

**MINUTES**  
**AMS-MAA JOINT MEETINGS COMMITTEE**  
**9:30 a.m., Monday, May 21, 2012**  
**American Mathematical Society**  
**Providence, RI**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Present were: Robert J. Daverman, Donald E. McClure, Michael Pearson and Gerard Venema.

Also present were Ellen J. Maycock (AMS Associate Executive Director, Meetings and Professional Services), Donna Salter (AMS Program Supervisor), Penny Pina (AMS Director of Meetings & Conferences), Carla Savage (AMS Secretary, starting in 2013), Peter Smith (MAA Director of Meetings & Facilities) and Gina Alsfeld (AMS staff support).

The chair for 2012 is the AMS Secretary, Robert Daverman.

The following documents were attached for information: (a) a calendar of future joint meetings, (b) attendance figures for past January meetings, (c) Geographical data on JMM participants with final Boston, MA figures. (d) JMM registrations (**Attachment #1**)

**I. FUTURE JOINT MATHEMATICS MEETINGS**

**A. January 9-12, 2013, Wed.-Sat., San Diego, CA (Benkart/Venema)**

1. Joint Program Committee. The Joint Program Committee consists of Michael J. Dorff and Darren A. Narayan as the MAA representatives and Kannan Soundararajan and Tatiana Toro (chair) as the AMS representatives.

2. Duties of the Executive Directors.

The following items were completed in accordance with the Joint Meetings Contract.

- a. Exchange of Certificates of Insurance. (Done)
- b. Approve rates for advertising in the program. (Done)
- c. Approve hourly rates for MCD and other AMS departments to include the indirect costs. (Done)
- d. Approve exhibit fees. (Done)

3. Program.

- a. Joint Speaker. Robin Pemantle and Emily Shuckburgh have accepted invitations to deliver the AMS-MAA Invited Addresses in San Diego.
- b. Block Schedule. The proposed block schedule was attached for review. (**Attachment #2**)

(Handout)

**ACTION ITEM:** The JMC approved the Mathematical Sciences in 2025 session to occur on day 2 or 3 at the 2013 JMM.

Pearson stated that details of the “Truth Values” play by Gioia De Cari are still being worked out.

4. Registration Fees. The registration fees for 2013 were pending approval and the fees recommended by the DoMC were attached. This recommendation represented a 2% increase over Boston. (**Attachment #3**)

**ACTION ITEM:** The JMC approved a registration fee of \$235.00 (3% over Boston) for the 2013 JMM.

5. Hotels. The confirmed hotel rates for 2013 were attached. The San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina is the headquarter hotel. The blocks at these hotels represent 100% of the total citywide block. (**Attachment #4**)

Student rooms represent 10% of these blocks.

6. Meeting Announcements in Focus, Notices, and on the Web. The first announcement for San Diego will appear in the October/November issue of *Focus* and the October issue of the *Notices* and the live web version will appear in September. The deadline for all information for the October issue is July 1. A preliminary listing of all housing, registration, travel and local information will be listed on the Web by the middle of June to give participants an idea of the meeting costs for budgeting purposes.

The links to register and/or reserve housing will go live on September 1.

7. Exhibits.
  - a. The Invitation to Exhibit was sent out electronically during the first week of May. Exhibitors had one month to sign up for sponsorships and were given preferred booth space. The link to the invitation is located at [http://jointmathematicsm meetings.org/2013\\_JMM\\_Invitation\\_to\\_Exhibit.pdf](http://jointmathematicsm meetings.org/2013_JMM_Invitation_to_Exhibit.pdf). Pina will send a report on exhibit sales by the end of July.
  - b. The JMC agreed to waive the booth fee for Tessellations last year in recognition of Robert Fathauer's work on the Art Exhibit. His booth fee this year will be \$608.00. The committee was asked if they would like to waive his fee for this meeting.

**ACTION ITEM:** The JMC agreed to waive the exhibit booth fee for Tessellations for the 2013 JMM.

- c. Eve Torrence, President of Pi Mu Epsilon National Mathematics Honor Society, requested a free booth for Pi Mu Epsilon. The cost of this booth would be \$608.00. A copy of her email was attached. Does the JMC approve? (**Attachment #5**)

**ACTION ITEM:** The JMC agreed to waive the exhibit booth fee for Pi Mu Epsilon for the 2013 JMM.

8. Sponsor Program. A copy of the sponsorship program was attached. Pina reported on any sponsors that were signed to date. (**Attachment #6**)

McClure/Maycock stated that the AMS would like to purchase a sponsorship for the 2013 JMM to highlight the 125<sup>th</sup> birthday of the AMS. They asked Pearson and Venema how they felt about

this and if they should wait to choose a sponsorship that has not been chosen by an exhibitor as opposed to choosing one right away. A special logo would be used for that sponsorship.

Pearson stated that the MAA would probably want to do something similar for the 2015 JMM to highlight the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the MAA.

