

Pi Mu Epsilon Illinois Alpha Chapter Officer Meeting

Minutes for April 9, 2013
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, 143 Altgeld Hall

Present: Brian Freidin, Wei Cheng, Christy Chiappetta, Errol Kutan

Also present: Abdullah Basyir Bin Tholudin, Alex Burnley

Committee Reports

1. We have an influx of 19 new members, raising the current member count to 25.
2. The Pi Mu Epsilon Illinois Alpha (PMEILA) website is up again after its demise following the retirement of NetFiles in the Fall 2012 semester, where the old website resided. The official homepage is now at <http://www.math.illinois.edu/PME/>.
3. Wei did a massive cleanup of the PMEILA Gmail account. He also created and uploaded many documents onto Google Drive. The PMEILA Webmaster's Gmail account was deleted as it was considered obsolete.

Committee Motions

1. In view of the imbalance in work load among the officers, we propose an adjustment in the written description of officer positions as follows:
 - Vice President (ViP) — In addition to the roles present in the description, also oversees the works of other officers and offers support if needed.
 - Treasurer — In addition to the roles present in the description, also helps generate fundraiser ideas and serves as the social chair.
 - Secretary — May delegate some tasks to the Techretary if not $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ -nically equipped (see below).
 - Techretary (formerly the Webmaster) — Updates the PMEILA website and takes over from the Secretary, if required, to formally type up meeting minutes and challenge problems in $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$.
2. In order to promote fellowship within the math community, PMEILA should keep a watch on and seek collaboration with the Illinois Geometry Lab (IGL) and other local student organizations affiliated with the Department of Mathematics, i.e. MATRIX, UIUC Student Chapter of Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM at UIUC), and Actuarial Science Club (ASC). Redundancy resulting from substantial overlaps in activities and goals with the aforementioned organizations should be avoided.
3. Alex, shadower and President candidate, proposes the establishment of an undergraduate math research group in PMEILA. The ultimate aim is to publish research papers in the biannual Pi Mu Epsilon Journal, or in the journals of the group's choice.

Committee Decisions

1. The proposed changes will be incorporated into the written description of officer positions. The meeting minutes and challenge problems are to be formally typed up in \LaTeX according to the formats of the templates.
2. Discussion will continue at future officer meetings.
3. Committee members will make an effort to initiate an undergraduate math research group in PMEILA by contacting faculty members. The assignments are:
 - Wei — Bruce Reznick,
 - Alex — George Francis,
 - Brian — A.J. Hildebrand and John D'Angelo.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 1, 2013, 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm, 143 Altgeld Hall.

Respectively submitted,

Wei Cheng, Vice President

Pi Mu Epsilon Illinois Alpha Chapter Induction Ceremony

Minutes for April 22, 2013
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm, 143 Altgeld Hall

Present: Philipp Hieronymi, Brian Freidin, Wei Cheng, Christy Chiappetta, and 7 new members

Absent: Errol Kutan and 12 new members

Out of the 9 survey responses, hearing a talk by a faculty member was the most popular choice. Regrettably, the officers were unable to obtain a speaker due to short notice. The larger lecture rooms in Altgeld Hall were also unavailable at the times when most members could attend the induction. Falling back to the second most popular choice, the chapter President, Brian Freidin, and Vice President, Wei Cheng, presented past challenge problems and solutions, and shared the history of their monopoly in the challenge problem industry in Pi Mu Epsilon Illinois Alpha.

Initiation came immediately after the presentation. The Chapter Advisor, Professor Philipp Hieronymi, explained the meanings of the Pi Mu Epsilon shield and the Greek motto, and the fact that his family name is from the ancient Greek “Hieronymos”, composed of the elements “Hieros” (sacred) and “Onyma” (name). The Pi Mu Epsilon banner was displayed, and new members signed the roll book with a violet pen to conclude the initiation. At the end, a group photo was taken. The following members were elected as officers:

- Alexandria Burnley — President
- Yijun Cheng — Vice President
- Ziwei Xu — Treasurer
- Errol Kutan — (continuing) Secretary
- Tingting Gao — Techretary

Ph.D. student M. Tip Phaovibul passed by and joined the talk that ensued after the induction among the officers.

Respectively submitted,

Wei Cheng, Vice President