

MAA Introduces E-Memberships

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As of the 2010 membership year, the MAA will be offering an all-electronic membership as one of its membership options. The new kind of membership, approved by the Board of Governors at MathFest 2009, will be available to most MAA members.

The all-electronic membership will become active on January 1, 2010. It includes online access to all three MAA journals (*American Mathematical Monthly*, *College Mathematics Journal*, and *Mathematics Magazine*) and to *MAA FOCUS*. All other membership benefits (books and meetings discounts, section membership, ability to add a JSTOR subscription and/or SIGMAA memberships...) will continue as before. Dues for e-memberships will be the same as those for a basic membership that includes only the *American Mathematical Monthly*, so that e-membership provides online access to all three journals for the price of one print journal.

Online access to MAA journals is available right now: members have online access to the journals for which they have print subscriptions. The access provided by e-membership will be in the same format. To access the journals online, go to <http://www.maa.org>, click on the *Publications* tab, and then on *Read Journals Online*. You will be asked to enter your User Name (which is your email address) and your Password. If you have not provided an email address, you can do so by calling our Membership Services Department at 1-800-331-1622 (US Only) or 301-617-7800 (International) and one of our representatives will be happy to help you gain access.

This all-electronic membership will initially be available to Regular, Discounted, and Retired members. It is expected that similar, all-electronic versions of membership, tailored to Graduate and Undergraduate students, will become available at the beginning of the academic year on September 1, 2010.

The new e-membership is an option. No members will be required to switch to an electronic membership. It is possible to opt for the e-membership and, for a fee, add an individual print subscription to any journal as well.

In addition to the current issues, members have access to journal issues that have been published within the last three years. It is possible to print individual articles. Members holding e-memberships will be notified, via email, when each journal issue becomes available. Online access will, of course, expire if the membership expires.

The 2010 membership renewal forms contain a box allowing you to choose the Electronic Membership option. The option is also available when renewing online or by calling call the Membership Services Department. 📧

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Keep an Eye Out for *Hard Problems*

A 60 minute documentary film “Hard Problems: The Road to the World’s Toughest Math Contest” co-produced by the MAA will be distributed for broadcast on U.S. public television stations by American Public Television (APT) beginning on October 4, 2009. The film follows six exceptional high school students who represent the United States in the 2006 International Mathematical Olympiad in Slovenia. The film will be scheduled locally through 2013 by each station choosing to show it. The production and broadcast of *Hard Problems* was sponsored by the Penn Oberlander Foundation, the Ellington Management Group, and the National Science Foundation. An 83 minute version with extensive bonus material is available on DVD from the MAA for \$24.95. More information about the film and updates about the broadcasts can be found at <http://www.hardproblemsmovie.com> 📺



Ryan Ko and Kevin Modzelewski work on a problem during the film Hard Problems.