

Ideas for Reviving/Energizing/Improving a Section

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- Creating a guide for responsibilities of the Section Chair. A month-by-month to-do list.
- Having an open mic at the Friday evening banquet of each section meeting where attendees can talk for a minute or two to share a teaching anecdote.
- Having more teaching talks at section meetings vs. expository talks. This might attract more community college faculty.
- Having teaching workshops at section meetings.
- Reviewing documents: program committee guidelines, local arrangement committee guidelines, details for fees for students and speakers at section meetings
- Having a section meeting in Canada since part of Canada is in our section, but we never get any Canadian attendees
- Reviving the newsletter. Modeling it after AMAYTC's newsletter. Having two newsletter editors: a content editor and a format/layout editor. Newsletter would be digital and easily printed off the website.
- Updating/changing the website
- Expanding Section NExT. Targeting untenured faculty but allowing tenured faculty to attend if they are interested in a Section NExT topic.
- Having defined and staggered terms for coordinator of undergraduate papers, coordinator of contributed papers, webmaster, etc. They would be non-voting members of the Executive Committee
- Giving members of the section a brief survey in order to determine what is working, what can be improved, and soliciting ideas
- Finances – we are in excellent financial shape. We currently give \$500 mini-grants to colleges and universities in our section to sponsor things such as guest speakers or math teacher circles. Possibly expanding this.