

Committee on Mathematics and its Applications

Minutes

Meeting of 2002.09.30

October 28, 2002

Call to Order

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Selection of committee secretary
3. Discussion of names of faculty from other departments to be invited to join the committee

Members present were Robert Fossum, George Francis, Sheldon Katz, Richard Laugesen, Joseph Rosenblatt, Andreas Stein, and Richard Laugesen, who presided

The meeting was called to order at about 12:05 in Room 331 Altgeld Hall.

The first item of business was to coerce someone to be secretary. After severe arm twisting, Fossum agreed to write minutes. (The main reason this has taken so long is that it took a week for his arm to heal.)

The next item of business was to discuss names of potential committee members from other department to whom invitations would be extended to join the committee. Many names were suggested. A final list together with contact persons was approved by the members present.

Finally Rosenblatt talked about the various applied mathematics initiatives that were already taking place. He mentioned the lunch forum, the seminar with TAM, and the small Applied Math Advisory Committee.

It was concluded that "we" have to make the department more attractive for applied mathematicians and we have to make better connections with the life sciences.

Robert Fossum

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