

Introduction

On May 29 to June 1, 1991, the Association of Christians in the Mathematical Sciences returned to Wheaton College for the first time since 1983. After hosting the first four conferences in 1977, 1979, 1981, and 1983, the conference site moved to the King's College in 1985, Calvin College in 1987 and Messiah College in 1989. Westmont College will be the site of the 1993 Conference.

About 80 delegates attended this conference, which was marked by good weather, a new lecture room in a remodelled Blanchard Hall, and an emphasis on music. The mornings began with 15 minutes of sacred music (2 violins and an electronic keyboard), a devotional and a shared hymn. The banquet program featured music and several delegates shared a time of singing around a piano in the dormitory after the formal program. As is usual at our conferences, the fellowship of Christian mathematicians and friends was a highlight.

For the second conference in a row, our main speaker was from Brown University. Joan Richards provided two excellent talks on the history of mathematics. Her mode of operation is to immerse herself in the material for the weeks before the talks, so that her presentations are fresh, and also serve as a catalyst for her ideas. After the conference, she rewrote her papers, adding additional material which we are pleased to be able to include in the Proceedings.

We were also glad that Bruce Hedman could accept our invitation to speak, so that we could meet him and hear some of his ideas. Bruce is pastor of the Abington Congregational Church and also on the mathematics faculty at the University of Connecticut at Hartford. We hope to hear from him again.

At the Business Meeting, we recognized with appreciation the work of Gene Chase as President during the past two years, and the service of Cal Jongsma, Richard Laatsch and Wayne Roberts, who each completed a term of service on the ACMS Board. Three new Board members were introduced (David Lay, Dale Varberg and Paul Zwier), who were elected to serve from July 1, 1991 until June 30, 1995. Charles Hampton was chosen as the President for the next two years, and Russ Howell will serve as Vice-President.

In addition to planning for the next conference at Westmont College from June 2-5, 1993 and the dinner meetings at the AMS/MAA January meetings, we are working on an updated Directory of Membership early in 1992 and revised Annotated Bibliography in 1993.

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