

LOUISIANA-MISSISSIPPI SECTION
MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

1. The name of this Section shall be the Louisiana-Mississippi Section of The Mathematical Association of America, Inc.
2. The purpose of the Louisiana-Mississippi Section shall be to assist in the improvement of education in the mathematical sciences at the collegiate level by carrying out the purposes of the national organization within the territory defined below in Article II, Section I.

ARTICLE II

Membership

1. The membership of the Louisiana-Mississippi Section shall be as follows:
 - (a) Members of the Mathematical Association of America, Inc., residing in the states of Louisiana and Mississippi.
 - (b) Members of the Mathematical Association of America, Inc., not being resident in the territory of this Section who have become members of this Section in accordance with Article VI of the By-Laws of the Mathematical Association of America, Inc.

ARTICLE III

Officers

1. The officers of this Section shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair for Mississippi, a Vice-Chair for Louisiana, a Secretary-Treasurer, and a Newsletter Editor.
2. The Executive Committee of the Section shall consist of the Officers of the Section, the Section Governor, and the Immediate Past Chair.
3. Each Section officer must be a member of the Mathematical Association of America, Inc., and of this Section.
4. The Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Section. Terms of office, other than Secretary-Treasurer, shall be one year, extending to no more than one additional consecutive term. The Secretary-Treasurer, and the Newsletter Editor shall be elected for a term of office of three years.

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* Amended February 1990. See Article IV, Section 1. See page 4.

5. The nomination procedure for Section Officers shall be accomplished through:
 - (a) A Nominating Committee appointed by the Chair to recommend a slate of officers, and/or
 - (b) Nominations from members of the Section at the time of election.
6. The duties of the Section Officers shall be:
 - (a) The Chair shall preside at each meeting of the Section and of the Executive Committee of the Section and be an ex-officio member of each committee, unless directed otherwise by the membership of the Section at an official Section meeting. Reports shall be made at the Annual Meeting.
 - (b) The Vice-Chairs shall be responsible to the Chair in carrying out duties assigned to them by the Chair in the conduct of the Section affairs and one shall act as Chair in the event the Chair is unable to preside.
 - (c) The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall include the keeping of the minutes of official meetings of the Section and of meetings of the Executive Committee; the maintaining of records of the Section; the notifying of the members of all regular meetings and special meetings and the notifying of members of the Executive Committee of meetings of the Executive Committee; the collecting of Section dues and/or registration fees and the receiving of allowances provided by the National Office of M.A.A.; the safekeeping of all monies of the Section; the maintaining of proper and accurate books of accounts of the Section monies; and the paying of bills of the Section. Disbursement of Section funds by the Secretary-Treasurer shall have the written approval of the Chair. This approval shall become part of the Section records. In the case of checks, a countersignature by the Chair shall be sufficient. A report shall be made at the Annual Meeting.
 - (d) The duties of the Newsletter Editor shall be to publish a Fall and Spring Section Newsletter. As the official publication of the Section, the Newsletter will publish the minutes of all Executive Committee meetings, minutes of the Section Business meeting and other items as directed by the Executive Committee. The Newsletter Editor shall have the discretion to publish other items of interest to the Section members.
7. The Executive Committee shall conduct the affairs of the Section between meetings of the Section membership.

8. If a vacancy on the Executive Committee should occur, a replacement will be selected by the Executive Committee from the Section membership to fill the unexpired term. If a vacancy for Section Governor should occur, the Executive Committee will recommend a member of the Section to the Board of Governors of the national organization for appointment as a replacement to complete the unexpired term.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings

- * 1. The Section shall hold one regular meeting each year on the Friday and Saturday immediately following February 20.
2. The Annual Meeting shall be planned by the Executive Committee.
3. Necessary special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee.
4. A quorum shall consist of those members present at the Annual Meeting or any special meeting of the Section.

ARTICLE V

Dues and Use of Assets

1. There shall be no dues for membership in this Section, and the registration fee at annual Section meetings shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee, except that the student registration fee shall be \$1.00.
2. The assets of the Louisiana-Mississippi Section shall be used exclusively to further the purposes of the Section, and in the event of the dissolution of the Section, the remaining assets will be returned to the national organization to be used for any purpose consistent with its purposes.

ARTICLE VI

Committees

1. A Place of Meeting Committee and a Nominating Committee shall be appointed annually by the Chair.
2. Other committees may be appointed by the Chair as the need arises.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

1. Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed by any Section member to the Executive Committee. After due consideration, the Executive Committee may amend or accept and forward, or forward without acceptance, the proposal for a vote by the Section.

2. Such proposals as are considered by the Executive Committee shall be submitted in writing by the Section Secretary to every Section member at least fifteen days prior to the voting date. The proposals may be approved by a majority of votes cast by the members at a regular or special meeting of the Section or by mail ballot. The Tellers Committee shall be appointed by the Section Chair and will include at least one Section member who has not sponsored the proposal nor is a member of the Executive Committee.
3. A complete revision of this set of By-Laws will be subject to the same procedure as that for amending this set.

AMENDMENT:

ARTICLE IV

Meetings

1. The Section shall hold one annual meeting, beginning on the first Friday of each March. (adopted at the February 24, 1990 business meeting in Lake Charles, Louisiana)