

Seaway Section of the Mathematical Association of America
Minutes
November 6-7, 2015
St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY

Executive Committee Meeting

The meeting came to order at 3:07 pm with Ryan Gantner, John Maceli, Charlie Ragozzine, Jim Conklin, and Jonathan Cox in attendance.

The committee approved the minutes of the Executive and Extended Executive Committee meeting of April 17-18, 2015. The minutes of the Business meeting are delayed due to the Secretary's office relocation.

Ryan Gantner, chair, deferred his report until New Business.

Gary Towsley attended the Governor's Meeting at MathFest in place of newly elected Jim Conklin. Gary welcomed Jim as our new governor and briefly reviewed his written report. The committee discussed some of the options under consideration for reorganization of the governance of the Association.

Gary Towsley also presented a written Treasurer's report. The report indicated an opening balance of \$16,710.29 on 3/1/2015 and \$15,663.41 on 9/15/2015 including a net -\$2072.52 for the meeting at Colgate University. The treasurer noted that this 'loss' for our anniversary meeting was expected.

First Vice Chair, Jonathan Cox, presented a written report featuring an outline of activities for this weekend's meeting, future venues, and a look ahead to the spring meeting at SUNY Geneseo.

Invited speakers at this meeting:

- Richard Cleary (Banquet speaker)
- Erica Flapan (Polya Lecturer)
- Hossein Shahmohamad (2013 Clarence Stephens Award recipient)
- Laura Person (Randolph Lecture)

Future Venues:

- April 15-16, 2016 SUNY Geneseo
- October 21-22, 2016 RIT
- March 24-25, 2017 SUNY Oswego
- Fall 2017 SUNY Broome
- Spring 2018 SUNY Brockport
- Fall 2018 Univ. of Toronto, Mississauga

Plans for Geneseo:

- Bob Rogers (Banquet speaker)
- Luise-Charlotte Kappe (Gehman Lecture)
- Margaret Morrow (2015 Clarence Stephens awardee)
- One additional to be determined

The Executive Committee would like to try concluding the Spring 2016 meeting with an afternoon invited speaker, but will not hold organizers to this if an appropriate speaker cannot be identified or if there are logistical obstacles.

Margaret Morrow has stepped down as editor of the Seaway Current. Ryan assembled the Current for this meeting and is searching for a new editor.

New Business

1. Charlie Ragozzine brought up two concerns regarding the Association:
 - a. Incorrect dues information was provided on printed dues notices.
 - b. Concerns regarding the sale of MAA mailing lists to publishers. That this is occurring is evidenced by a particular misspelling of names that only occurred with the MAA but now shows up in advertising material from publishers. Does the MAA have a privacy policy, and is there an opt out for release to third parties?
2. Discussion of SUNY Seamless Transfer and Discrete Mathematics:
 - a. Some SUNY Mathematics Departments have put forth resolutions to not put Discrete Mathematics on the seamless transfer list. These courses are frequently used as introduction to proof courses at the 4 yr institutions and have pre-requisites. At the 2-yr campuses the course is oriented to a different audience with no pre-requisites.
3. Sandeep would like to step down as Second Vice Chair (term would end Spring 2017).
 - a. Ryan has had conversations with Steve Kilmer of Monroe Community College and he is prepared to accept nomination. An election to complete the term will be held in Spring 2016.
4. John Maceli would like to step down as the at-large member of the executive committee. Nominations will be sought.

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 4:25 and moved into the Extended Executive Committee Meeting.

Also present: Jane Cushman and Bob Rogers.

Committee Reports

1. Student Program Committee: The program will feature about 8 student papers and a panel for students on undergraduate research experiences. Team Trivia makes a return at this meeting.
2. Gehman Lecture Committee: Written report. L.C. Kappe will present "Finite coverings: a journey through groups, loops, rings, and semigroups" as the Spring 2016 Gehman Lecturer.

3. Randolph Lecture Committee: The committee has an invitation out for the next Randolph Lecture.
4. Education Policy Committee: No report.
5. Distinguished Teaching Award Committee: No report, but a reminder that nominations are due February 1.
6. Nominations Committee. There are a number of current vacancies and positions to be filled at the spring meeting: Second vice-chair (nominee already identified), first vice-chair, at-large, and chair elect. It is also noted that the secretary and treasurer are past due for election/re-election.

The Extended Executive Committee also had discussion of crazy ideas—activities of the section perhaps beyond the semi-annual meeting, or to modify the meeting structure. Among the thoughts generated:

- a. Tie in local features and attractions with the meeting.
- b. Ask Randolph lecturer to speak only 35 minutes to allow 15 minutes of discussion before breaking for lunch or the next speaker.
- c. Invite more speakers who are early in their career
- d. A summer conference or workshop, perhaps modelled on the summer topology festival at Cornell University.
- e. Mini-course or micro-course
- f. How to engage more graduate students in the Section?
- g. Ask the Public Information Officer to take on social media role for the Section?

The Extended Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 6:02.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Raduns
Seaway Section Secretary

Business Meeting
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November 7, 2015
St. Lawrence University

The Business Meeting came to order at 10:44 with approximately 20 members present.

The Governor's report highlighted the Association's ongoing operating deficits and discussions of changes in the governance structure of the Association.

The treasurer reported on current balances \$16,710.29 on 3/1/2015 and \$15,663.41 on 9/15/2015 including a net -\$2072.52 for the meeting at Colgate University. He noted that this deficit for the Colgate meeting was less than anticipated. He noted that the Section is looking into how to use some of our balance. Suggestions from the floor included Section support for Project NExT. Suggested that we bring options to the next meeting with cost estimates.

Program Chair Jonathan Cox thanked the local organizing team and program committee, especially local organizer Patti Fraser Lock. He also thanked Bob Rogers for his work arranging the next six locations:

- April 15-16, 2016 SUNY Geneseo
- October 21-22, 2016 RIT
- March 24-25, 2017 SUNY Oswego
- Fall 2017 SUNY Broome
- Spring 2018 SUNY Brockport
- Fall 2018 Univ. of Toronto, Mississauga

Speakers already identified for the Spring 2016 meeting are Bob Rogers, Luise-Charlotte Kappe, and Margaret Morrow.

The Student Program Committee highlighted student activities for the remainder of the day and presented a gift of appreciation to Blaire Madore for hosting the Team Trivia contest Friday night.

The Randolph Lecture Committee commented on Laura Person as the Randolph Lecturer at this meeting and solicits recommendations for the next year. The Randolph Lecture focuses on teaching and mathematics education with a primary focus on speakers from within the Section.

The Gehman Lecture Committee announced L. C. Kappe as the Spring 2016 Gehman Lecturer.

There was no report from the Education Policies Committee.

The Distinguished Teaching Award Committee solicit nominations (due Feb. 1).

The Nominating Committee solicits nominees for Second Vice-Chair, Chair-Elect, First Vice-Chair, and At-Large member of the Executive Committee.

There are also a number of committee positions open.

Jeff Johannes, Liaison Coordinator indicated that we have liaisons for less than ½ the schools in the Section. The gaps are primarily in Ontario and in the two-year colleges.

The position of Seaway Current editor is currently vacant.

Seaway NExT is recruiting participants. Also, Matt Koetz is stepping down as chair of the committee.

The Business meeting adjourned at 11:08

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Raduns
Seaway Section Secretary