**ACTION ITEM:** Pearson and Venema thought this was a good idea and agreed that Maycock should not wait to choose a sponsorship.

9. Coffee in the exhibit hall and floor plan. The exhibit floor plan was attached. The locations of the AMS and MAA booths and the coffee station were indicated. (**Attachment #7**)
10. Financial Projections. The most up to date financial projections for the San Diego meeting were attached. (**Attachment #8**)
11. Childcare. Arrangements have been made to hold the childcare in three meeting rooms at the Marriott. The estimated expenses and income were attached. The JMC was asked to approve the DoMC recommendation to raise the hourly fees for 2013 from \$9.00 to \$10.00 for graduate students and from \$12.00 to \$14.00 for all others. (**Attachment #9**)

**ACTION ITEM:** The JMC approved a fee of \$10.00 for graduate students and \$14.00 for all others, for childcare.

12. Grad School Fair. The sixth annual Grad School Fair will take place at the 2013 JMM, co-sponsored by AMS and MAA. A summary of the costs for this event was attached. The JMC was asked to approve the proposed fee, which represents an increase from \$65.00 to \$70.00. (**Attachment #10**)

**ACTION ITEM:** The JMC approved a Grad School Fair fee of \$70.00.

As an experiment, the Grad School Fair was opened up to one REU in 2012. Does the JMC want to make this a more permanent venture?

**ACTION ITEM:** The JMC agreed to open the Grad School Fair to REU's.

### **Future Meetings**

#### **B. January 15-18, 2014, Wed-Sat., Baltimore, MD (Miller/Venema)**

Status Report. There were no changes to date.

#### **C. January 10-13, 2015, Sat-Tues., San Antonio, TX (Weintraub/Venema)**

Status Report. There were no changes to date.

#### **D. January 6-9, 2016, Wed-Sat., Seattle, WA (Lapidus/Venema)**

Status Report. There were no changes to date.

**E. January 4-7, 2017, Wed-Sat., Atlanta, GA (Benkart/Venema)**

Status Report. There were no changes to date.

**F. January 10-13, 2018, Wed-Sat., San Diego, CA (Miller/Venema)**

Status Report. There were no changes to date.

Pina stated that she signed for more space in the San Diego Convention Center because more space was needed for the program.

**G. January 2019**

Pina, Daverman, and Venema conducted site visits of the New Orleans Warehouse area and the Washington DC downtown area in February and March. Daverman and Venema also conducted a site visit of Baltimore in April. Attached was a brief summary of those visits and a recap of proposals from all three cities. The JMC was asked to approve one of these cities for the 2019 JMM, pending contract negotiations. (**Attachment #11**)

It was decided that the JMM has outgrown New Orleans for now. Logistically the new area proposed will not work. There is too much distance between the headquarter hotel and the convention center.

Washington DC is a very desirable option; however, the incentives offered by Baltimore for both the 2014 and 2019 JMMs could not be ignored.

**ACTION ITEMS:** The JMC approved Baltimore as the site for the 2019 JMM, pending contract negotiations by Pina. The meeting will be Jan 16-19 (Wed-Sat).

The JMC agreed that DC should be pursued for 2021.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Minutes**

Boston, MA. The minutes of the JMC meeting held in January 2012 in Boston were distributed separately and formal approval of the minutes was requested. (**Attachment #12**)

**ACTION ITEM:** The JMC approved the minutes of the JMC meeting held in January 2012 in Boston.

**B. Boston Cleanup.**

1. Questionnaire. Summaries of the responses from the regular questions and essay questions on the 2012 JMM Participant Survey were attached. (**Attachment #13**)  
The full set of responses can be found at the web site:  
<http://tinyurl.com/JMMsurveyJanuary-2012>.
2. Financial Report. The latest projections for Boston were attached. (**Attachment #14**)

- C. Math Art Exhibit.** The AMS-MAA Task Force on Art Prizes has submitted their recommendations for operational guidelines for the exhibit and for the awarding of prizes. Their report was attached. Does the JMC approve? (**Attachment #15**)

**ACTION ITEM:** The JMC endorsed the seven recommendations submitted by the Task Force, and agreed they should pass to the two secretaries to implement.

- D. Economic Model of the JMM.** In an effort to help determine the total cost of the JMM, the JMC agreed that the two executive directors would present to the JMC a list of everything each association pays for the meeting but is not covered by the meeting.

McClure distributed a draft list.

**ACTION ITEM:** The JMC agreed that this item should be reinstated on the next JMC agenda; with low priority.

- E. Broadcasting at JMM.** Attached was the proposed agreement from Kathryn Guare to use WebsEdge at the 2013 JMM. Does the JMC want to offer JMM TV again? If so, does it want to use WebsEdge again or does it want to pursue other options such as hiring someone to record the meeting and produce broadcasts? (**Attachment #16**)

When the contract was signed with WebsEdge they were specifically told the following:

- That the broadcast would not be shown in the plenary room
- That the schools that they were trying to recruit should not be told that the AMS/MAA recommended them

WebsEdge did not comply with the requests of the JMC.

