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Until April 14, 1973 our section had a “Chair” and a “Vice-Chair”. They were both elected at the “Annual Spring Meeting” to serve for the following year. However, starting in 1946, the “Vice-Chair” was almost always elected to the “Past-Chair”.

On April 14, 1973 the Bylaws were changed. A new officer was added, namely a “Chair-Elect”. Also the office of “Vice-Chair” was replaced by the “Past-Chair”.

On April 22, 1994 we revised the Bylaws again and made the “Newsletter Editor” an officer of the Section and a member of the “Executive Committee”. We also changed the name of the Section.

SUGGESTED BYLAWS FOR THE NEBRASKA SECTION OF MAA  
(Format taken from GUIDELINES FOR SECTIONS,  
of The Mathematical Association of America, Inc.)

ARTICLE I  
Name and Purpose

1. The name of this Section shall be the Nebraska-Southeast South Dakota Section of the Mathematical Association of America, Inc.
2. The purpose of this Section shall be to assist in the improvement of education in the mathematical sciences at the collegiate level by carrying out the purposes of the national organization within the territory defined below in Article II, Section 1.

ARTICLE II  
Membership

1. The membership of the Nebraska-Southeast South Dakota shall be as follows:
  - a. Members of the Mathematical Association of America, Inc. residing in the State of Nebraska (Zip Codes 68000-69399) and in Bon Homme, Clay, Union, and Yankton Counties in the State of South Dakota (Zip Codes 57014-57099).
  - b. Members of the Mathematical Association of America, Inc. who have become members of this Section by petitioning the Committee of Sections for reassignment, in accordance with Article VI of the bylaws of the Mathematical Association of America, Inc.

ARTICLE III  
Officers

1. The officers of the Section shall be: Chair; Chair-Elect; Past-Chair; Secretary-Treasurer; and Newsletter Editor.
2. The Executive Committee of the Section shall consist of the Chair; Chair-Elect; Past-Chair; Secretary-Treasurer; Newsletter Editor and Section Governor EX officio.
3. Each Section officer must be a member of the Mathematical Association of America, Inc. and of this Section.
4. The Executive Committee will serve as nominating committee and present a slate of officers at each spring meeting of the Section. Additional nominations by members the Section may be made at this time.

5. The officers shall be elected at the annual spring meeting of the Section and will take office immediately following their election. Section Governors are elected by the members of the Section for three-year terms in an election conducted by the national organization elects a replacement to complete the term.
6. The duties of the Section officers shall be as follows:

The Chair- Shall preside at each meeting of the Section and of the Executive Committee of the Section. The Chair shall also serve as the program chairperson charged with making the arrangements, for the time, place, and other physical details (such as luncheon arrangements, registration, informal get-togethers, etc) and planning the program for the annual spring meeting. The Chair serves a term of one year and then automatically becomes Past Chair for the following year.

The Chair Elect – shall assist the Chair in current duties and become familiar with the duties of the Chair. The Chair Elect serves a term of one year and then automatically becomes Chair for the following year.

The Past Chair – shall assist and advise the current Chair in the duties of the office, and help in making nominations for new officers. The Past Chair serves a term of one year.

The Secretary-Treasurer – keeps the records of the Section and the official correspondence, is responsible for notification of the membership of any regular or special meetings of the Section or the Executive Committee. The Secretary-Treasurer also receives the allowance provided by the national office of the MAA, the safekeeping of all monies of the Section, the maintaining of proper and accurate books of account of the Section monies, and the timely payment of all debts of the Section. This officer is authorized to spend Section funds with the approval of the Chair. Checks need not be countersigned, however, by any other officer of the Section. The Secretary-Treasurer normally serves a term of three years but may be reelected.

The Newsletter Editor – is responsible for collecting, editing, and writing the newsletter which is distributed to all members of the Section at least twice each year. The Newsletter contains news of the Section as well as information concerning the annual meeting, call for papers, etc. The Newsletter-Editor normally serves a term of three years, but is eligible for reelection.

7. The Executive Committee shall conduct the affairs of the Section between meetings of the Section membership. It is empowered to fill a vacancy in the offices of the Section except for the position of Section Governor, until the next annual meeting when the Section will hold an election to fill unexpired terms.

ARTICLE IV  
Meetings

1. The Section shall hold an annual meeting during the spring of each year.
2. The annual meeting shall be planned by the Chair with the help of the Executive Committee.
3. Each member of the section shall be notified in writing at least fifteen days in advance of any meeting of the Section.
4. A quorum shall consist of those members present at a properly called meeting of the Section.

ARTICLE V  
Dues and Use of Assets

1. Annual dues (if any) and registration fees (if any) for any other activity of the Section shall be determined by the Executive Committee and approved by vote of the membership.
2. The assets of the Section shall be used exclusively to further the purposes of the Section, and in the event of a dissolution of the Section, the remaining assets will be turned over to the national organization to be used for a purpose consistent with the purposes of the national organization.

ARTICLE VI  
Committees

1. The Awards Committee shall be appointed each year by the Chair to suggest names of members to be considered for any local or national awards.

ARTICLE VII  
Amendments

1. Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by the Executive Committee.
2. Subject to subsequent approval by the Board of Governors of Mathematical Association of America, Inc., these bylaws may be amended by 2/3 of the votes cast by the members at a regular or special meeting of the Section.
3. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Section shall submit to each member of the Section a written copy of any proposed amendment(s) at least 15 days prior to the meeting at which voting on the proposed amendment(s) takes place.
4. A complete revision of these bylaws will be subject to all of the same procedures for other amendments to these bylaws.