

November 2023 MGB Agenda

1. Welcome! Grab a bagel and feel free to use some cream cheese.
2. Cary Stough from COGS
 - a. <https://cogs.org/>
 - b. 13% of the graduate students are paying members. It is \$30/month.
 - c. Bargaining union (for wages mainly)
 - i. 50% of fees have been abolished because of COGS.
 - ii. They are campaigning (as of yesterday) for abolishing fees.
 1. 200 signatures within the first hour.
 - d. They also help if you are overworking.
 - e. They also have committees that are involved with graduate student life (no limit in members):
 - i. Press Committee
 - ii. Organizing Committee – talk to people about COGS.
 - iii. Social Chair – organize social events for all graduate students.
 - iv. Labor Solidarity Committee – connects COGS with other committees at UIowa and elsewhere.
 - v. Political Action Committee
 - f. Why become a member? It is about community and about taking action collectively.
3. Notifications from Chair and Vice Chair
 - a. Account Balance: \$708.75 in the account (\$81.76 in the lockbox)
 - b. Fundraiser at Short's **TOMORROW** from 4 to 9.
 - c. Planning for Pi-K next year is starting. Start thinking of shirt designs!
 - i. Contact Garrett Mason.
 - d. Travel Funding Approval: \$200 (max of \$50 per person)
 - i. Approved: 15 in favor, 1 abstain.
 - e. Possible Amendment to Constitution (DRP)
 - i. Approved: 14 in favor, 2 abstain.
 - f. SK Day 2024
 - i. **March 30th, 2024**
 - ii. <https://math.uiowa.edu/diversity-and-outreach/sonia-kovalevsky-high-school-mathematics-day>
 - iii. If you would like to get involved, contact Adriana, Margarita and/or Joey Small.
 - iv. Agree to help fund SKD24, either with MGB money or through a university grant.
4. Officer Updates
 - a. General Liaison
 - i. Working on end-of-semester surveys for TA helpers.
 - ii. No date known for TA preference survey.
 - b. Social Co-Chairs
 - i. Pumpkin Painting results
 1. Was a success.

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2. Go vote for your favorite pumpkin (Jack Pumpkinton). Vote ends Friday and winner will be announced at Joe's night.
 3. The prize includes candy and a 3D printed trophy.
 - ii. Joe's night this **Friday 3rd, 2023 at 6:30pm.**
- c. Newsletter/T-shirt Ministers
 - i. T-shirts on 9th November.
- d. GAUSS Co-Chairs
 - i. Matthew Barber will be talking about Ribbon Categories at 4:30pm.
 - ii. All slots for the rest of the semester are filled.
- e. Heartland Chair
 - i. The Math Department has allocated \$1,000/academic year for Heartland talks.
 - ii. Decide how to allocate this money. We will know more next monthly meeting.
- f. International Liaison
 - i. No updates.
- g. Webmaster
 - i. No updates.
5. SIAM Updates
 - a. No updates.
6. GSS Updates
 - a. No updates.
7. COGS Updates
 - a. Sign the ending of fees petition if you'd like.
8. **Nominations for next year's officers**
 - a. **President:** Adriana, Claire
 - b. **Vice-President:** Claire, Jacob V., Kit
 - c. **General Liaison:** Elise, Eddie, Claire, Ashwin
 - d. **Social Co-Chairs:** Matthew, James, Jacob V., Merrick, Bradley, Garrett
 - e. **Newsletter/T-shirt:** Nandita, Evelyn, Shashank, Edo, Yutian
 - f. **GAUSS/DRP Co-Chairs:** Matthew, Ian, Eddie, Sam, Paria, José David
 - g. **Heartland Chair:** James, Blake, Luis Gomez, Yutian, Zach, Garret
 - h. **International Liaison:** Alysson, Ashwin, Kebba, Aleksandr, Zhihua, José David
 - i. **Webmaster:** Joe Starr, Kevin del Real
 - j. **Travel Funding Committee:** Liz, Marc, Sam, Paria, Yutian, Blake, Bradley, Margarita, Yilin, Garrett
 - k. **GLC Committee:** Cole, Kerry, Claire, Brooke, Liz, Alperen, Joey Small, Eddie, Garrett
9. Comments/Suggestions
 - a. Every officer should write a document of their current position to pass onto the next officers by next meeting.
10. Thank you for attending!