

Seaway Section
Mathematical Association of America
Executive Committee Minutes
April 25, 2014

Present: Ryan Gartner, Charles Ragozzine, Gary Raduns, John Maceli, Gary Towsley, Jane Cushman, Sandeep Bhargava.

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of October 18, 2013 were approved.

Chair deferred his report until later.

Secretary:

The Secretary brought two matters:

1. T-Shirts for Centennial Celebration. Fine idea but lacks organizer and time to complete.
2. Association request for support from Section for Project NExT. The executive committee declined to send support.

Treasurer's Report:

A written report was distributed.

- Balance 9/30/2013: \$15,443.92
- Balance 3/1/2014: \$15,230.26
- Reporting a net gain of \$746 on the Fall 2013 meeting. Deposits made for this meeting prior to 3/1 reflected in the balance above.
- A note that our subvention is \$200 + 2.25% of dues collected from members of the Section.

First Vice Chair's Report:

- The program for this meeting includes plenary speakers Steve Dunbar (MAA Visitor), Keary Howard (Distinguished Teaching Award recipient), and Maria Chudnovsky (Gehman Lecturer).
- The Fall 2014 meeting will be held October 10-11 at Alfred University. One speaker has been confirmed at this point, Joel Foisey. The Randolph Lecture Committee is working on an external grant to secure a speaker on IBL.
- The Spring 2015 meeting will be held April 17-18 at Colgate University and will mark the 75th Anniversary of the Section and the Centennial of the Association.

Governor's Report

- Much of the discussion at the Governor's meeting held in conjunction with the JMM in Baltimore focused of potential changes of the role of the governors' in Association governance.

New Business

- A discussion to have terms of standing committees end at the mid-term of the Chair of the Section.
- The Nominating Committee is seeking nominees for 1st Vice Chair (Program Chair). Will also be seeking nominees soon for Governon.
- A report of SUNY Seamless Transfer. In a second round of discussions, Discrete Mathematics has been removed with Linear Algebra and Differential Equations approved for seamless transfer. There is concern that many community colleges do not include sequences and series in second semester calculus.
- Discussion of credit card payment options. EventBrite was suggested, but would require raising total cost to about \$68 to net the current \$63 registration. Action deferred.
- Discussion of using the liaison lists versus developing a section-based list-serve.
- The Section history has been posted to the website. Gary T would like help on narrative history of the section, especially the last 25 years.
- Discussion of the program for the Spring 2015 meeting included suggestions such as: a history of the Section presentation at the Banquet, celebratory stickers, birthday cake, speakers with higher profile.
- Two suggestions to increase participation in the Section:
 - Prize money for student paper session
 - Small local workshops with Section funded lunch and presentation for adjunct faculty. Does NYSMATYC have a similar program?

Adjourned to the Extended Executive Committee Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Raduns

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Student Program Report:

- 18 presentations are scheduled for the meeting. The number of student paper presentations has varied from 23 at the Hamilton College meeting in Spring 2012, 13 at Elmira in Fall 2012, 16 at Fredonia in Spring 2013, 13 at Potsdam in Fall 2013.
- Blaire Madore will be hosting Math Jeopardy following the Banquet tonight with gift cards for prizes.

Randolph Lecture Committee is trying to obtain Stan Yushinobus, Cal Poly for the next Randolph Lecture.

The Gehman committee has invited (awaiting reply) John Kleinberg (Cornell U.) to speak at the Colgate Meeting (Spring 2015).

Program Committee Report:

- Soliciting names of potential speakers for the Colgate.
- Discussion of travel funding for invited speakers.
- Upcoming venues:
 - Alfred University, Fall 2014
 - Colgate University, Spring 2015
 - St. Lawrence University, Fall 2015
- Suggestion to form a "Venues Committee"

Nominating Committee is still working on nominations for 1st Vice Chair and for Chair Elect.

Seaway Current

- Send text materials in advance.
- Thanks to Anurag for getting the Current posted promptly and to Jeff Johannes for forwarding to liaisons.

Webmaster: No report

New Business:

Reviewed items from the Executive Committee session: Committee terms, seamless transfer, and credit card payments. Discussion included recommendation to survey the membership regarding interest in making payments via credit card.

Adjourned at 6:14

Business Meeting

April 11, 2014

Called to order at 10:42 with approximately 20 in attendance.

Governor's Report:

Gary Towsley indicated that much of the discussion at the most recent Governor's meeting focused on how to make Board of Governor's Meetings more effective/efficient.

Secretary Report: None beyond the minutes as distributed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance 9/1/2013: \$15,443
Balance 3/30/2014: \$15,230
- The Section is in good financial health.
- Follow-up discussion from the floor encouraged Section to support NExT participants from the Section in the National NExT program.

The next meeting of the Section will be at Alfred University with Joel Foisey (SUNY Potsdam) as a featured speaker.

Chair, Charles Ragozzine gave an overview of the activities from the Executive sessions.

Nominating Committee Report:

The Nominating Committee presented Ryan Gantner as its nominee for Chair-elect, and Jonathan Cox as its nominee for 1st Vice Chair. Both were elected on voice vote.

The business meeting adjourned at 11:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Raduns
Seaway Section Secretary