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Dean Meder and the Origins of the MAA - New Jersey Section. Preliminary report.

The New Jersey MAA section was initiated by Albert E. Meder Jr., longtime Dean of Rutgers University. After an organizational meeting in 1955, the first meeting of the section took place in November 1956 at Rutgers. In this talk we discuss Dean Meder and the early years of the MAA - New Jersey section. We will also look at the talks given at the first meeting, where Brockway McMillan, later Under Secretary of the Air Force, gave the very first address. (Received September 12, 2011)