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October 2018 Meet an Officer

*Lara Pudwell, Valparaiso University
Current Chair of the Indiana MAA*

Welcome to our new feature, Meet an Officer! Our first interviewee is Lara Pudwell, from Valparaiso University. Lara is the current Chair of the Indiana MAA.



1. How long have you been involved in the MAA?

I became a student member of the MAA in 1999 and have maintained my membership ever since then. In fact, my first conference talk ever was as a freshman undergraduate at the spring 2000 Indiana Section meeting where I talked about a project I had been working on with Rick Gillman.

2. What goals do you have for the Indiana MAA during your tenure as section chair?

I'm working with the executive board to improve outreach to mathematicians in Indiana who aren't part of the MAA. As much as possible, I'd also like to involve new and early career members in section governance.

3. Describe one of your favorite memories from your time at Valparaiso.

Several years ago, a pair of calculus students spent an entire semester documenting silly things I said during class and wrote them all up (and illustrated them!) in a journal that they presented to me during finals week. It's still sitting on my office bookshelf and I still can't make it through more than a page or two at a time without laughing aloud.

4. One thing you likely don't know about me is....

I've been to 49 out of 50 states and 9 out of 10 Canadian provinces.

Interview conducted by Stacy Hoehn