

At the Board of Governors Meeting in Providence, Jim Tattersall of Providence College, MAA Associate Secretary, noted that this was the MAA's 82<sup>nd</sup> summer meeting and the 20<sup>th</sup> that was held in New England. On behalf of all the members of the NES/MAA, Jim and I welcomed the Board of Governors to the Northeastern Section.

Ron Graham, MAA President, stated that the MAA membership is strong and that the MAA is working on building ties with the NCTM, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Barbara Faires, MAA First Vice President, announced initial plans for the development of a Subcommittee on Strategic Planning whose task will be to develop a strategic planning process.

Tina Straley, MAA Executive Director, has signed a new five year contract. She stated that the MAA is increasing its activity in the area of public policy. She also announced that the MAA International Study Tours continue to be well received. During the 2004 trip to England participants were hosted at the Royal Academy, went to talks and toured the library at Oxford and Cambridge, and visited Stonehenge in the early morning. Watch for announcements of the third annual MAA Mathematical Study Tour to Mexico.

If you have not done so, be sure to explore the newly expanded website for MathDL, the MAA's Mathematical Sciences Digital Library (<http://www.mathdl.org>). There you will find the Journal of Online Mathematics and its Applications, as well as Digital Classroom Resources, a collection of online interactive materials, and Convergence, an online magazine devoted to the use of the history of mathematics in the teaching of mathematics. Additional components of MathDL are in the works. Watch for MAA Reviews, an online continuation and expansion of MAA's Telegraphic Reviews previously printed in The American Mathematical Monthly, and an online collection of Classroom Capsules.

All MAA members are encouraged to become familiar with the CUPM Curriculum Guide 2004. This report from the MAA Committee on Undergraduate Programs in Mathematics (CUPM) is the first to address the entire college-level mathematics curriculum. Here you will find recommendations to guide mathematics departments in designing curricula for all undergraduate students, from liberal arts students taking just one course to students majoring in the mathematical sciences. The guide and its companion online document Illustrative Resources for CUPM Guide 2004 are available at <http://www.maa.org/cupm>

Welcome to all new members of the Northeastern Section and in particular to the national Project NExT Fellows for 2004-2005 who have faculty appointments in the Northeastern Section:

Derek Bruff, Harvard University  
Qazi Enamul Hoq, Western New England College  
Jill Shahverdian, Quinnipiac University

I look forward to the Northeastern Section's Fall Meeting at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and to the upcoming MAA/AMS Joint Mathematics Meetings to be held in Atlanta in January 2005. I hope that you will join me at these meetings to hear inspiring talks on mathematics, engage in thoughtful discussions of curriculum, share ideas, and enjoy the company of colleagues.