

Business Meeting Minutes

Section Chair R. Shivaji of Mississippi State University called the meeting to order. Chairman Shivaji thanked all members who had contributed to the success of the section meeting. The following reports were given:

- The *Treasurer's Report* was given by Professor Grace Cascio-Houston. This report was accepted and included with the official minutes. The minutes of the last year's annual meeting were also accepted.
 - The *Nominations Committee/Place of Meeting Report* was given by Professor Keith Alford. In 1996, Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA will host the meeting with Millsaps College in Jackson, MS hosting the meeting in 1997.
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The following officers were elected for 1995-96:

○ Section Chair:

Philip Quartararo, Southern University, (504) 771-5180 [Email: pquartar@subrvm.subr.edu](mailto:pquartar@subrvm.subr.edu)

○ Past Chair:

R. Shivaji, Mississippi State University

○ LA Vice-Chair:

Steve Ligh, Southeastern Louisiana University

○ MS Vice-Chair:

Connie Campbell, Millsaps College, (601) 971-1371 [Email: campbcm@okra.millsaps.edu](mailto:campbcm@okra.millsaps.edu)

○ Secretary-Treasurer:

Rose Strahan, Delta State University

○ Newsletter Editor:

Wanda Dixon, Meridian Community College, (601) 484-8848

○ Section Governor:

Charles Alexander, University of Mississippi

Note: The Secretary-Treasurer and Newsletter Editor each serve a three-year term of office.

- The *Mathematics Concerns Committee* report was given by Philip Quartararo. Among the topics he discussed were the "CLUME" project funded by NSF which has a deadline of March 10 for

applications. The MAA "gopher" is now available. Articulation agreements with two-year mathematics programs are encouraged.

- The *Necrology Report* was given by Professor Glenn Schlee. No members of the section passed away during the past year.
 - The *Resolutions Committee Report* was given by Professor Karen Aucoin for Professor Porter Webster.
 - The *Student Papers Committee*, Michael Pearson, chair, reported the winners as:
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Undergraduate:

- First Place: "Group Theoretic Chemical Applications", Angela DeHart, Northwestern State University
- Second Place: "Properties of the Greatest Integer Function", Jason Calmes, Southeastern Louisiana University and Hammond (LA) High School
- Third Place: "Coding the Arithmetic of Algebraic Extension of F_p ", Nick Gakowski, Northwestern State University
- Fourth Place: "Maximum Matchings for Complete, Multipartite Graphs", David Sitton, University of Southern Mississippi

Savings bonds in the amount of \$100, \$50 and \$25 are awarded for the first three places. The fourth place winner received a textbook.

Graduate:

- Gavin Core and Robert Eddins each received a textbook for papers presented.
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- The Mississippi Vice-Chair, Tommy Leavelle, reported that the winner of the *Teaching Award* is Professor Steve Ligh of Southeastern Louisiana University.
- The *Student Competition Report* was given by Professor Steve Ligh. There were 24 teams representing 16 schools that participated with the winning teams as follows:
 - First Place: Mississippi State University
 - Second Place: Team A, University of Southern Mississippi
 - Third Place: Team #1, McNeese State University
 - Honorable Mention: Team #1, LSU; Tulane University; Team #1, Louisiana School of Mathematics and Science.

Prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 are awarded for the first three teams.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.