

Minutes of FALL 99 MATYCONN Meeting

Mitchell College

October 22, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm on October 22 at Mitchell College by President Steve Krevisky.

1. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the 4/30/99 meeting were approved with the following change: under item #5, Math Contest, change "NU did not contribute anything" to "NU did not yet contribute anything".

2. **AMATYC Report--** Phil Mahler began by commenting on how active MATYCONN is. The next AMATYC conference will be held 11/18/99-11/21/99 in Pittsburgh, PA. Some of the sessions will include Bill Thomas on *Crossroads* and Mary Linnquist on the next generation of the NCTM standards. Steve K. mentioned that MATYCONN can apply for a \$200 affiliate grant for activities and said the following items will be voted on in Pittsburgh: (1) position paper on assessment and (2) constitutional changes. Phil also mentioned that the Manley Report said AMATYC needs to ensure financial stability for itself and should think of itself as a business. As a result, AMATYC is looking at ways to increase membership.

3. **Report on Math Issues Committee(MIC) and Common Numbering--**Kathy Bavelas (speaking for Miguel Garcia) said that the MIC committee is meeting first Fridays of each month. There is much work to be done on common numbering to meet a June 2000 deadline. Karen Grosz asked the committee for common course descriptions. Kathy said she didn't want the common descriptions to mean homogenous courses at all of the CTCs, so she suggested one or two sentences for the common descriptions. Karen Grosz agreed. Each college will need to include the common description in their catalog. Karen Grosz also wants common course names. Kathy encouraged representation from all 12 colleges at each meeting. On other issues, Kathy said that the Tech Prep Committee took a firm stand on when tech prep students could receive CTC credit for math courses. Karen Grosz agreed to the committee's position. In regards to the CSU Basic Skills Committee, Kathy said that UCONN is now at the table and effective fall 2001, any credit math course without a prerequisite of intermediate algebra will not be transferable to CSU or UCONN as a math requirement.

4. **Minority Scholarship--**no report.

5. **Treasurer's Report--** Kunle Olumide reported that MATYCONN received \$500 from NU for math contest prizes. On the 10/22/99 treasurer's report, Kunle noted that item #2 under expenditures, AMATYC dues, is a check for MATYCONN members dues to AMATYC (\$\$ comes through MATYCONN and goes to AMATYC). Kathy Bavelas

recommended that the MATYCONN secretary send a thank you note to NU for their contribution. Kathy Cuddy agreed to do this.

6. **Newsletter**--Bonnie Simon asked people to send her information on any activities going on at their colleges for future newsletters.

7. **Membership**--Judy Marzi reported that there are 57 members in MATYCONN--38 are current with membership dues and 19 are not current. Judy will send letters to the non-current members and ask if they want to renew. MATYCONN directories are available at today's meeting. Any corrections to the directory should be given to Judy--she will send a directory addendum to the campus contacts soon. Judy will be applying for an AMATYC affiliate grant.

8. **Math Contest(10th year!)**-- Steve K. asked for help in 3 areas:(1)getting contest problems (2)obtaining contest fees on time and (3) raising money. He proposed a contest date of April 1, 2000--the group agreed. Judy M. mentioned the need for colleges to receive a bill for the contest fee. Steve asked for recommendations on places that make plaques.

9. **Nominating Committee**--Steve K. asked for volunteers for this year's MATYCONN nominating committee. Elaine Dinto and Judy Marzi volunteered.

10. **Report from Executive Committee**--Steve K. reported that the committee discussed possible new MATYCONN initiatives including having a joint meeting with ATOMIC, creating a web page, and establishing timelines and procedures for MATYCONN (Steve passed out a draft). Elaine Dinto volunteered to do a web page beginning in Spring 2000. She said one question she has is where to "house" the web page. Kathy B. made a motion to establish a MATYCONN web page--motion was approved. Kathy B. said it is too late to have a joint meeting with ATOMIC this spring. She suggested that Alice Burstein, who is on the ATOMIC board, talk with the board about having a joint meeting in the future. Steve K. said he would ask Alice about doing this. Kathy B. also suggested having a joint meeting with Northeast MAA this spring--the group thought that was a good idea.

A possible date to discuss with MAA is May 5, 2000. Kathy B. will contact Frank Ford regarding this. Marion Egan from Quinebaug CTC volunteered her campus as host.

11. **Concern re: Inverses versus Converses**--Mike Majeske raised a concern about how textbooks deal with inverses and converses as applied to mathematical functions. He does not believe they handle them in a consistent manner. Steve K. said he has extra copies of Mike's memo regarding this topic if anyone would like one.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Cuddy