

MATYCONN FALL 2008 MEETING

GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

October 24, 2008

M. Leach opened the meeting with a moment of silence for Jill Zimmerman, who passed away over the summer. K. Bavelas gave details on memorial service. Mark thanked R. Schettenhelm for hosting the meeting at Gateway Community College.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from the Spring 2008 meeting were passed out and reviewed. S. Krevisky requested that the word "conference" be changed to "congress". No other changes were required. E. Dinto made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by S. Krevisky. A. Burstein abstained from voting. The minutes were unanimously approved by the other attendees.

Treasurer's Report

D. Litwinko distributed and reviewed the Treasurer's report. She noted that on a going forward basis the names of the payees on checks would no longer be listed on the report, as approved at the last meeting. She also noted that there is \$3500 invested in a CD. S. Krevisky suggested that names be included on the report for winners of scholarships and the math contest. S. Krevisky made a motion to accept the report. M. Garcia seconded. The report passed unanimously.

Membership Report

J. Sime gave the membership report and noted that membership renewals were sent to campus contacts to distribute. As of October 11th, few members had renewed. An estimate of 30-36 memberships had September expirations but to date only 4 had renewed. A. Burstein suggested the using the personal touch by contacting individuals who have not renewed. J. Sime will ask campus contacts to make personal contact with members whose membership has expired and have not yet renewed.

Discussion followed about lifetime membership and a onetime membership fee for retirees. Lifetime membership was intended as an honor to pay no dues. K. Bavelas suggested having retirees make one payment. A. Burstein agreed that in order to keep retirees involved, one payment is helpful. The Executive Board will decide on an amount for a lifetime membership fee for retirees. Input was requested by Mark Leach for suggestions for reasonable amount for retirees. S. Pettinico suggested \$50. Currently adjunct faculty members pay an annual membership of \$5 or \$9 for two years. B. Doane moved that retirees, who pay annually, pay the same as adjunct faculty. K. Bavelas seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Math Contest

S. Pettinico and S. Krevisky will coordinate the Math Contest. The campuses can decide when to hold the contest between the dates of Wednesday, April 1st to Saturday, April 4th. Problems should be sent to Steve or Sandy. The contest will be comprised of twenty problems and the time limit is two hours. Each participating campus submits \$50 for system prizes. Each campus can decide on local prizes. Campuses should recruit participants. The problem level difficulty is no higher than intermediate algebra level.

AMATYC Update

New England Vice President, Jane Tanner was introduced. She encouraged members to join AMATYC. The AMATYC annual Conference will be held on November 20-23rd in Washington D.C. She reminded current AMATYC members to complete the climate survey that was sent. She also stated that the AMATYC review has been retired, to be replaced with a more modern journal with more articles from two year colleges. A contest to name the journal contest is underway with the prize of 1 year AMATYC membership. Jane also mentioned Project Access, an initiative to get new two year faculty involved in AMATYC and potentially take on leadership roles in the future.

S. Krevisky reminded members about the plans for the upcoming Northeast Regional meeting. Steve plans to run for AMATYC secretary, and asked for MATYCONN member's support which was enthusiastically demonstrated.

Upcoming Spring Meeting

Mark Leach announced that the Spring meeting will be held on Friday, April 17th at the new building on Housatonic Community College. B. Devaney will speak on Chaos Theory. The presentation will include a lecture and hands on component. Mr. Devaney agreed to a reduced speaking fee. The HCC Center for Teaching will contribute money for the speaking fee. Unfortunately, the Spring meeting date of April 17th will conflict with meeting dates for NEMATYC and NYSMATYC.

Newsletter

Andre Freeman reported that the newsletter will be published in Spring 2009. The newsletter will include biographies of new faculty. An article on brain development was submitted by NWCC and will be included in the newsletter. Andre is looking for more articles. E.Dinto complimented Andre on the previous newsletter.

New MATYCONN Website

E. Dinto obtained the domain name www.matyconn.org. The domain name has been paid for two years. The site will include the constitution, membership, Math Issues meeting minutes, and links to resources submitted by members.

Scholarship

L. Alikhanova asked campuses to announce the scholarship to College Algebra and higher level classes in November. February 28th is the deadline for submission of a scholarship application. All the details about the scholarship can be found on the MATYCONN website. Larisa will remind campus contacts.

Math Issues, Math Basic Skills

Miguel Garcia summarized the committee's extensive work on common course objectives for Intermediate Algebra. Feedback is being prepared for Dr. Susen, Chancellor. The committee is counting on support from all colleges. In addition work on Tech Prep is ongoing. He encouraged attendance at future meetings.

Nominating Committee Formation

Volunteers are needed for the nominating committee. Please contact Mark Leach if interested. K. Bavelas explained the role of committee, which includes checking with current officers to determine if they wish to continue in their positions. All campuses should be represented on the board. S. Krevisky noted that the slate needs to be prepared for vote for the Spring meeting. Anyone who wants to serve on the Executive Board should contact the nominating committee. It was also noted that this is Mark's last year as President; A. Freeman, currently VP, is willing to serve as President. The position of VP will be open.

K. Bavelas announced a meeting of the MAA in the Spring at Fairfield University. Please contact her with ideas for program.

A raffle was held and the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Zupkus

Secretary