

# **MATYCONN MEETING MINUTES**

**April 25, 2008**

## **CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

### **Welcome**

President Mark Leach called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m., introduced himself, and welcomed everyone. He then passed the hat (thanks to S. Krevisky), and raffle tickets for later use.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Deb Litwinko gave the Treasurer's Report. MATYCONN currently has a balance of \$4177.71. A motion to accept the report was made by S. Krevisky, seconded by K. Herron; it was unanimously approved.

### **Newsletter**

Andre Freeman thanked contributors to the Newsletter, in particular, Greg Banks and Elizabeth Raver from Northwestern, and Sue Ricciuti from Tunxis. He invited MATYCONN members to submit articles, essays, interesting problems, etc., to him for the Fall 2008 Newsletter. The group thanked Andre for the wonderful job he did in writing, editing, and printing the Spring 2008 Newsletter.

### **Membership**

Jana Sime gave the membership report. Matyconn currently has 73 members, with 50 of them whose membership will expire in September of 2008; she gave a membership breakdown by college, and encouraged members to send their dues to D. Litwinko, Treasurer. Campus contacts for the 2008-2009 academic year are as follows:

Asnuntuck — Pat Hirschy  
Capital — Andre Freeman  
Gateway — Rachael Schettenhelm  
Housatonic — Mark Leach  
Manchester — Barbara Paskov  
Middlesex — Alice Burstein  
Naugatuck Valley — Harry Burt  
Northwestern — Greg Banks  
Norwalk — Joe Karnowski  
Quinebaug Valley — John Lepore  
Three Rivers — Larisa Alikhanova  
Tunxis — Sue Ricciuti

## **Scholarship Report**

Larisa Alikhanova gave the Scholarship Committee Report. She was pleased to announce that this year there were five applications. The winners were Phuong Diep Wilk, TXCC, \$200, Juan Navarro, NCC, \$200, and Ethan Morehouse, TRCC, \$100. Larisa reminded MATYCONN members to make the students aware of the awards, and especially that the Committee is looking for students who have taken courses beyond the intermediate algebra level. Mark thanked Larisa for her hard work in reviving this effort to award student scholarships.

## **Nominating Committee**

S. Ricciuti stated that all current officers want to keep their positions for the upcoming year. S. Krevisky suggested that motions for additional nominations be accepted from the floor. No additional nominations were forthcoming. Peter Wursthorn made a motion to accept the board proposed by the nominating committee, seconded by S. Krevisky. The board was unanimously approved. M. Leach commented that the Vice President position will be open for next year for members' consideration.

## **Math Contest**

Steve Krevisky reported that the contest was held on Saturday, April 5th . The contest included 40 questions and seemed to be a little tougher than previous years. There were no perfect scores. The winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Ben Williams, NWCC, with a score of 38; 2<sup>nd</sup> place Maat Neubert, MCC, with a score of 38; 3<sup>rd</sup> place tie, Charles Leung, MCC, Jianing Lin, NVCC, and Lusya Anindita Hendra Mukti, NVCC, with scores of 34. Each of the seven participating campus submits \$50 to be used for awards for the system wide winners. There was much discussion about the award amounts for the system wide winners, including comparison to scholarship award amounts. The first proposal of awards was 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$150, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$100, and each 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner: \$50. Mark Leach proposed awards of 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$100, and each 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$50. Rachel Schettenhelm made a motion to accept Mark's proposal, seconded by Andre Freeman. The proposal was voted on by the attendees and more than half approved. Steve suggested that next year the campuses should start the process earlier. Jana Sime questioned the Saturday timing of the contest, suggesting that campuses have flexibility in choosing the day. Mark Leach commented that there could be security issues if the contest is stretched over a week. Andre Freeman suggested the contest dates be allowed on Thursday, Friday or Saturday of the same week, which may increase turnout. Andre made the motion to accept the flexible schedule, seconded by Steve, and the motion passed.

## **AMATYC / NEMATYC Updates**

S. Krevisky reported that the AMATYC conference will be held on Nov. 20-23 in Washington DC . Steve also mentioned plans for a Northeast regional meeting. Steve attended the Southwestern regional meeting and is working with Jane Tanner on these plans. Steve reported that the International Congress on Math Education will be held in Mexico on July 6-13<sup>th</sup>.

## **Math Issues and Basic Skills**

Elaine Dinto reported the ongoing work of standardized placement scores and common learning outcomes for Intermediate Algebra requested by the Board of Governors and Central Office. There is no approval as of yet. Minutes from this committee are posted on Matyconn website. In addition, broader placement alternatives are under discussion. Miguel Garcia added that this important work has been very intense and publicly thanked all participating members.

## **Review of Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from Fall 2007 meeting were passed and reviewed by attendees. There were no corrections. Kathy Herron made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Steve Krevisky.

## **Plans for Fall 2008**

The Fall meeting will be held on October 24th at Gateway Community College, at the Long Wharf campus. Marlene Makois will give a presentation on Intermediate Algebra, a functional approach. B Caserta, from NVCC, will also present "Math in the Movies, Part II".

## **Plans for Spring 2009**

The Spring 2009 meeting will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Housatonic Community College. Dr. Bob Devaney will give a lecture on Chaos theory and will include a hands on component. The presentation will be different from the presentation at this meeting by Harry Burt.

Mark Leach asked membership to recommend speakers for future meetings.

## **Announcements**

Steve distributed a document from 1999 that included timelines and procedures for Matyconn. He noted it may require some revision. The document includes reference to an ongoing speaker bureau which may be good to institute and formalize. Mark thanked Steve and commented that the document will be a help to him, Andre and future Matyconn officers.

Steve reminded the group of the necessity of identifying 2 affiliate and 2 state delegates, in the early Fall, to the AMATYC conference. Phil Mahler commented that affiliate participation is required and encouraged. The Regional VP should be contacting the Affiliate VPs. The 2010 AMATYC conference will be held in Boston. Steve noted that Matyconn may want to provide a donation for the hospitality suite for that meeting.

A. Freeman noted that biographies of new Math faculty for 2007-2008 will be included in the next newsletter.

A raffle was held with many small prizes donated by AMATYC. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Zupkus, Secretary