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**Q1** Submission Information

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**Q2** General SIGMAA Information

Full Name of SIGMAA **Philosophy of Mathematics Special Interest Group of the  
Mathematical Association of America**

SIGMAA ACRONYM **POMSIGMAA**

Date of Approval of Initial Charter **11/09/2002**

Official SIGMAA Website **<http://sigmaa.maa.org/pom>**

Moderator of SIGMAA Listserv **Kevin Iga**

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**Q3** Please describe any activities of your SIGMAA at JMM, MathFest, or MAA section meetings.

At JMM 2019 in Baltimore, we hosted a guest lecture by Dr. Michele Friend, "The Rigour of Proof," on Thursday, January 17. The talk was preceded by a reception and business meeting for members of POMSIGMAA. We also organized a Contributed Paper Session on the Philosophy of Mathematics at JMM, with the theme "Do Choices of Mathematical Notation (and Similar Choices) Affect the Development of Mathematical Concepts?" Two talks were scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday afternoon (one got cancelled) and six more were scheduled on the morning of Friday, January 18.

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**Q4** Please describe any activities of your SIGMAA outside of the MAA national or section meetings.

This year, POMSIGMAA underwent an MAA Review. We added some questions to the survey sent out to members in April 2019.

Two past presidents of POMSIGMAA, Tom Drucker and Dan Slougher, organized a Special Session on Recent Work on the Philosophy of Mathematics at the AMS Fall Central Sectional Meeting in Madison WI. Although this was not officially sponsored by POMSIGMAA, Tom and Dan's experience at the helm of our organization was no doubt helpful.

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**Q5** Meetings of your SIGMAA Executive Committee/Board - Please indicate the process by which your SIGMAA officers met and/or did business, including frequency success of your process.

Our executive committee meets each year at JMM. Throughout the year, we communicate via email.

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**Q6** Please find your SIGMAA's tab on the spreadsheet **Completed**  
linked here and list your SIGMAA officer information.

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**Q7** Electronic SIGMAA Services - Please describe utilization of electronic services, such a e-mailing to the SIGMAA membership, web page development, listserv activity, electronic newsletter, etc. Comment on the success of such activities or problems encountered.

We distributed an electronic newsletter in December 2019. It included an introduction to our new Program Director, Tom Morley, comments from Chair Bonnie Gold; a list of talks of interest at the upcoming JMM 2020 and other upcoming conferences in the philosophy of mathematics.

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**Q8** Other Benefits of SIGMAA Membership Provided - **Respondent skipped this question**  
Please describe any services, other than electronic services, provided to your SIGMAA's membership. Examples might be hard copy mailings of welcome letters to new members, a mailed newsletter or journal, etc.

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**Q9** Finances - Please describe your major expenditures over the past year.

Our only expenditures over the year were paying for refreshments at our business meeting at JMM and an honorarium for our guest speaker at JMM.

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**Q10** Successful Ideas to Share - Please describe one (or several!) of the most successful activities (events, services, etc.) of your SIGMAA that other SIGMAAs might adopt or emulate. **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q11** Please list any issues or concerns that arose that should be considered by the the Committee on SIGMAAs and MAA Communities team.

We continue to be concerned about the effect on our usual operations of the withdrawal of the MAA as a co-organizer of JMM. As this report indicates, most of our activities take place at JMM: an officers meeting, a business meeting, a reception a guest lecture and a contributed paper session. Our only expenditures during the year were for events at JMM. In the recent past, when we organized a speaker and paper session at MathFest, they were poorly attended. We do not have enough members concentrated in any one portion of the country to make it worthwhile to sponsor events at most sectional MAA meetings. We are hopeful that that the MAA will be reviewing its policies regarding the SIGMAAs in the upcoming year and that some compromise will allow us to continue using the funds from our membership fees to sponsor activities at JMM.

We are still waiting for a report on the MAA Review of POMSIGMAA undertaken in spring 2019.

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