

The Northeastern Section of the MAA will be holding election for three [section officers](#) at the Fall Meeting in November: the Vice-Chairperson, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the Two-Year College Representative. The [duties](#) of the Section Officers are given in the [Section Bylaws](#). In addition, the new Vice-Chairperson will succeed to the position of Chairperson upon adjournment of the Fall 2005 meeting of the Section.

The nominations from the Nomination Committee are given below, followed by short biographies of each of the candidates.

Vice-Chairperson:

[Rob Poodiack](#), Norwich University

[Tommy Ratliff](#), Wheaton College

Secretary-Treasurer:

[Ann Kizanis](#), Western New England College

Two Year College Representative:

[June Decker](#), Three Rivers Community College

[Lois Martin](#), Massasoit Community College.

Candidates for Section Officers Fall 2004 Statements

Vice-Chairperson:

Rob Poodiack, Norwich University

Rob Poodiack is an assistant professor of Mathematics at Norwich University, where he's been for five and a half years. He received his B.S. in Computer Science from Cornell University in 1988, his M.A. in Mathematics from Western Connecticut State University in 1994, and his Ph.D. in the Mathematical Sciences (in analysis, with Mike Wilson) from the University of Vermont in 1999. An MAA member since 1997, Rob was Local Arrangements Chair for the Spring 2001 meeting at Norwich University. He was also a co-presenter of the Summer 2002 Short Course on incorporating web pages into mathematics courses at Plymouth State University. Rob served on the local arrangements committee for Mathfest 2002 in Burlington, VT. Rob is also a member of the Vermont State Mathematics Coalition, a group of university professors who travel to high schools throughout the state giving presentations to students on various interesting topics. At Norwich University, Rob is co-advisor of the student section of the MAA and has organized the highly successful Integration Bee to kick off Mathematics Awareness Month every April. His goals for the Northeastern Section are to continue the movements toward higher student and faculty attendance at the Spring meetings, continue the great student participation in giving talks, encourage the involvement of high school teachers in the Section's activities, and continue the Short Course in some way.

Tommy Ratliff, Wheaton College

Tommy Ratliff is an Associate Professor at Wheaton College. Before arriving at Wheaton in 1996, he held visiting positions at Kenyon College in Ohio and St. Olaf College in Minnesota. He did his graduate work at Northwestern University in algebraic topology, but his current area of research is voting theory. He was a participant in the first group of Project NExT Fellows (1994-1995), and is co-author with Annalisa Crannell, Gavin LaRose, and Elyn Rykken of "Writing Projects for Mathematics Courses: Crushed Clowns, Cars, and Coffee to Go" recently published by the MAA. He has served on several program committees for

NES/MAA meetings and has organized the contributed papers sessions at the NES/MAA meetings since Fall 2000.

Secretary-Treasurer:

Ann Kizanis, Western New England College

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 named a Winthrop Scholar. She did her graduate work at Wesleyan University in the area of archimedean lattice-ordered groups and graduated with a Ph.D. in 1991. She then began working as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Western New England College. She was granted tenure in 1995, was promoted to Associate Professor in 1996, and was promoted to Professor in 2004. 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. Two years ago, Ann accepted the position of Associate Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at the college. Ann has had papers published in her area of interest, epicompletions of archimedean lattice-ordered groups, and submitted a joint paper for publication last fall. She was on sabbatical this academic year and continues to work with her former thesis advisor at Wesleyan University. Ann 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 four 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.

Two Year College Representative:

June Decker, Three Rivers Community College

June Decker is currently an instructor of mathematics at Three Rivers Community College. She is interested in teaching mathematics in context. In the past she has taught at the Pomfret School, Coventry High School and at the University of Connecticut. She holds an AB from Harvard College and an MS from the University of Connecticut and has completed the graduate certification program in Secondary Mathematics at Central Connecticut State University. She holds a professional educator's certificate from the state of Connecticut for grades 7-12 mathematics. She was a PIMMS Fellow (Project to Increase Mastery in Mathematics and Science) at Wesleyan University's Math technology Institute in 1995 and 1996. As a teacher at the Pomfret School she was the coach of the winning Pomfret Math Team that consistently placed in the top three in state and New England invitational competitions. She is a member of the MAA, the American Mathematics Association of Two Year Colleges (AMATYC) and its Connecticut affiliate (MATYCONN) as well as of the NCTM.

Lois Martin, Massasoit Community College

Lois Martin is a professor of Mathematics at Massasoit Community College, where she has taught since 1978. She has a B.S. (Mathematics) from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and an M.A.T. (Mathematics) from Bridgewater State College. She is active in both the New England Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (NEMATYC) and the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC) and has given presentations at conferences for both organizations. Currently the NEMATYC treasurer, she also acted as local treasurer for two NEMATYC conferences. She served a three-year term on AMATYC's Program Committee and has been a delegate at AMATYC conferences for several

years. Professor Martin is a longtime member of MAA, was a member of a CUPM Focus Group at Mathfest 2002, and represented the two-year colleges on the NES/MAA Nominating Committee in 2002 and on the Teaching Award Selection Committee in 2004. At Massasoit Community College she has served as Mathematics Department Chair and Academic Senate President, and she has received the NISOD Award for Teaching Excellence and the Governor's Pride in Performance Award.