

Preface

Dear Authors and Esteemed Readers,

It is with a deep satisfaction that I write this preface to the proceedings of The Golden Anniversary Celebration of the National Association of Mathematicians. Celebrations were held throughout the year 2019 at the Joint Mathematics Meetings in Baltimore, Maryland, in the winter, and at the MAA MathFest in Cincinnati, Ohio, over the summer. The National Association of Mathematicians (NAM) is an organization born from the sweat of seventeen founders, whose vision and determination is chronicled in the article, “The Founding of the National Association of Mathematician, Inc.” by Dr. Johnny Houston. Their brainchild, NAM, has persisted through several changes in board members through the hard work of many many people.

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These proceedings will furnish scientists and historians of the world with a summary of the activities and motivating concepts during the first 50 years of NAM. We thank all authors and participants for their contributions.

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