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The Kansas Section: Were We First?

The Kansas Association of Teachers of Collegiate Mathematics first met on November 12, 1915, 48 days before the organizational meeting of the MAA itself and was the first organization to apply for admission as a section. In addition, the Kansas Section was also first to hold a section meeting on March 18, 1916. However, the Ohio section was the first to receive a letter granting their request to form a section, dated March 1, 1916.

Regardless of whether the Kansas Section of the MAA was first or not, it certainly has a long and colorful history. In 1980, Elaine Tatham, a former chair of the section prepared an extensive 65-year history of the section. In 2006, Bob Neufeld updated the history and prepared a 90-year history of the section. Highlights of these histories will be presented along with the current efforts to extend the results. (Received September 19, 2011)