

## Seaway Section of the Mathematical Association of America

Fall 2011 Business Meeting

October 15, 2011

Saint Bonaventure University

The meeting began at approximately 10:40 with 18 members of the Section present.

Hossein Shahmohamad, chair, expressed his thanks to past-chair Bob Rogers and the organizing committee. The next meeting of the Seaway Section will be at Hamilton College, April 13-14, 2012.

Governor Cheri Boyd highlighted several items from her written report from the Governors' Meeting at MathFest including:

- Tina Straley has retired and will be succeeded by Michael Pearson as Executive Director of the Association. Past president David Bressoud has been succeeded by Paul Zorn.
- The Association's cycle of Strategic Planning Working Groups will conclude with the final report on the SPWG on SIGMAAs in January 2012.
- Encouraging nominations for the Section's Distinguished Teaching Award.

Treasurer Bob Rogers reported the balance prior to the Spring 2011 meeting was \$11508 and prior to this Fall meeting was \$11555. A more detailed report was published in the Seaway Current.

First Vice-Chair Charles Ragozzine reported that Bill Dunham, Robin Locke, and Steve Horton have agreed to speak at the April 2012 meeting at Hamilton College. The Fall 2012 meeting will be at Elmira College and Doug Ensley has agreed to speak there.

In Old Business,

- Announce that the Seaway Section will be electing a new Governor in December. Candidates are Margaret Morrow and Gary Towsley.
- Maruja Lander's term as Second Vice Chair has expired and this position is currently open.
- The following resolution of the Educational Policies Committee was endorsed by the Executive Committee, amended by the EPC to address Elementary Statistics, and brought back to the membership for approval. The resolution was passed without dissent on voice vote.

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 pre-calculus. 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 course should be considered for dual enrollment college credit only if it has Algebra 2/Trigonometry as a prerequisite or if the course, like Elementary Statistics, is not part of the standard Regents mathematics curriculum and is commonly offered as a separate credit-bearing course by colleges.

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 Business Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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