

Nominations for 2003 NES/MAA Distinguished Reaching Award

Each year the Northeastern Section recognizes one of the outstanding teachers in the Section with its Distinguished Teaching Award. We are now soliciting nominations for the 2003 award. Preliminary nominations should be sent to Ed Sandifer (sandifer@wcsu.ctstateu.edu) by November 1, 2002. A nomination consists of: name and school of nominee; and the name, mailing address, e-mail address, and phone number of the nominator. Nominators will receive a packet and be asked for additional information; this information will be due November 28, 2002. Candidates should be known as outstanding teachers on their own campuses and their influence should extend to the broader mathematical community. The files of nominated candidates remain open in future years.

Call for Student Papers for Fall Meeting

Students (and recent graduates) from the Northeastern Section are invited to present talks at the Fall meeting on topics in mathematics, statistics, or computer science. The presentations should be 10-15 minutes in length, on expository work, research projects, employment experiences, or problems from mathematical periodicals. The registration fee and cost of meals will be waived for one student presenter per paper. Interested students should contact Michael Cullinane, mcullina@keene.edu, or Lisa Humphreys, lhumphreys@ric.edu. The deadline for submission is November 1.

Call for Contributed Papers

Participants at the Fall Meeting of the section are invited to submit contributed papers. We are particularly interested in papers that will appeal to a variety of participants. If you are planning to speak about results of your research, keep in mind that the audience most likely will not be familiar with your specialty, so you will want to give some motivation and context for your work. Your presentations should be approximately 15 minutes in length. Please send an abstract and your mailing address together with a list of any special equipment you may need to Tommy Ratliff at tratliff@wheatoncollege.edu. Email submissions are preferred, but you may also send a typed submission to Tommy Ratliff; Department of Mathematics; Wheaton College; Norton, MA 02766. The deadline for submission of abstracts is November 1.

Call for New Colleague Talks

New faculty members are invited to present short presentations on their research or teaching interests. This introduces the local MAA to the new faculty and the new faculty to the local MAA. The coordinators are Phil Hotchkiss of Westfield State College (MA) and Chris Aubuchon of Johnson State College (VT). If you are interested in presenting, please send an email to photchkiss@wisdom.wsc.ma.edu or to aubuchoc@badger.jsc.vsc.edu or call Phil at (413) 572-5575 by Nov. 1.

The Inaugural Northeastern Section NExT
Friday, November 22, 2002: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Framingham State College, Framingham, MA

The Northeastern Section is inaugurating a Section NExT program for new and relatively new colleagues at this year's fall Section meeting. By providing talks and workshops on issues of interest, opportunities to meet and share ideas with other new colleagues, and an introduction into Section activities, we hope to assist new faculty in their transition from graduate school to professional academic life. We welcome all untenured full time faculty, both those who have and have not been National NExT fellows.

10:00-10:30 Registration of prospective Section NExT fellows and preliminary information.
Fireplace Lounge, College Center

10:30-11:30 *Trials and Errors*, by Prof. Charles Vinsonhaler of The University of Connecticut. Prof. Vinsonhaler, who is a former NES/MAA Distinguished Teacher recipient, will share several classroom projects from calculus that worked and some that didn't work, under the hypothesis that we learn more from our failures than from our successes. Fireplace Lounge, College Center

11:30-12:00 Discussion of future plans for NES Section NExT.
Fireplace Lounge, College Center

12:00-1:00 Lunch
McCarthy's, College Center

1:00-2:00 *Profound Understanding of Fundamental Statistics*, by Prof. Mary Sullivan of Rhode Island College. Prof Sullivan is the chair of SIGMAA in Statistics Education. She will demonstrate hands on activities that explore concepts typically found in a first course in statistics. Participants are encouraged to bring a TI-83+. Fireplace Lounge, College Center

3:00 Section Meeting begins.

8:00 Saturday morning: New Colleague's Sessions.

If you are interested, please contact Lisa Humphreys of Rhode Island College at Lhumphreys@ric.edu. You should also register for the Section meeting by completing the registration form in the Section Newsletter and check off that you will be participating in the Section NExT program. Note that the Section NExT activities are free.