

Minutes of Spring 2002 MATYCONN Meeting
Naugatuck Valley Community College
May 10, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 pm by President Robert Lynott.

1. Welcome

Bob welcomed all and introduced Mike and Marianne Connors as representatives of Texas Instruments. Marianne, assisted by Mike, gave a demonstration of using the graphing calculator.

2. Approval of meeting minutes.

The November 2, 2001 (date amended to 2001) meeting minutes were approved as amended.

The May 4, 2001 meeting minutes were approved. (Note: Minutes are available on the MATYCONN website.)

3. AMATYC Business

Jack Keating was present and distributed forms for individual and institutional membership. Jack also announced the 28th AMATYC Conference will be held in the fall 2002 in Phoenix, AZ. Other information Jack disseminated included the "Opportunities for Excellence" publication, AMATYC Teaching Excellence Award, and open AMATYC Officers positions. Further information is available at www.amatyc.org.

- S. Krevisky inquired as to whether the delegates were the same. They are.

4. Math Contest

- S. Krevisky reported the results: 2 perfect scores, 1 – 39, and a couple of 38's. \$300 is available for prizes with money received from six schools. Steve asked if MATYCONN wanted to add to the prize money.

K. Bavelas moved to have MATYCONN supplement the prize money with \$300. A. Grandgeorge, second.

J. Zimmerman clarified that there would be a seventh school and therefore \$350. Motion passed.

- Next year's contest is April 13.

- Allocation of prize money was discussed.

Each winner will receive \$200 and a plaque. Honorable mention winners will receive a certificate.

- Steve expressed concern at the low number of students that participate.

5. Minority Scholarship

Bob Lynott presented the following as discussed by the executive board: possibly changing the name to MATYCONN Scholarship, having 3 \$100 scholarships in the categories minority, developmental, and college level. Historically the intent was to provide a small stipend for the future study of mathematics. Bob also asked about the notion of possible criteria and selection of students (e.g. apply of faculty recommend).

Discussion:

- Should background or character of students be taken into consideration?

- Historically, students were solicited to apply and then each campus forwarded one name for each category.

- It was commented that this should not be a prize, rather students should have to fill something out.

- Possible areas for consideration high GPA, minimum number of credits (in courses overall).

- Possible thought: Can the Minority scholarship be folded into the math contest? A student must take the contest, if a minority then the highest score gets the scholarship.

6. By-Laws

- The Webmaster position was voted unanimously as an official office of the executive board.

- Bob Lynott announced that the executive board would like to remove the stipulation that the president be selected from the current executive committee. This is to be voted on at the fall 2002 meeting.

- K. Bavelas inquired whether there should be a president-elect position.

- S. Krevisky asked whether the position should be a member of the executive committee.

7. Academic Support Services

Bob Lynott presented the following drafted by the executive committee. The intent is to send it to Chancellor Herzog as a MATYCONN position statement.

“ As part of the mission of the Community Colleges of CT, to accommodate the needs of our students, and to support life-long learning, MATYCONN recommends that there be a separate line item in the budget to provide tutoring services especially in the academic area of mathematics”.

S. Krevisky made a motion to send the statement. Passed.

8. Treasurer's Report

- Jill Zimmerman distributed a report of the MATYCONN account, current balance \$7308.29.
- S. Krevisky made a motion to accept the report. Passed.
- Jill informed the body of an outstanding check for \$200 written to a math contest winner (Walter Woodland) from about 1 year ago.
- Jill announced that prior to her work there was no accounting of the scholarship fund and she would start one. A. Grandgeorge recollected that previous reports had that amount. Jill would check into this.

9. Election of New Officers

- Alice Grandgeorge made a motion that flowers be sent to Naugatuck Valley CC support staff for their assistance in preparing the Newsletter, along with a letter of recognition to Bonnie Simon and Elaine Dinto. Passed.
- A. Grandgeorge presented the slate of nomination for officers and called for additional nominations. K. Bavelas moved to close nominations. S. Krevisky second.

- The slate was approved as one ballot cast. Officers for 2002 – 2003 are:

President:	Bob Lynott
Vice-President:	Alice Burstein
Secretary:	Barbara Paskov
Treasurer:	Jill Zimmerman
Membership Chair:	Cora Preibis
Math Contest Coordinator:	Steve Krevisky
Minority Scholarship Chair:	Slav Sharapov
Newsletter Editor:	Bonnie Simon
Newsletter Editor and Webmaster:	Elaine Dinto

10. Future Meeting Dates and Locations

Fall 2002 – S. Krevisky offered Middlesex CC – date of October 25 suggested. Suggestions for topics: Teacher certification. J. Keating reported that AMATYC is also doing a lot of work in this area.

Spring 2003 – K. Herron offered Capital CC

11. Announcements

- A thank you to Cora Preibis for her work on the MATYCONN directory.
- Steve Krevisky announced that copies of the math Contest are available.
- Al Buatti – AAUP representative, AAUP.org – announced that Middlesex CC faculty have badges and that in the fall students will also.
- S. Krevisky – International Conference on Teaching Statistics is being held in Africa this fall.
- J. Keating announced that OCMA Meeting is in Toronto.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Paskov
MATYCONN Secretary