

### Election of Officers

The Section will elect officers at the Business Meeting of the Fall Meeting at Framingham State on Saturday, November 23rd. The person who becomes Vice-Chair will succeed Ockle Johnson as Chair of the Section at the end of the Fall Meeting of the Section in November of 2003 and will serve for two years as Chair. All candidates elected will become members of the Executive Committee of the Section immediately.

A Nominating Committee consisting of Donna Beers, Governor of the Section, as committee chair and members Tommy Ratliff from Wheaton College, Barry Schiller from Rhode Island College and Lois Martin, Massasoit Community College, has proposed the slate below. Any member of the Section may nominate a candidate from the floor during the business meeting. Biographies submitted by the candidates follow the slate.

#### **Candidates for Vice Chair**

John Lutts	UMass-Boston
Sarah Mabrouk	Framingham State College

#### **Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer**

Ann Kizanis	Western New England College
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#### **Candidates for Two-Year College Representative**

Kathleen Bavelas	
Michael Latina	Community College of Rhode Island

#### **Biographies**

##### **John A. Lutts**

John Lutts received his BS in mathematics from Spring Hill College (Mobile, AL) in 1957, MA in mathematics from the University of PA in 1959, and his PhD in mathematics from the University of PA in 1961. He taught as an instructor and associate professor at Loyola College from 1965 to 1966, as an assistant professor at the University of Massachusetts at Boston from 1966 to 1970, and as an associate professor at the University of Massachusetts at Boston from 1970 to the present. His fields of research interest are approximation theory, Lie groups, and history of mathematics. His other service to Mathematics has included supervising of potential high school teachers of mathematics, being an MAA member since 1957, hosting the fall regional meeting of NE section of MAA at the University of Mass in 1996, tutoring and running professional development workshops at Dorchester HS, helping develop a new kind of college algebra course and text with Kime & Clark (Wiley), and promoting active use of graphing calculators in precalculus and introductory statistics courses. His goals for the future of NE Region MAA are to actively recruit attendance of more MAA members at NE fall sectional meetings, to actively recruit students to attend regional fall meetings of MAA, to encourage growth through workshops in special math topics throughout the year in this region, to encourage the NE section MAA institutions to work with high schools, and to continue the good work of current and previous officers in the NE MAA section.

##### **Sarah Mabrouk**

Sarah did her graduate work at Boston University in Numerical Analysis with Robin Esch. While researching and writing her dissertation, she taught as a lecturer for the College of Arts and Sciences at Boston University, and after completing her Doctorate, she taught for the Boston University College of General Studies. She joined the faculty of the Mathematics Department at Framingham State College in Fall 2000. She was Program Chair of the Spring 2001 meeting and Program Co-Chair with Philip Blau for the Spring 1999 meeting. Sarah is Program Chair and Local Arrangements Coordinator for the Fall 2002 meeting at Framingham State College. In addition to being active in the Northeastern Section, she has organized several paper sessions for the Joint Mathematics meetings and for Mathfests. She is grateful for the encouragement that she has received from the leadership and members of the Section to become involved through presenting papers and participating on program committees. She would like to

maintain this tradition by encouraging the involvement of others, especially new faculty, high school teachers, and students. She believes that the Section has had great leadership and she would do her best to meet the high standard that has been set.

### **Ann Kizanis**

Ann Kizanis graduated with a B.A. in Mathematics from Connecticut College in 1985. During her time there, she received the Julia Welles Bower Prize for Excellence in Mathematics each year. She also received the Rosemary Park Fellowship for Teaching in 1985 and was given the award of Winthrop Scholar.

Ann then spent six years at Wesleyan University and worked in the area of Archimedean lattice-ordered groups. She graduated with a Ph.D. from Wesleyan University in 1991. She then began working as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Western New England College. She was granted tenure in 1995 and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1996. While at Western New England College, she received the Teaching Excellence Award in 1995, as well as the Golden Bear Award, given in recognition of unselfish commitment to the student body at the college. Ann has had three papers published on her area of interest, Epicompletions of Archimedean lattice-ordered groups. She is presently in the process of writing a paper after having received release time to continue her joint work of the last year with her thesis advisor at Wesleyan University.

Ann remains very active in governance and department affairs at the college. She has been a member of many committees at the college during the last eleven years. Among them, she has served on the Faculty Senate for three terms, was chair of a retention task force, has been chair of the First Year Program Committee since 1997, and is presently chair of the Carnegie Teaching Academy Campus Program. She also served as advisor to the Math Club from 1992-2000.

She has been a member of the Mathematical Association of America since graduate school. She was a member of the Program Committee for the Fall Meeting of the NES/MAA that was held at Western New England College in 1997 and was also Publisher Liaison for the Spring Meetings in 1995, 1996. She has served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Northeastern Section of the Mathematical Association of America for the last two years. Ann has learned a great deal during this time and enjoys working and interacting with members of the Northeastern Section. She hopes to continue to serve the section and become further involved in MAA activities in the future.

Recently, Ann has accepted the position of Associate Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at the college. She is enjoying the challenges of this new position as well as the rewarding experiences she receives from teaching. She loves teaching and is delighted when students begin to see the beauty of mathematics.

In her free time, Ann enjoys traveling. She visits her relatives in Greece each summer. She and her husband enjoy sight seeing, visiting family, and relaxing while in Greece. They also enjoy cooking together, visiting museums, and working outside on gardening and landscaping.

### **Kathy Bavelas**

Kathy Bavelas is a Professor of Mathematics at Manchester Community College (1985- present). She was the first Chair of the Mathematics Department (1989-1996) and co-chair from '97-'98. She was the Distinguished Professor in Residence at the CT Academy for Education in Mathematics, Science and Technology from '96 – 97. She received a BA from UCONN in 1966, an MS from Central CT State University in 1973 and an M.A.L.S. from Wesleyan University in 1997. She is currently serving as the Two-Year College Representative for the Northeastern Section. She has been a department liaison to the MAA since 1986 and has just accepted serving on the Committee on MAA/Department

Liaisons (2003-6). She presently is on the Executive Board of ATOMIC ( CT Association of Mathematics Teachers in CT), is a MATYCONN (Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges in CT) Representative to the CT Mathematics, Science and Technology Leadership Council and is a CT State Delegate to AMATYC (American Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges) . She has also been active in MATYCONN, serving as Secretary, 1990-'92, Vice-president, '92-'94, President, '94-'96, Past President '96- 97 and Secretary, '97-98 and a workshop presenter at regional and national NCTM, AMATYC, ATOMIC and NES/MAA meetings. She is an active member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and has served as the State and MATYCONN Delegate to the national AMATYC Convention for years. She is included in Who's Who Among America's Teachers 1998, 2000, 2002, is a CT Academy Fellow, 1997 and a PIMMS Fellow (Project to Increase Mastery in Math and Sci.), 1996. She received the MCC Teaching Excellence and Distinguished Service Award in 1997. She is the higher education representative to the CAPT ( CT Academic Performance Test) Mathematics Advisory Committee.

**Michael Latina**

Michael R. Latina has been a full time faculty member at the Community College of Rhode Island since 1970. He has been an MAA member since 1967. His degrees include a BS in Mathematics from WPI (1968), a Sc.M. in Applied Mathematics from Brown (1970), and a Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics from Brown (1979). Dr. Latina's research interests include differential equations, control systems, and the stability of dynamical systems. He regularly teaches calculus and advanced engineering mathematics to engineering students.