

# Spring 2010 MATYCONN Meeting

## April 23, 2010

### Three Rivers Community College

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by President Andre Freeman. Andre welcomed the attendees and thanked L. Alikhanova for hosting the meeting.

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the Fall 2009 meeting were distributed for review. S. Krevisky motioned to approve the minutes, A. Freeman seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

#### **Announcements**

Announcements from Jane Tanner, NE Regional VP of AMATYC were read by A. Freeman. Volunteer positions are available for a network coordinator and a production manager for the newsletter. Also, candidates for Project Access, a leadership program for new faculty, are encouraged to apply. Individuals for poster sessions are being sought for the annual AMATYC conference in Boston scheduled for November 2010.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

D. Litwinko, Treasurer, distributed the report and stated that as of 3/31/10 the account balance is \$4458.98. There is approximately \$4000 in the CD. Member donations of \$5.00 to the scholarship fund, accompanying dues renewals, are being recorded. There are a few outstanding checks from last year's Math Contest. S. Krevisky motioned to accept the report, seconded by R. Schettenhelm. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

#### **AMATYC Update**

S. Krevisky gave an update on plans for the annual AMATYC conference to be held November 11th-14th, 2010 in Boston. He made a motion that MATYCONN donate \$200 to the hospitality suite for affiliates to gather, network and socialize. T. Foley moved to approve the motion, seconded by K. Bavelas. Discussion occurred about volunteer opportunities at the conference. To volunteer to preside for a session, access the AMATYC website. S. Krevisky will contact J. Keating for other possible volunteer opportunities. Interested members should email Steve with volunteer availability for the conference.

#### **Math Contest Update**

The update for the contest which was held on April 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> was given by S. Pettinico and S. Krevisky. Each participating campus sent in \$50 towards the system-wide awards. First place was awarded to a student from Gateway CC for a perfect score. A student from Middlesex CC was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place. There were 4 awards for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, one student from Three Rivers CC, and 3 students from NVCC. S. Pettinico made a motion for the following amounts for the awards: \$200 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for each third place. D. Litwinko seconded the motion. Questions for next year's contest should be forwarded to Steve or Sandy. Steve encourages all campus to participate. M. Garcia stated he meets weekly with students to work on problems for the contest which increases participation in the contest. S. Krevisky stated he gives his students extra credit points for participation in the contest. Previous test questions are posted on the website.

#### **Newsletter Update**

Andre Freeman stated that he received so few submissions for the Newsletter that it was not produced for the spring. He plans to work on it over the summer and encouraged members to submit articles, pictures and updates.

## **Math Issues/Basic Skills**

M. Garcia thanked everyone for the card and their thoughts during his recovery. E. Dinto reported that Accuplacer scores have been discussed in the Math Issues meetings. Adjustments are needed to the placement process. Testing by faculty has found that it is easy to get into Elementary and Intermediate Algebra, but it is hard to get out of Intermediate Algebra. The Math Issues meeting minutes are available on the MATYCONN website.

## **Scholarship Update**

L. Alikhanova stated that there were 4 applications for the scholarship. Three applications were from Three Rivers CC and one application from Naugatuck Valley CC. Two scholarships of \$350 were awarded to one candidate from Three Rivers CC and one candidate from Naugatuck Valley CC. The scholarship information is communicated through the campus contacts. J. Sime stated it would be helpful for potential applicants to know the amount of the award in advance, since there is work involved in completing the application. There is a separate line item in the budget for the scholarship and it is funded through donations. K. Rosen suggested setting a goal for the budget amount and volunteered to help raise funds for scholarship. Those interested in working on scholarship funding should contact K. Rosen if interested.

## **Website Update**

E. Dinto provided the update on the website. The 5 year registration fee of \$100 for the MATYCONN domain name is due. E. Dinto stated she would be willing cover the renewal cost for the upcoming period. In addition, the annual charge of \$120 for maintenance and hosting of website is due. E. Dinto has been covering this charge. R. Schettenhelm suggested \$140 annually for these charges should be budgeted. P. Edelen made a motion to include these charges in the budget, seconded by S. Krevisky.

## **Election of Officers**

The nominating committee of S. Ricciuti and R. Urbina-Lilback announced the executive board nominations. A change to the slate was announced that there was only one interested candidate for Secretary. The nominations included A. Freeman, President, T. Foley Vice President, D. Litwinko, Treasurer, R. Urbina-Lilback, Secretary, E. Dinto, Webmaster, S. Pettinico and S. Krevisky, Math Contest co-chairs, J. Sime, Membership Chair, and L. Alikhanova, Scholarship Chair. R. Schettenhelm motioned to accept the slate of nominations, seconded by K. Rosen. All present supported the acceptance of the candidates.

## **Membership Update**

J. Sime stated that there are currently 67 members with up-to-date dues. A membership list is available on the website.

## **New Business**

Plans for the fall meeting to be held on Friday, October 22, 2010 were discussed. S. Krevisky volunteered Middlesex CC to host the meeting. Items discussed for the agenda included revision of the MATYCONN constitution and by-laws, presentation of a traveling workshop sponsored by AMATYC, and an update on AMATYC's "New Life" program for developmental math.

A motion was made by S. Krevisky to adjourn the meeting, seconded by J. Sime. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Zupkus, Secretary