



LA/MS SECTION NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Fall 2000 online newsletter for the Louisiana/Mississippi Section of the Mathematical Association of America. Plans are to publish three newsletters this upcoming year--online versions in the Fall and Spring and a printed Winter edition mailed out sometime in January. If you know of someone who does not have access to the online versions, please print out a copy and send it to them or send an email to [Web Coordinator](#) with the person's name and address and a copy will be mailed to them.

Plans are to announce these online editions of the newsletters via our section email list. If you are not on the list, you may join by sending an email to [Web Coordinator](#) and requesting that you be added to the list.

Finally, anyone is welcome to submit information for publication in the upcoming section newsletters. Send your article to the Newsletter editor being sure to note that you want the information published in the newsletter. Deadlines for submitting materials will be distributed via our section mailing list.

First Section Proceedings Published

Submitted by Proceedings Editor Michael Pearson

I am happy that I can officially thank everyone who participated in the first LA-MS Section Proceedings. I had hoped to finish during the summer, but as always with "firsts" there were a number of issues that took longer than I expected to resolve.

Of course, the most important thanks goes to the authors, both for their participation at the meeting and their willingness submit their work.

Secondly, thanks to the members of the editorial board: John Travis, Bradd Clark, James Reid and Ken Li. They spent a lot of time reviewing papers and coordinating referee's reports. In addition, John has had to learn the art of preparing pdf files for web posting. Be sure to thank all of these guys when you see them at the spring meeting.

Finally, thanks to the referees. These folks, who of course will remain nameless, truly had a thankless task. Their reviews were essential in helping the editorial board make publication decisions, yet to them it may seem that some of their recommendations were ignored. To them and all of you I can only say that, if any serious oversights or missed edits remain, the fault is mine, and not theirs.

The editorial board will make a number of suggestions to refine and improve the preparation process for next year. However, those suggestions can wait until the Spring meeting. For now, let me end with thanks to the section, and especially Roger Waggoner, last year's section chair, for allowing me the opportunity to serve as chair of the Proceedings committee. I have enjoyed working with the board, and can truly say it was an educational experience for me.

[The section proceedings can be accessed online at [http://www.mc.edu/campus/users/travis/maa/proceedings/.](http://www.mc.edu/campus/users/travis/maa/proceedings/)]

Spring 2001 Meeting Information

Dates for the 2001 annual meeting for our section are Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24. The meeting is being organized by Gerard Buskes from the University of Mississippi and plans are to hold the meeting in Oxford.

The hotel for the conference will be the Downtown Inn right off the historic square in the city. The charge is \$55 per room. Please try to make reservations before January 31.

Some highlights: a NSF workshop, two panel discussions led by Dick Anderson, and Stan Chadwick and the Annual Dalrymple Speaker.

More information and registration information will be included in the Winter newsletter to be published in January, 2001.

Updated By-Laws Proposed

Submitted by 1999-2000 Section Chair Roger Waggoner:

During my term as Section Chair in 1999-2000 I obtained a copy of our Section by-laws from the national office. These by-laws had last been revised in 1986, and I noticed that they were not consistent with some of the Section's procedures. There may have been amendments which were ratified but never submitted to the Board of Governors and subsequently lost. It seemed to me that this situation needed to be corrected, and I appointed a By-Laws Committee to write a new set.

These new by-laws, which will be subject to the approval of our Section membership and the Board of Governors, are similar to the old in many ways. The main differences occur in Articles III-1 through III-6, III-9, IV-1, IV-4, V-1, VII-1, and VII-2. Some of the changes are relatively minor changes in wording. Some changes reflect policies the Section has been following for the past several years. For example, the 1986 by-laws make no mention of a Newsletter Editor, but we have had a Newsletter Editor on the Executive Committee for some time. Consideration of these proposed by-laws will be on the agenda at our 2001 Section meeting. I will be glad to try to answer any questions you might have about all of this. Contact me at raw9736@louisiana.edu.

[Editors note] The section executive committee has approved this updated set of by-laws and will present it to the section for approval at the upcoming meeting in Spring 2001. A copy of the by-laws is available at <http://www.mc.edu/campus/users/travis/maa/bylaws.html>.

Section Member News

From Mississippi College

Promotions

- John Travis was promoted to Associate Professor

From LSU - Lafayette

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- Baker Kearfott was promoted to Full Professor.
- Azmy Ackleh, Lan Ke, Qin Sheng, and Thelma West to Associate Professor.

Administrative changes

- Roger Waggoner has been named Acting Dept. Head.
- Azmy Ackleh is Graduate Coordinator.
- Darren Alcock is the Director of Freshman Mathematics.

Recognitions/Research

- Baker Kearfott received one of the university's Distinguished Professor awards.
- Bradd Clark and Vic Schneider directed a LaSIP sponsored summer project which used compressed video to work with two groups of grades 4-6 teachers.

Executive Committee

Section Officers for the LA/MS Section of the MAA for 2000-2001:

- Chair: Gerard Buskes, University of Mississippi, mmbuskes@hilbert.math.olemiss.edu
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