

Message from the GovernorLaura Kelleher

The Board of Governors meeting in San Antonio was opened with remarks from MAA President Carl Cowen. Included in his comments about representing the MAA at several prominent professional meetings and organizations was a mention of how much he had enjoyed helping the Northeastern Section celebrate the Section's Golden Anniversary last November at the Section Meeting at the University of New Hampshire.

Associate Secretary Jim Tattersall of Providence College announced that the 2007 Joint Mathematics Meetings are expected to be held in New Orleans as originally planned. However, to avoid the Sugar Bowl, the meetings have been moved one day, to January 5-8, 2007. More information on this as well as a listing of all currently scheduled meetings is now on the MAA web page: www.maa.org.

First Vice President Barbara Faires reported on the progress of the ongoing process of strategic planning. Areas of study in the first cycle are the American Mathematics Competitions, Revenue, and Professional Development. Reports from these subcommittees are due in November 2006. The second cycle includes the topics of Governance, Membership, and Students. Reports from these subcommittees are expected in November 2007.

Michael Pearson, Director of Programs and Services, discussed several opportunities of interest to MAA members. See the MAA website for information on professional development programs including the Professional Enhancement Programs (PREP), the workshops designed for Preparing Mathematicians to Educate Teachers (PMET), and Project ACCCESS: Advancing Community College Careers. While you are on the MAA website be sure to also look for pictures taken on the MAA's Mathematical Study Tours. Northeastern Section members Ed Sandifer and John Glaus are helping with the 2007 Study Tour which will honor Euler's 300th birthday.

Baseball and statistics enthusiasts will enjoy the *Math Horizon's* article *A Mathematical Model to Predict Award Winners* by Rebecca Sparks and David Abrahamson of Rhode Island College. As I write this, the MAA website is featuring this article under the link: Cy Young and Mathematics.

I am honored to have been given the privilege of serving as NES/MAA Governor for the past three years. The experience has been both interesting and rewarding. I hope that you will join us at the NES/MAA Section Meetings at Boston University in June and at Sacred Heart University in November. You might also want to make plans to attend *Mathfest* 2006 in Knoxville, Tennessee in August and, of course, the Joint Mathematics Meetings in New Orleans in January, 2007.