

Minutes of Spring 2003 MATYCONN Meeting
Capitol Community College
April 25, 2003

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

1. Agenda approved with no changes/additions.

2. Approval of meeting minutes.

The October 25, 2002 minutes were approved. It was noted that the minutes of the meeting are available on the MATYCONN website.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Jill reported on expenditures and income. There is still an outstanding check (Walter Woodland – previous contest winner) for \$200. The account balances at \$7836.10. Report approved.

4. Constitution and By-Laws.

Draft copies of the updated constitution and bylaws were distributed to the body. Bob Lynott spoke to the changes that the Executive Board had been working on to this document and that it was being presented for information to the membership to be voted on for adoption at the fall meeting. Basically the changes included updating the document to reflect what past practice has been and to include the new positions of the executive board. This document also compiles previous changes voted on and documented in other memos.

Steve Krevisky commented that the timelines document needs to be incorporated or included somewhere and he would be willing to work on that. Bob responded that it was to be looked at in the future as a next step.

5. MATYCONN Minority Scholarship.

Slav reminded that 4 scholarships each of \$250 had been previously allocated. He received 4 applications – 2 from Quinebaug, 2 from Manchester. The MCC students wrote essays; instructors wrote letters for the QCC students. Slav presented an overview of each applicant.

Alice Burstein asked if there were criteria of a minimum number of credits or level. Slav indicated that no decision had been made yet regarding that.

There was discussion of issues including whether the awarding of the scholarships should happen at this meeting; if there was a deadline; Should there be only one per school? These are for further discussion as the scholarship criteria are developed.

Motion was made to award the scholarships to the 4 applicants (Slav). Elaine Dinto (second). Passed.

6. Election of Officers.

Kathy Bavelas presented the following slate.

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

One ballot was cast. Approved.
Congratulations to all.

Elaine Dinto (on behalf of MATYCONN) thanked Jill Zimmerman and Bob Lynott for their work. Alice Grandgeorge extended the thank you to the entire executive board.

7. Fall Meeting with ATOMIC.

Alice Burstein announced that there would be a joint meeting in the fall with ATOMIC. The date is set for Friday October 3 at Middlesex CC. This date was selected as a compromise to satisfy MATYCONN's Friday selection and ATOMIC's early fall meeting date. Nial Neger and Michael Frame will be the speakers and their presentation/workshop will be on fractal geometry. Details to follow in September.

8. Math Contest.

Steve Krevisky announced that Manchester had one student with a score of 40, and Tunxis has students with a 40 and 39.

A dispute by a student from Norwalk CC was discussed and determined by the body that the student was incorrect.

There was discussion regarding the amount of the prizes. Eight campuses participated. If all send the \$50 there is \$400 for prizes. Steve K. recommended \$200 to the top scorers and continuation of awarding plaques. K. Bavelas indicated in the past she thought the ratio of prizes was 3-2-1. Jill Z. said in the past each received \$200 in addition to a plaque. K. Bavelas proposed \$250-\$250-\$100 and recommended MATYCONN allocate \$300 to cover the excess. A. Grandgeorge second. Approved.

Steve K. also asked for input from all for questions and problems for next year.

9. AMATYC Update.

Steve Krevisky announced that Jack Keating had a conflicting engagement and could not be present. Steve announced:

- November AMATYC is in Salt Lake City
- one duty of the MATYCONN president is to stay on top of nominating delegates. Currently they are A. Grandgeorge, K. Bavelas, S. Krevisky, and M. Garcia.
- need to apply for the \$200 affiliate grant each year. Costs for the newsletter can be sent to J. Keating for reimbursement.
- deadlines are coming for many AMATYC awards.
- we should invite J. Keating to the Oct. 3 joint meeting with ATOMIC.

10. Math Issues.

Miguel spoke about implementation of common course numbering and the importance and desire for Math Issues to continue to have a role in it. Miguel is trying to schedule a meeting with Paul Susen in May to discuss this.

Miguel also addressed the issue of the affect of retirements on mathematics departments and the ratio of part-time to full-time instructors. He indicated that he hoped to enlist Paul Susen for support to fill vacant mathematics positions.

Math Issues is also addressing the affect of Tech Prep on the system and Math Issues would like to come up with a position to represent what all campuses want and in order to maintain standards.

Miguel addressed the importance of keeping mathematics departments involved with these issues.

Slav announced that Quinebaug is losing 1 of 2 people and was asked to announce that starting in June they will be looking to fill the position.

Bonnie Simon addressed the issue of filling positions and said no decision has been made as to how retirement vacancies are going to be dealt with.

Miguel said that no decision is to be made until more information is known about the budget etc.

Steve K. commented that these are governance issues.

Bob Lynott asked that if anyone hears that hiring is going to happen that the information be forwarded to B. Paskov to be shared with all.

K. Bavelas said to be watchful of being pressured to do other duties such as registration, and to lock in the 20% additional responsibilities.

P. Wursthorn asked if MATYCONN should develop a statement regarding hiring. Bob Lynott indicated that was more a Math Issues item.

11. Teacher Preparation.

Kathy Bavelas digressed and apologized for not developing the statement from the fall meeting regarding support for the elementary education program to complete the minutes and would try to get to it soon.

Kathy also referred to legislation saying that the community colleges should play a role in Teacher Preparation and that President Daube (MCC) had written a letter of support to the chancellor.

12. Ties with NEMATYC.

Steve Krevisky spoke to maintaining closer ties with NEMATYC. His recent attendance at the NEMATYC conference resulted in interest in doing this. Steve suggested a possible future joint meeting and sharing of the Newsletter.

13. Newsletter/ Website Updates.

Bonnie announced "it's done". She thanked all for the information and extended a thank you to Elaine Dinto for her work. The next newsletter will be published next spring. All were encouraged to continue sending information. Elaine suggested information be emailed to her as it occurs.

Jill Zimmerman commented that the Newsletter is beautiful and that MATYCONN should be reimbursing the cost of the publication.

Alice Grandgeorge suggested the Executive Board include a line item in the budget for this. K. Bavelas – second.

Alice Grandgeorge asked if the AMATYC secretary receives a copy and indicated that from information from a delegate meeting this should happen.

Bob stated that the Executive Board should address including line items in the budget for the affiliate grant, Newsletter, etc.

14. Guests.

Bob indicated that there were guests at the meeting to be introduced. Bonnie Simon introduced Amy Tavares who is a new MATYCONN member from NVCC that is working with the science faculty. Peter Wursthorn introduced Leonel Carmona from who runs the Math Center at Capitol CC.

15. Membership.

Bob addressed the issue of the membership cycle and that the Executive Board recommends September to September.

16. Logo Contest.

Bob spoke about having a contest to develop a new logo for MATYCONN. Miguel stated that MATYCONN has a logo and that it was paid for. Alice Grandgeorge stated that this should be thought about and decided about by the membership. Alice Burstein indicated that a MxCC student created the current logo and that \$50 was paid for it.

Bob moved to table this issue.

Prior to adjourning at 4:28pm, Alice Burstein thanked Bob Lynott for his work as president.

Submitted,



Barbara Paskov
Secretary