

MATYCONN Fall 2003 Meeting
Middlesex Community College
October 3, 2003

1. President Alice Burstein called the meeting to order at 3:20pm. All were welcomed to Middlesex CC.
2. Motion to amend the agenda was made to include approval of previous minutes. Approved.
3. Bob Lynott moved to accept the April 25, 2003 minutes. Steve Krevisky 2nd. B. Paskov commented that the minutes are available prior to meetings on the MATYCONN Website. Approved.
4. Treasurer's Report. Bob Lynott gave his report. Steve Krevisky indicated he needed to be reimbursed for Math Contest plaques which he had bought. A. Burstein, motion to accept the report. Steve K., 2nd. Approved.

5. Constitution.

B. Paskov presented the amended Constitution for vote by the body. (Note: The MATYCONN Executive Board had been working on the Constitution to incorporate previous changes and to make the document current. The document with changes was made available to the body at the prior spring 2003 meeting.) Joe Karnowski, motion to approve. Elaine Dinto, 2nd. Comments: format change → eliminate #1; listing of all Executive Board positions were also included. Approved.

6. Membership.

Cora Preibis reported that MATYCONN's membership was at 61. The 2002 members had been dropped if membership fees had not been received. Cora also reported that the new directory would be published in the spring 2004. Discussion ensued regarding the lag in membership, a nationwide problem of having people join organizations, the number of retirees (due to June 2003 retirement incentive), and information needed for the Newsletter to spotlight retirees.

Steve Krevisky asked if MATYCONN had done anything to honor Jean Smith (colleague) who passed away a few years ago. Joe Karnowski suggested naming a scholarship after her. A. Burstein suggested it be a developmental scholarship based on J. Smith's work. Jack Keating stated that Jean had created a video about students with deficient mathematics backgrounds that went on to Wesleyan and she worked with them from the developmental level to calculus. Steve K. also added that she had published a textbook. Linda Musco, motion to name a scholarship for Jean Smith. Steve K., 2nd. Passed.

7. MATYCONN Scholarship.

Slav Sharapov distributed a document containing purpose, guidelines, and procedure for discussion. Slav stressed that the intent of this was to promote discussion in order to develop guidelines for reference. Alice Burstein also indicated that the Executive Board had expressed a need for this information and guidelines. Discussed included:

- the number of nominations per school
- the dollar amount awarded
- the total number awarded
- categories → need to define minority, upper level, developmental
- Are credits math or overall credits?
- historically scholarship was to encourage the continuation of the study of mathematics

The body agreed that the scholarship should be for work done at the community college and for intent for future study whether at a community college or elsewhere.

Based on the many issues raised in the discussion it was determined that this was not ready for a vote to establish or approve guidelines..

8. AMATYC Delegates.

Joe Karnowski and Steve Krevisky are the delegates. There is space for a third person. K. Bavelas and A. Grandgeorge had been appointed by Jack Keating. A. Grandgeorge being the state delegate.

9. Spring meeting.

Joe Karnowski offered Norwalk CC. He indicated they could showcase their new Technology Center. He also said they have an artist's market (as a point of interest) which holds one of the largest collections of M.C. Escher's work. He asked about possibly having an earlier meeting (1pm) to allow for visiting the market.

April 30, 2004 is the date for the spring meeting.

Slav Sharapov offered Quinebaug CC for fall 2004.

10. Nominating Committee.

Alice Burstein announced that Elaine Dinto and Joe Karnowski had volunteered and they were looking for a third person.

11. Math Contest.

Steve Krevisky announced that this year is the 14th year. He also had gotten plaques for last year's winners. The contest is scheduled for April 3, 2004. Steve spoke to some of the particulars for the contest:

- the test is given at each campus
- Steve K. needs problems from all to create the contest
- level of mathematics is no higher than intermediate algebra
- all should recruit students
- Steve K. needs an updated contact list
- all need to review rules
- monies for prizes come from MATYCONN

Alice Burstein asked Steve to post the rules on the website for reference.

12. Newsletter

It was requested that information be sent as it is happening to Bonnie Simon or Elaine Dinto.

13. NEMATYC

It was announced that the Fall 2004 meeting at Quinebaug CC was scheduled to be a joint meeting. Steve K. made a motion to approve a joint meeting agenda. Approved.

14. AMATYC Mathematics Excellence Award

Jack Keating announced the AMATYC Mathematics Excellence Award and distributed guidelines. Other announcements by Jack were:

- Teaching Excellence Award (guidelines on website)
- Orlando is the location for next year's meeting. The conference is being scheduled to end at noon.
- AMATYC Standards are being reviewed
- ICME, July 4-11, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 3 vacant positions at AMATYC

Jack indicated this is his last term and that he will not be running again.

15. Old Business

None

16. New Business

K. Bavelas announced the MAA meeting on Nov. 21-22, 2003, Wellesley College, near Boston. Steve K. is speaking (theme is patterns).

Joe Karnowski asked about donations to MATYCONN and suggested a separate place for them be included on the registration form. Alice Burstein replied that it usually does have a space but since fall 2003 was a joint meeting and due to time constraints it was not included.

Steve Krevisky announced the NEMATYC Spring meeting, April 2-3, 2004. Mt. Wachuset CC, Gardner, MA. NYSMATYC meeting in South Albany a few weeks after that.

4:50pm, Motion to adjourn.

Submitted by,
Barbara Paskov
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