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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 MAA
SIGMAA ACRONYM	POMSIGMAA
Date of Approval of Initial Charter	11/09/2002
Official SIGMAA Website	http://sigmaa.maa.org/pom/
Moderator of SIGMAA Community	Kevin Iga

Q3

Please describe any activities of your SIGMAA at MathFest or MAA section meetings.

At JMM 2024, POMSIGMAA sponsored a Contributed Paper Session open broadly to talks on recent work related to the philosophy of mathematics. Seven presenters gave talks that were well-attended. We also sponsored a Guest Lecture, delivered by Dr. Arezoo Islami of San Fransisco State University, titled “The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Mathematics: Dissolving Wigner’s Applicability Problem.”

At MathFest 2024, POMSIGMAA hosted a Contributed Paper Session on the theme of interactions between the philosophy of mathematics and the teaching of mathematics. Eight speakers participated. We also hosted a guest lecture by Dr. Timothy Bays, titled “Why we should care about ‘foundations’.” We provided some refreshments at a reception before the guest speaker’s talk.

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

We held a virtual annual meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2024.

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.

We met at in person at JMM. Throughout the year, we communicate regularly by email. In 2024, we had email exchanges every month except July.

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

Q7

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

We posted a recording of our annual business meeting on our MAA Connect community page. In addition, there were 24 posts over the year on the POMSIGMAA community page on MAA Connect. These were mostly announcements by Bonnie Gold, the founder POMSIGMAA, of upcoming events or publications that could be of interest to our members.

At our virtual business meeting, the officers discussed starting a reading group open to members. After the meeting, we had some discussions about appropriate articles for such a group, but this project has not officially been launched.

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Respondent skipped this question

Other Benefits of SIGMAA Membership Provided - 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.

Q9

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

We paid for a reception before our guest speaker at MathFest 2024. In addition, for our speakers at both JMM and MathFest, we paid for a small honorarium, dinner and travel expenses for our guest speakers.

Q10

Respondent skipped this question

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.

Q11

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

Finding people to replace retiring officers has been a perpetual struggle. We were fortunate in finding two excellent people to run for Program Coordinator and Chair-elect in the fall of 2023; Tom Drucker and Steven Deckleman started their terms in these respective roles in February 2024.

The MAA Communities team should consider giving SIGMAA treasurers easier access to their budgets. In 2024, I received notification via email on February 12 of our total budget for 2024, and I received quarterly report on May 28. Financial reports are supposed to be available in the MAA SIGMAA Officers community library on MAA Connect, but the most recent one I can find is for 2021.
