emerges, we should make an inventory where boxes with Seaway material exist so that we can get to work as soon as we get the guidelines. In as far as the current archives are concerned, Fernando Guzman, the Section's webmaster, is in the process of amending Paul Schaefer's Section History of the first fifty years from 1990 on into the present on our web page. I want to thank Fernando for his efforts and also for giving our web page a new look. It also has a new, easier URL, namely

http://www.math.binghamton.edu/maa_seaway/

Of course, it always can be reached over the MAA web page.