

Message from the GovernorLaura Kelleher

One of the decisions made at the Board of Governors Meeting in Albuquerque was to approve the scheduling of the Joint Mathematics Meetings for January 2102 for Boston. Be sure to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to attend a national meeting in a local setting.

If you prefer to travel to exotic lands, consider joining the MAA on a Mathematical Study Tour. The 2005 trip exploring Mayan Mexico was a great success. Check out the wonderful pictures posted on the MAA website: www.maa.org. The 2006 tour to China will mix visits to a number of China's cultural sites with the opportunity to learn about the history of Chinese mathematics from some of the country's leading experts.

In her report to the Board of Governors, Christine Stevens described Project NExT as a program which has changed the face of *Mathfest* as it continues to nurture new members. This summer there were 68 new NExTers making the total more than 800 Project NExT Fellows since the program began in 1994. We in the Northeastern Section offer an especially warm welcome to the national Project NExT Fellows for 2003-2004 who have faculty appointments in the Northeastern Section:

Hansun To, Worcester State College
Angela Vierling-Claassen, Harvard University
Amy Wangsness, Fitchburg State College

As reported last Spring, the MAA is committed to a continuing process of strategic planning. Preliminary reports were given to the Board of Governors on the areas identified for consideration during the first round: The American Mathematics Competitions, Revenue, and Professional Development. Final reports in these areas are expected within the next six to twelve months. The issues to be considered in the next stage of strategic planning are Governance, Membership, and Student Activities.

I hope I will see you at some of the upcoming national and sectional MAA activities. The next Joint Mathematics Meetings will be held January 12-15, 2006 in San Antonio, Texas. The Joint Meetings always offer interesting and informative programs. You might also plan to participate in next summer's *Mathfest* which will be held August 10-12, 2006 in Knoxville, Tennessee. On the local level, a particularly noteworthy event will be the celebration of the Northeastern Section's Golden Anniversary. This will be held November 18-19, 2005 at the University of New Hampshire, the site of the section's first meeting. Come and join us to meet with colleagues and to share the excitement of what is happening in the world of mathematics and mathematics education.