**Section NExT – Indiana Section**  
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Like other Section NExTs, Indiana's Section NExT exists to support early career mathematics faculty and to give them new and creative ideas for use in their teaching and scholarship. Indiana is a smaller section of the MAA, though, so we have modified ideas used in other sections to suit our needs.

There is no formal application process to be a member of the Indiana Section NExT. New Section NExT members are added in one of three ways: (1) all current members of the national NExT program who work at schools in Indiana are automatically inducted into the Section NExT, (2) Indiana section MAA members who attend at least 2 Indiana Section NExT events are automatically inducted into the Section NExT, and (3) faculty in Indiana who express explicit interest in participating in Section NExT are automatically inducted into Section NExT. This gives us a reasonable sized group of active members who participate in the planning of Section NExT events.

Indiana Section NExT has made a priority of planning one panel at each Indiana MAA Section meeting (two meetings per year -- one in the fall, and one in the spring). The panel topics are determined by an email discussion of Section NExT members. While all panel topics are areas of interest to the early career faculty in our group, we also try to choose a panel topic that coordinates well with other invited talks at the meeting. Past panels topics have included: "Undergraduate Research", "Transitioning Students from High School to College Mathematics", and "Establishing Interdisciplinary Research Collaborations". Panelists are typically members of the Indiana Section of the MAA or faculty from colleges and universities near the meeting location; they are nominated by the Section NExT members. Panels are listed on the full Section meeting schedule and are open to everyone for participation.

Indiana Section NExT has 3 officers: a coordinator, a co-coordinator, and a secretary, each of whom serve 3 year terms. The Section NExT officers count as an ad hoc committee of the Indiana Section. As such, the coordinator attends Section officer meetings and keeps the Section leadership informed of our planned activities. The co-coordinator helps the coordinator with planning such things as timelines to choose topics, invite panelists, choose a panel emcee, and the like. The secretary makes sure that attendance is taken at each Section NExT panel and maintains a record of which Section members have attended more than one Section NExT event.

We have found that, although less formal than many other Section NExTs, this format works well for the Indiana Section. The level of work required to put together a panel is significantly less stressful than putting together a larger more detailed program, especially when the audience is much smaller. At the same time, younger faculty within the Section have made connections with faculty at universities across the state and enjoyed learning from others in the Section.