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Important Dates

2018

April 6 & 7: MAA
Wisconsin Section
meeting at University of
Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Aug. 1-4: MAA MathFest
in Denver, CO

Dear MAA-Wisconsin members,

The spring newsletter of the Wisconsin Section of the Mathematical Association of America is [now available](#) online.

The newsletter includes:

- Information about the spring Section meeting including: [Speaker Information Form](#), [Student Speaker Information Form](#), and [registration information](#).
- Governor's report, Chair's report, and reports from other section officers.
- "Know Your Wisconsin Mathematician," an interview with Steve Sydlik
- Campus News

As of right now, the Section does not have a candidate for Chair-Elect. Please see the newsletter for information about this very important position, and please consider volunteering.

If you would like a printed copy of the full newsletter, please contact Public Information Officer:

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[MAA Pacific Northwest Section](#)

Important Dates

2018

April 20-22: MAA Pacific Northwest Section Meeting at Seattle University

Aug. 1-4: MAA MathFest 2018 in Denver

Hello MAA Pacific Northwest Section Members,

Below are a few reminders, items of information, and requests for help.

1. The [annual meeting](#) of the Pacific Northwest (PNW) Section of the MAA will take place at **Seattle University, April 20-21**. Abstracts for general contributed talks, undergraduate talks and special session talks are now being accepted. They will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and **abstract submission will close March 23, 2018**. [Submit an abstract!](#)
2. It is time once again to collect news for the **PNW MAA Newsletter**. Submit items to [Kelly McKinnie](#). News can include new hires, retirements, new programs initiated by your department, speakers you've brought to campus, club events, or anything else your department found interesting. For new hires and retirements, a brief biography and a photograph should be included. In addition, if you have an idea for an article you would like to write for the newsletter, let Kelly know. **Please submit items directly to Kelly by Friday, March 2, 2018**.
3. **On Saturday, April 14, [The Great Puzzle Hunt](#)** will take place at Western Washington University. The Great Puzzle Hunt is like a scavenger hunt adventure with puzzles. Teams travel on foot to various locations solving a diverse set of puzzles gathering clues along the way to solve one final meta-puzzle. This event is open to everyone, all ages! Check out [our webpage](#) for more information.
4. This year, the dates for **KRYPTOS are April 5-9, 2018**. [KRYPTOS](#) is a contest open to undergraduate students. The theme of the contest is centered around the breaking, or cryptanalysis, of ciphers (secret writing). Each challenge presents contestants with a brief scenario together with some ciphertext (encoded message). The goal is to discover the original plaintext message. Visit the [KRYPTOS site](#) for more information -- including instructions on registering students for the contest. Registration will open in early March.
5. Bonni Dichone is pleased to announce the inaugural year of [The Pacific Inland Mathematics Undergraduate Conference \(PiMUC\)](#). The purpose of this conference is to provide a Spring venue for undergraduates to present work toward their Senior Capstones, Individual Research Projects, Original Solutions to COMAP, and other Mathematical Contests. The conference will be hosted at **Gonzaga University on April 7, 2018**. Registration is free and will remain open until **March 23, 2018**. Presenters may give a ten or twenty-minute talk or present a poster. See the conference [website](#) for more information.

Thanks for your attention, and Happy February!

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[MAA Michigan
Section](#)

Important Dates

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March 23-24: MAA Tri-Section Meeting at Valparaiso University

Aug. 1-4: MAA MathFest 2018 in Denver

Colleagues in Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan,

We are pleased to announce that registration and the call for papers are open for the upcoming IL-IN-MI Tri-Section Meeting at Valparaiso University on **March 23-24, 2018**.

The conference will begin at 9:30 am CST on **Friday, 3/23**, and conclude before 5 pm CST on **Saturday, 3/24**. There will be six invited plenary addresses, contributed talks by faculty, contributed talks by students, an IBL workshop for faculty, a workshop for students, Project NExT activities, a student competition, an art exhibit, and more. We hope that you will join us and that you'll bring many of your students.

Here are several links at which to get more information and sign up to attend and participate:

[Main announcement page](#) (more information about the schedule will appear as available)

[Call for papers](#)

[Conference registration](#)

The registration deadline for the conference and the student competition is **March 2, 2018**, as is the deadline for submitting a contributed talk. Registration is free for students and HS teachers, \$30 for all other participants. There are options for up to three additional meals to be included in your registration.

*Illinois Section members, please note that we'll be looking at a [bylaws revision](#) at the business meeting. If your institution is an Illinois institutional sponsor, you should use the mail-in option to get the free faculty registration that goes with your institutional membership. Indicate at the bottom of the form that your institution is an institutional sponsor. For questions about this, contact [Pat Kiihne](#).

We look forward to seeing you at Valpo in late March.

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