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**](https://sites.google.com/view/spectra-math-conference/home)**). Dates set for Wed 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**](https://math.ryerson.ca/~abonato/LGBTQ21/)**, JMM22 events, etc).**
4. Fundraising ideas
   1. 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 Pratuch, 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

1. Slack and Discord set up:
   1. <https://discord.gg/ucsu78Th>
   2. <https://join.slack.com/t/newworkspace-14b4711/shared_invite/zt-lkiqutc5-Q8n7YvVYf~z~OINlLCDBew>

# 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 Combinatroics - <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?