

Spectra

# Business Meeting 4/30/21

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30 April 2021 / Noon-1:00PM PST

## ATTENDEES

In-person: Juliette Bruce, Ron Buckmire, Chris Goff, Doug Lind, **Joseph Nakao**

Absent: Mike Hill, Lily Khadjavi, Alex Hoover, Alex Wiedemann.

## AGENDA

### New Business

1. Welcome to Joseph Nakao! (author of <https://www.mathvalues.org/masterblog/how-mathematics-departments-can-increase-lgbtq-inclusivity>, grad student at University of Delaware )
2. Update on Spectra conference  
(website up: <https://sites.google.com/view/spectra-math-conference/home>). Dates set for Wed August 19-Friday August 21. Keynote speakers have been selected: Dylan Thurston (Pure), Becca Thomases (Applied), Luis Leyva (Math Ed). There will be plans to have contributed presentations. 15m talks + 5 min of questions (3 talks per hour). There will be an opportunity for 5 minute talks (Lightning/come out to the community as anLGBTQ mathematician). Proposal to ICERM for logistical support will hear by May 15.
3. MAA Mathfest Spectra event proposal. Spectra event at Mathfest 21 (Saturday August 7). Ron and Chris will submit a proposal for a networking session that will promote future LGBT math events (LGBT Spectra conference in August 16-19, [LGBTQ+Math Day November 18, 2021](#), JMM22 events, etc).
4. Fundraising ideas
  - a. Matching fund (RB, Chris Goff, Robert Bryant, pledge \$1000 each).  
**Much discussion ensued about raising funds. The only thing we need money for**

right now is the \$2500 at JMM22 plus ~\$1000 to be a Level C sponsor. Juliette is interested in Spectra becoming a 501(c)(3) non-profit in order to have a future income stream, related to institutional and individual membership.

5. JMM Spectra Reception committee meeting Friday April 30 (Doug Lind, Anya Bartelmann, Stuart Prutch, and Helen Grundman) by Zoom. **Issues to consider: What will Spectra do as part of the new beginning reception? When will we schedule the Spectra reception or other different, think outside-the-box). One idea could be to have the Spectra reception to be right after the Spectra Lavender lecture.**
6. Need Spectra Zoom background with new Spectra logo. **Juliette mentioned that she paid someone to create (an awesome logo). She will ask if they can also create a Spectra Zoom background that we can use as well.**
7. Update on ICM22 (what can we do next?) **Perhaps we can push for content to be online so content can be accessed without attending. Contact AMS (or CBMS) to have a letter written to the IMU asking for all keynote/plenary content to be streamed.**
8. AMS has announced that Spectra is a partner for JMM 2022:  
[https://www.ams.org/news?news\\_id=6686](https://www.ams.org/news?news_id=6686)
9. Suggestion (from Joseph Nakao) for Spectra to use Pride month to spotlight LGBT mathematicians, similar to Mathematically, Gifted & Black (in February) and Lathisms does (October) and AWM (March).
10. Joseph is also interested in working on a poster that would be available for distribution by JMM2022. **Ron and Joseph will work on compiling a list of 12--20 LGBT mathematicians to consider for a Spectra or “Out LGBT Mathematicians” poster, which could either be sponsored/produced by AMS and/or just made by Spectra ourselves.**

## ACTION ITEMS

- A. Slack and Discord set up:
  - a. <https://discord.gg/ucsu78Th>
  - b. [https://join.slack.com/t/newworkspace-14b4711/shared\\_invite/zt-lkigut5-Q8n7YvVYf~z~OINILCDBew](https://join.slack.com/t/newworkspace-14b4711/shared_invite/zt-lkigut5-Q8n7YvVYf~z~OINILCDBew)

## UPCOMING & PAST EVENTS

- LG&TBQ - <https://www.math.wisc.edu/~kent/LG&TBQ.html>
- LGBTQ+ Math Day - <http://www.fields.utoronto.ca/activities/20-21/SpecQ>
- Spec(Q-bar) - <http://www.fields.utoronto.ca/activities/20-21/SpecQ>
- Queer & Trans in Combinatorics - <http://www.queertransmath.com>

## DREAM & LARGE SCALE GOALS

1. Foundation like “Number Theory Foundation” to handle small grants that also handle things like social events, t-shirts, etc
2. Warm-up Conference: maybe June? Pride?