

Seaway Section Governor's Report – Spring 2013

I attended the Board of Governor's meeting on January 8, 2013 in San Diego. As usual much of the meeting was taken up with fairly routine business. For example, at each meeting the Board of Governors votes to accept as new members everyone who has applied for membership since the last meeting. There were a few items of more general interest to MAA members.

The Board approved a new dues structure for MAA membership. This new structure reduces the number of membership categories to five: Member, Member Plus, K-12 Teacher, Student, and Departmental. I have included the Proposed Membership Dues 2014 document that was approved. Most members will see a small reduction in their annual dues from \$199 to \$169 per year and will receive electronic versions of The Monthly, The College Math Journal, Mathematics Magazine, and Math Horizons at no cost. See the attached document for more detail.

The Board approved a recommendation from the Strategic Planning Working Group on Books. The recommendations deal with increased marketing efforts for MAA books, the hiring of an acquisitions editor to seek out new books with potential for strong sales, and hiring a professional editor for books that might have mass market appeal.

Beginning in 2015 the MAA Meritorious Service Awards will be presented at MathFest rather than at the JMM.

There will be an increased effort to expand participation in the American Math Competition. The competition is a major fund raiser for the Association.

Finally, much work was either completed or begun on the project to regularize the various writing awards given by the MAA each year. At present the monetary awards for different prizes vary widely.

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