Pearson stated that MAA wants to record some of their sessions at their expense.

**ACTION ITEM:** The JMC agreed to not sign with WebsEdge for future JMM's.

- F. Mobile App for the JMM.** Attached was a report on how to create a mobile app for the meeting and recommendations from Pina on how to proceed. How would the JMC like to proceed? (**Attachment #17**)

**ACTION ITEMS:** The JMC agreed that Pina should do further research on the basics needed for a JMM app and recommend to the JMC.

- G. Porter Lecture.** The MAA will take the lead in forming a committee to evaluate the Porter Lecture and make a recommendation regarding the long-term status of the lecture series. In the mean time they have agreed to have an MPE2013 lecture for the public in that slot in San Diego.

**ACTION ITEM:** Barbara Faires will appoint a committee to decide the long term status of the Porter Lecture.

- H. Mathematics Planet Earth (MPE2013).** The JMC agreed that MPE2013 needs an identifier, maybe a logo, so that all sessions and the Joint Invited Addresses can be flagged in the program.

- a. The JMM program book will carry a list of all JMM sessions and activities that are part of the MPE initiative. This list will be displayed in the front part of the book, just after the table of contents, and each item will include the acronym of the sponsoring organization (where applicable). In addition these same items will appear under the lists of all sessions and events as ordered by sponsoring organization. Items in these lists will be flagged with the MPE2013 icon: 
- b. MPE organizers had expressed an interest in doing a slide show as part of the first Joint IA on Wednesday. They seem to be willing to prepare this slide show. How does the JMC feel about this?

**ACTION ITEM:** The JMC agreed that the slideshow could take place as long as it does not interfere with the talk. Benkart and Venema to contact the MPE organizers and convey this.

- I. **Housing Procedures for the JMM.** In the summer of 2011, Pina presented a report on housing procedures for the JMM and asked for approval to purchase a license for Passkey. The JMC asked her to follow up with more research. Attached was the revised report. Does the JMC approve the purchase of a Passkey license to continue processing housing for the JMM? (**Attachment #18**)

McClure suggested that the JMC review articles on housing procedures at PCMA.org.

A motion was made to adopt the meetings department recommendation to purchase passkey for the 2014 JMM.

**ACTION ITEMS:** The JMC agreed to table this motion until the next JMC meeting.

Pina to conduct further research on hotel splash pages and report her findings to the JMC.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Change in AWM workshop schedule.** AWM requested a change in the design of the AWM Workshop, aimed at increasing its impact and making it more cost effective, starting with the 2013 JMM. This change would replace the workshop dinner the night before the workshop with a combined reception and poster session. This event would be open to the public and would take place between 6:00-7:15 p.m. on Day 3. Their full proposal was attached. (**Attachment #19**)

**ACTION ITEM:** The JMC approved the proposed change in the AWM workshop schedule. Pina to inform AWM.

- B. **Family Day at the JMM.** The AMS Public Awareness Officers recently witnessed Family Science Days at AAAS and asked about the possibility of having something like this at the JMM. They suggested a day or half day where families and general public could come in free for things that would interest the general public such as the Porter Lecture, the Math Game, and the Art Exhibit. How does the JMC feel about this?

Porter Lecture is on Saturday at 3pm, Art Exhibit closes at noon on Saturday and the Math Game is on Thursday.

**ACTION ITEM:** The JMC did not approve Family Day at the JMM. The JMC was not opposed to the Family Day at the JMM, however they could not conceive a plan to make it work.

**C. Security at the Employment Center.** Due to changes in the registration for the Employment Center, it is now not easy to enforce the JMM registration of employers and applicants. Last year, the AMS hired a security guard in order to prevent non-registered individuals from entering the Employment Center.

How does the JMC feel about the requirement that employers and applicants register?  
If we do require JMM registration, how actively should we police this situation?

It was suggested to have security at the door to monitor if participants had a JMM badge.

If the participant did not have a JMM badge then security would send them to see a staff member at Employment Center desk.

**ACTION ITEMS:** The JMC agrees that employers and applicants should still be required to register for the JMM.

The JMC agreed that security is needed at the Employment Center to help encourage people to register.

The JMC agreed to have the JMM pay for the security at the door to monitor for badges. The Employment Center will continue to pay for security needed overnight to cover their equipment.

#### **IV. DATES AND LOCATIONS OF FUTURE JMC MEETINGS**

##### **A. San Diego, CA**

The committee will meet Saturday, January 12, 2013, at 8:00 a.m. in San Diego, CA.

#### **V. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

##### **A. Committee Membership**

For the convenience of the committee, a current list of committee members, guests and staff, including addresses and other contact information, was attached. (**Attachment #20**)