mathNEWS / MathSoc Letter of Understanding

Re: Definition of Relations between the Mathematics Society and mathNEWS

Recognition of Independence

1. mathNEWS shall be recognized officially as a publication funded by and responsible to the undergraduate math students of the University of Waterloo, as represented by the Mathematics Society of the University of Waterloo, hereafter referred to as MathSoc. mathNEWS is editorially independent of MathSoc.

2. mathNEWS and MathSoc recognize the commitment of mathNEWS to accurately inform and entertain the math student body.

3. The content and appearance of mathNEWS shall be the responsibility of the mathNEWS editor(s).

Monies

4. As decided by the math student body, through referendum held in the Fall 1996 / Winter 1997 terms, renewed in Spring 2000, and renewing again in Spring 2003, mathNEWS will receive three dollars ($3.00) from each non-refunded Society Fee collected for MathSoc by the University of Waterloo. The fees will be collected as follows:

   a. mathNEWS will receive the fees (minus the portion of those fees that have been refunded to students as outlined in Section 5) within two (2) weeks of receiving payment of said fees to MathSoc by the Federation of Students.

5. Students may only seek a refund of the entire MathSoc fee. Students seeking a refund of their MathSoc fee will apply to MathSoc for said refund. The mathNEWS portion of each refund will then be subtracted from the total fees forwarded to mathNEWS by MathSoc.

6. MathSoc will, from time to time, bill mathNEWS, for expenses incurred by mathNEWS owed to MathSoc.
Conflict Resolution

7. If conflicts of a potentially serious nature between MathSoc and mathNEWS arise that cannot be internally settled, mediation services will be sought from the Conflict Management and Human Rights Office. In the event that such mediation is not successful, the conflict will be settled by arbitration with the Federation of Students Board of Directors. An editor of mathNEWS, the President of MathSoc, or a majority vote of MathSoc Council can initiate the mediation process. Should binding arbitration be required, each side will independently present its position to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will then make a binding decision from the facts presented.

Length of Agreement

8. The agreement will expire three (3) years from the date of signing. It may then be re-signed if so desired by both mathNEWS and MathSoc.

mathNEWS and MathSoc hereby agree to the terms and conditions as set out herein.

Dated this ____ day of ________________________, 2012

By:

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