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# For Your Information

## E-mail Discussion List on Sexual Orientation Issues in the Mathematical Community

During the Joint Meetings in San Francisco, a reception was held on January 6, 1995, for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered mathematicians and their friends. Nearly 100 people attended this event at a restaurant near the headquarters hotel. While these minorities have always been a part of the profession, the decision by the AMS and MAA governing bodies to relocate the 1995 meetings from Denver after the antigay Amendment 2 was adopted in Colorado in 1992 suggested that this was an appropriate time to establish a more visible presence at national meetings.

The reception was organized by a steering committee, whose members can be contacted for further information: Robert Bryant (Duke University), Don Goldberg (Occidental College), Concha Gomez (University of California, Berkeley), Steven Hillion (University of California, Berkeley), James Humphreys (University of Massachusetts at Amherst), Nadine Kowalsky (Institute for Advanced Study), Janet Ray (Seattle Central Community College), and Sandra Rhoades (Smith College). The AMS staff was helpful in arranging for an announcement of the reception to be listed with other informal events in the daily Joint Meeting News.

Considerable interest was expressed in having similar gatherings at future meetings (including Orlando in Jan-

uary 1996), as part of an ongoing discussion of sexual orientation issues affecting members of the mathematics community. To further this discussion, an e-mail list has also been set up (one can join by sending a one-line message 'subscribe glbmath' to MAJORDOMO@abacus.oxy.edu).

—*The Steering Committee*

## E-mail Discussion List on Women in Probability

The workshop "Women in Probability", organized by Ruth Williams and Molly Hahn at the invitation of Richard Durrett, was held at Cornell University on October 16–18, 1994. The meeting was sponsored by the Mathematical Sciences Institute (MSI) at Cornell and the AMS. There were sixty attendees, eleven invited lectures, and twenty-six contributed lectures. Accompanying panels and roundtable discussions positively addressed many issues related to the overall health of probability as well as issues of specific interest to women probabilists.

A Women in Probability e-mail list has been established for future networking and distribution purposes. Anyone desiring to be added to the list should send his or her name, address, and e-mail address to womprob@math.ucsd.edu.

—*Ruth Williams, University of California, San Diego*