

Minutes of the WAMATYC Membership Meeting

May 19th 2017

Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, WA

Paul Casillas, President, WAMATYC, Presiding

Attendees (14): Patrick Averbeck (Edmonds), Kay Barnhill (Clark), Paul Casillas (Clark), Kate Cook (Clark), Jeff Eldridge (Edmonds), Lourdes Gutierrez (Shoreline), Dale Hoffman (Bellevue), Liz Hylton (AMATYC), Sally Keely (Clark), Gabrielle McIntosh (Edmonds), Chris Milner (Clark), Chris Quarles (Everett), Dan Taylor (Centralia), Pete Wildman (Spokane Falls)

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 pm.

Minutes from the spring 2016 meeting were approved with minor typographical corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Officer Chris Milner presented the following budget summary for 2016 - 17.

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| <u>Beginning Balance</u> | \$1734.71 |
| <u>Revenues</u> | |
| Interest | \$0.34 |
| Dues | \$580.00 |
| <u>Expenses</u> | |
| Speaker Honoraria | -\$300.00 |
| WWCCSMC prizes | -\$50.00 |
| Checking account fees | -\$100.00 |
| <u>Ending balance</u> | \$1865.05 |

REPORT ON 2017 WWCCSMC

Paul Casillas gave us a brief report on another successful Western Washington Community College Student Mathematics Conference. WAMATYC supports the conference in the form of a \$25 gift card for each of the best two student talks. Let your students know about this conference held annually on a Saturday in February. It is free and students benefit tremendously. See details at www.wwccsmc.org

WAMATYC SESSIONS IN MATHEMATICS

WAMATYC sponsored two “Sessions in Mathematics” at the 2016 Washington Math Conference (Jen Townsend, Bellevue, and Chris Lee, University of Portland, see www.wamatyc.org/docs/SIM2016.pdf) that were exceptionally received. We would like to continue to support one or two session speakers each year, but it can be costly. In 2016 we gave an honorarium to Jen, and Chris received an honorarium, conference registration, and transportation. We save money if the speaker is already planning to attend the conference. The goal is to provide math talks, not pedagogy, and showcase quality mathematicians that we have here in the northwest. The sponsorship also highlights WAMATYC. Anyone with ideas for future speakers, please send the information to Paul Casillas.

AMATYC STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

AMATYC provides a \$1000 student scholarship annually to a student planning to major in mathematics. Nominees are submitted by affiliate. Washington state has won in the past. Every college is encouraged to nominate a student each year. Send that chosen student’s name and information to WAMATYC, WAMATYC then randomly chooses one name to send to AMATYC. Each affiliate submits one name from which AMATYC chooses randomly. The name must be submitted to AMATYC by October 15th which is unfortunately early in the academic year. Details and rules are at www.amatyc.org/?page=PresStudentScholar.

AMATYC NATIONAL MEETING “SCHOLARSHIP”

Each year AMATYC provides monetary support (worth about \$350) for an affiliate member to attend the national AMATYC conference. Preference is given to a faculty attending the conference for the first time. The 2017 conference is being held November 9-12 in San Diego, California. Paul Casillas will try to get information out to departments in the next couple of weeks so we can take advantage of this opportunity. If you are chosen for the affiliate scholarship, you will note that on your registration, and if you find you cannot attend, it is important to let Paul know so it can be passed along to another worthy recipient.

WAMATYC AWARDS

Tonight at dinner WAMATYC will present one Service Award and two Lifetime Achievement Awards. A hearty pre-congratulations to the winners! Service, Teaching, Education Reform, and Lifetime Achievement Awards have been presented since 2014. Paul reminded us of the process, detailed at <http://www.wamatyc.org/awards.html> Dale Hoffman said the nomination process was easy, just write a letter about your deserving colleague. Chris Quarles noted that the Lifetime Achievement award is the most popular. Paul added that the Teaching Award is more difficult only because we don’t often watch

each other teach. These are worthy awards, for well-deserving colleagues, so keep them in mind for next year.

PRESIDENT ELECT

WAMATYC is in need of a President Elect. The position has been vacant for one year. We must fill that position so there is a President to take over for Paul in May 2018. Paul noted it is not a hard job, there is ample “institutional memory” and assistance in the form of the other board members. Sally Keely and Chris Milner agreed. Paul is in the process of putting together a “to do” timeline to make the responsibilities go even smoother.

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Committee met earlier today. We discussed the fees charged by Bank of America, with a possible move to a credit union. The process of changing banks is not easy with their regulations on non-profits and signatories. Having the WAMATYC Financial Officer holding a 4-year term now helps. It was suggested to look into Washington State Employee CU, although they are not statewide, or an online bank. The Board also discussed the need for a President Elect and who we might encourage to consider the position as well as how we might improve or clarify the WAMATYC award nomination and decision process.

AMATYC 2017 MEETING HOSPITALITY ROOM

After some discussion, Chris Milner made a motion and Dale Hoffman seconded for WAMATYC to provide \$100 toward the hospitality room at the AMATYC 2017 Conference in San Diego this November. Having a presence is important especially with the conference being held this year on the west coast.

WAMATYC AS DEPOSITORY FOR CONFERENCE FUNDS

A vigorous discussion ensued around the idea that WAMAYC try to serve as a depository for Washington College Mathematics Conference (WCMC) funds. Given the structure of WCMC, with different colleges hosting the conference each year, each host basically has to start from scratch setting up a bank account and federal ID number. Conference hosts find transferring the money to be a hassle and there is a timing problem between when deposits must be made to secure the venue (about two years in advance of the conference) and when money gets handed over from the previous hosts.

Dale Hoffman, having recently run the conference, shared some insights including that if one organization were to handle the funds from year to year it would need to be a non-profit. While WAMATYC is a non-profit organization, we would need to have clear separation between WAMATYC

funds/accounts and those of the conference. Pete Wildman suggested WCMC would need a “non-profit business” account. Sally Keely suggested WAMATYC add an officer to the board to specifically handle coordination of conference funds and logistics. Jeff Eldridge, Chris Quarles, and others recommended WAMATYC pursue the depository idea as it would be valuable to future hosts saving them time and frustration. However, there is a lot to consider, e.g., who would audit the conference account, our Financial Officer? Jeff offered to help Paul and Pete work on this idea further if feasible.

STRENGTH OF OUR WAMATYC AFFILIATE

The state of our affiliate is strong. Membership numbers in WAMATYC and ORMATYC compared to other regional affiliates across the U.S. are solid. Chris Milner confirmed 116 current WAMATYC members pre-conference. It was noted that given the size of the teaching faculty in Washington and Oregon, both affiliates have high conference attendance rates. While most members renew membership via the WCM conference registration form, Chris is looking into options to make it easy for new people to join WAMATYC at any time of year.

AMATYC 2020 IN SPOKANE

The 2020 AMATYC national meeting will be held in Spokane, Washington, November 12-15. Liz Hylton mentioned that the Northwest Region will need to appoint a local events coordinator soon and that there will be lots of work to do as 2020 nears.

WCMC 2018 IN YAKIMA

The 2018 Washington College Mathematics Conference (WCMC) will be held May 17-19 in Yakima hosted by Edmonds College. Jeff Eldridge announced they had secured the excellent domain name wamath.org and invited everyone to stay tuned for conference announcements and information to be posted there later in the year.

ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Minutes submitted by volunteer minute-taker, Sally Keely.