

AMS Student Chapter Treasurer's Report for Wesleyan University

June 27, 2013

The Student Chapter was recognized by the AMS on April 15th and funds in the amount of \$500 arrived on April 29th. As per our budget we immediately awarded \$200 to the Graduate Student Seminar (GSS) to help lower the student contribution required and to help defray travel costs related to the Exchange Program. This program allows the GSS to trade speaking slots with nearby universities, so that the Wesleyan audience gets to hear a talk on a topic not normally seen in Wesleyan seminars and so that the more senior Wesleyan speakers get a chance to practice in front of an audience of strangers, to advertise their research, and to benefit from mathematical interactions with other departments. Three Wesleyan students spoke at other universities as a part of this exchange program and of the 13 speakers in the GSS spring semester lineup, three came from other universities (Lehigh, UConn, and UMass-Amherst).

Unfortunately, because classes ended on May 8, the executive board did not feel there was enough time between when the Student Chapter funds arrived and the end of the semester to organize a social outing or a trip to a graduate student conference. Many students travel in May, June, and July for conferences, so we felt the best option would be to delay Student Chapter events until August or September so that they would be available to the maximum number of graduate students possible. The Student Chapter budget allocated \$150 for funding travel to conferences and seminars. We plan to use these funds to cover travel and registration costs for a group of graduate students to attend the MAA MathFest July 31-August 3 in Hartford. The budget also allocated \$150 for social events. We plan to use this to organize a trip to the Museum of Mathematics in New York City. In both cases we'll take photos for the AMS website.