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1. Mark your calendar! The 100th Annual LA/MS Section Meeting will be March 2-4, 2023 at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, MS.
2. Contributed and Student Papers are due by February 10.
3. Register for the student team competition and/or integration bee on the new LA/MS section website.
4. Visit the section website for more information:
<http://sections.maa.org/lams/meeting.php>

Call for News!

Do you have news, announcements, or suggestions for the next newsletter? Send an email to the newsletter editor, Jimmy Kimball at james.kimball@louisiana.edu



Louisiana/Mississippi Section of the Mathematical Association of America

Message from Section Chair Judith Covington

Hello! I hope each of you are having a great start to your semester. I am beyond ready for things to get “back to normal,” but at the same time I am beginning to accept that some things have changed and will not go back to the way I want them to be.

In March, our section held an in-person Section Meeting at Northwestern State University. It is my understanding that we were one of only a few sections to do this. Our attendance was a bit down based on meetings prior to COVID-19, but we had an excellent time. We had three great speakers. Allen Butler served as our MAA Visitor and gave the student talk, Judy Walker officially opened the meeting as our Anderson Lecturer, and Talitha Williams gave the last talk on Friday as our Polya Lecturer. Friday evening ended with a banquet and live entertainment provided by Ben Rushing and his band Armadillo Jackal. It was nice to be able to visit with our math friends that we had not seen in quite a while.

I want to thank James Reid from Centenary College who completed his term as Communication Coordinator, Leigh Ann Myers who completed her term as program chair, Catherine Putnam who completed her term as Past Program chair, and Thomas Schulte who stepped down as Web Coordinator. James Kimball from University of Louisiana Lafayette was elected as our new Communication Coordinator, Catherine Putnam (who really likes being program chair) is our newly elected program chair, and Michael Pearson, MAA Executive Director, is our program chair elect. Ajanta Roy from Grambling has agreed to serve as our new Web Coordinator and is currently working to move our section web page to the new format requested by the MAA. Laura Sheppardson and Anne Claire Fundel have agreed to serve as our new Section NEXt Coordinators. Finally, Laura Sheppardson will complete her term as our Section Representative at the end of June, and Leigh Ann Myers has been elected to serve the next three-year term. Thank you, Laura, for your service and Leigh Ann for being willing to represent our Section.

Our 2023 Section Meeting will be held at the University of Mississippi with Catherine Putnam serving as program chair. This will be the 100th meeting of the Louisiana-Mississippi Section and will be held March 2 – 4, 2023. I hope you will make plans now to attend. Our own Michael Pearson will be

the Anderson Lecturer. Hortensia Soto, newly elected MAA President, will serve as our MAA Visitor. Anastasia Chavez will serve as our Association for Women in Mathematics Speaker. The MAA has started a more robust speaker program and each year will provide funds for us to have two speakers supported by our association.

The 2024 Section Meeting will be held in New Orleans with Michael Pearson, MAA Executive Director, serving as program chair. More details will be announced when they are known.

I mentioned earlier that our Section held an in-person meeting in March, and I am happy to share that Mathfest had both a virtual and an in-person option in Philadelphia in August. I attended and I really enjoyed seeing all the people that I had not seen since before Covid. In some ways it was like nothing had changed, but there were also many new additions to the conference. I was delighted to stand in for Leigh Ann Myers at the Congress meeting.

I am honored to serve such a great Section and if there are any suggestions you have for our section, please feel free to share them with me. One of the tasks for my position is to make committee appointments. I am always looking for suggestions. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please let me know.

I hope each of you had some time to relax and recharge this summer before starting back to teach this Fall.

Judith Covington
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LA/MS Section Chair

Message from Section Representative Leigh Ann Myers

Thank you for electing me as your new Section Representative. I should be able to report something about my recent experience at MathFest as your new envoy to the MAA national office, but due to prior plans (I scheduled a two week adventure out of the country over a year ago), I was unable to attend. Judith Covington agreed to stand in as my proxy at the Congress meetings this summer, so we were well represented at that meeting.

If any of you have an interest in serving the MAA through committee work or in any other capacity, please let me know. I will be happy to submit names and interests to the national office when they are looking for volunteers. Also, if you have any concerns or suggestions that you would like me to bring up with the Congress or the MAA leadership I would like to hear from you and will be happy to bring up your comments in future Congress meetings.

Leigh Ann Myers

Invitation from Program Chairs Catherine Putnam & James Reid

We invite you to join us for the 100th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana/Mississippi Section of the Mathematical Association of America! Mark your calendars for March 2-4, 2023, for our section's centennial celebration! The meeting will be held in historic Oxford, Mississippi, on the University of Mississippi campus.

As always, we have a great line up of speakers! This year's MAA Visitor will be Tensia Soto, President Elect of the MAA. Our section's first Association for Women in Mathematics Speaker will be Anastasia Chavez, Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Saint Mary's College of California, and our own Michael Pearson, Executive Director of the MAA, will be the Anderson Lecturer!

We hope that many of you will join us on America's Most Beautiful campus, as we promise you a stimulating academic and social program. Keep an eye out in the coming weeks and months for further details!

Catherine Putnam, LA-MS Program Chair
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Spring 2022 Integration Bee Winners

There were approximately 26 students participating from 8 universities.

First Place: Ian Golsby, Louisiana Tech
Second Place: Jacob Matulevich, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Third Place: Scott Whitman, University of Louisiana at Lafayette



Spring 2022 Student Team Competition

First Place: Millsaps College
Andrew Lott, Chris Dean, Raj Agrawal
Second Place: Mississippi School of Mathematics and Science- Team 1
(Amy Zhang, Raed Kabir, John David Hagood, Jonathan Kiesel)
Third Place: Mississippi State University - Team 2
(Deven Gill, Jacob White, Megan Singh)



Call for Papers

For any faculty or doctoral student interested in presenting a talk, several sessions will be held at the Louisiana-Mississippi Spring Section Meeting. Contributed talks will be 12 minutes. For any questions, please contact the Program Chair.

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Register by February 10.

New Section Website

Please check out our new and improved website.

<https://www.la-ms.maa.org/>



Call for Student Papers

The LA-MS Section of the MAA will hold its annual Student Paper Competition at the Spring section meeting. Papers are solicited in two categories: graduate and undergraduate. The graduate category is limited to master's students. Doctoral students are encouraged to submit a contributed talk. Presentations at the meeting will be limited to 12 minutes.

A written paper of 6 pages or less must be received and include the author's name, institutional affiliation, faculty advisor and an e-mail address. Contact the Student Papers Committee Chair or the Rules for Student Papers for more details.

Prizes will be awarded in each category separately, with no more than 3 prizes in each. The number of prizes awarded shall be at the discretion of the judges, and shall be determined depending on the number and quality of the entries in each category. The amount of the prizes shall be as follows: first prize, \$75.00, second, \$50.00, and third, \$25.00.

Each entry will be judged on the basis of both the written and oral presentation, with equal consideration given to both.