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# May Meeting of the Indiana Section

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elect, Professor Therese Butzen of William Rainy Harper College was elected First Vice-Chairman, and Professor H. C. Saar was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

H. C. SAAR, Secretary-Treasurer

#### MAY MEETING OF THE INDIANA SECTION

The spring meeting of the Indiana Section of the MAA was held at Franklin College, Franklin, on Saturday, May 1, 1976, with approximately 40 persons in attendance. The Chairman of the Section, Rodney Hood of Franklin College, presided.

The program consisted of the following:

- 1. Some simple computations, by P. T. Joshi, Ball State University.
- 2. Are we off the track?, by G. N. Wollan, Purdue University.
- 3. Islamic art and mathematics, by H. W. Alexander, Earlham College.
- 4. Film: John von Neumann.
- 5. Some bridges to and from mathematics, by A. B. Willcox, Executive Director of the MAA.
- L. J. Cote, Purdue University, awarded prizes for solving problems appearing in the Indiana School Mathematics Journal to Richard Dukes, Crispus Attucks High School; Rex Dwyer, Yorktown High School; Mark Lasky, Valparaiso High School; Steve Neumann, Highland High School; and Randy Strommer, Arlington High School.

At the business meeting, memberships in the MAA were awarded to M. C. Ng, Purdue University, and A. N. Srivastava, Indiana University, in recognition of their performances on the Putnam examination.

Maynard Thompson, Indiana University, as chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers for 1976-77 (which was unanimously approved): Chairman, M. C. Gemignani, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis; Vice-Chairman, G. J. Sherman, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology; Secretary-Treasurer, D. E. Wilson, Wabash College.

D. E. WILSON, Secretary

### MAY MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN SECTION

The annual meeting of the Michigan Section of the MAA was held at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, on May 7-8, 1976. Attendance continued to be high. Despite a conflict with final examinations or other events at certain colleges and the closeness of the forthcoming graph theory conference at Western Michigan University, approximately 150-160 persons, representing most of the state's four-year colleges and several two-year ones, attended the sessions.

In formulating the plans for the meeting, the Program Committee took note of the strong interest in applied mathematics and the role of mathematics in business and industry demonstrated by member colleges following last year's annual meeting in Flint which featured seminars with mathematicians from industry. Some more speakers from industry were invited for that express purpose. The Program Committee also planned some talks that reflected the Centennial (Calvin College is celebrating its Centennial this year) and Bicentennial theme as well as sessions that would be of special interest to the two-year colleges. Dr. Louis DiBello of Computer-Based Education Research Laboratory of the University of Illinois made a presentation of the PLATO Math Project which is used to assist in mathematics instruction via computer and television in nine community colleges in the Chicago area. Dr. Phillip Jones of the University of Michigan reminisced over the events that happened to mathematics curricula and mathematicians in the state of Michigan in his banquet address, at the end of which he donated to the Section a box of coins which he had collected over the years as treasurer of various mathematical associations.

At the business meeting, Professor C. B. Stortz, chairperson of the Michigan Section, made the following announcements: (1) The Michigan Section has been in contact with the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters over the possibility of holding a meeting at the same time if the opportune moment presents itself. (2) The next Annual Meeting of the Section will be held at Eastern Michigan University on May 6 and 7, 1977. (3) There have been two invitations from member institutions to host the 1978 and 1979 meetings, but the Section hopes to hold its meetings at different parts of the state and welcomes invitations from colleges located outside of the southeastern part of the state. (4) The Mathematics Magazine has a new format and copies of the magazine were prominently displayed. (5) The biannual summer seminar to be held at Marquette will focus on operations research.

The secretary-treasurer reported on the financial status of the Section and read part of the letter from Dr.