

Minutes - Spring 1998 Meeting

The WAMATYC meeting was held at 4:15 pm on April 17, 1998, at the 30th annual Washington State Community College Mathematics Conference at Campbell's Conference Center by Lake Chelan, Washington. Present at the meeting were Dick Benson, Kent Brauning, Paul Casillas, Dave DeBruyne, Mark Elliott, Marina Frost, Dale Hoffman, Sally Keely, Larry Larson, Vicki Ringen, Dave Sicks, Marjie Vittum-Jones, Dennis Watson, Matthew Weaver, Emily Woods, Kayoko Yates and Qing Zhang.

The meeting was opened by the outgoing president, Paul Casillas. Recognition and Thanks were extended to Dale Hoffman for all his work with the AMATYC Math League and the state participants. The state winners will be announced at the evening banquet. Again, WAMATYC will give a gift of \$50 to the top school in recognition of their accomplishment.

Thanks were given to Sally Keely for her work with the newsletter. From now on, the newsletter will be available only on-line. The web site is: <http://www.csci.clark.edu/~gloves/WAMATYC/>. Paul asked the WAMATYC department representatives to provide information to Sally for inclusion in the newsletter. Even the most mundane information is welcome as, many times, other campuses are unaware of what is taking place on other campuses, but are interested. He asked for suggestions for other information which we would like to see included on the website. The website does have links to all the other mathematical organizations.

Thanks were extended to Ilga Ross, the AMATYC Vice President for the Northwest Region, for providing snacks for our meeting. On November 5-9, 1998, the AMATYC meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon. Paul pointed out that we need to participate in the meetings which write up position statements. These statements are then voted in as policy by AMATYC. Also we need to participate fully in the voting as this is the primary way Washington state and the Pacific Northwest can have a say in what happens on the national level. It is very important for us to have the maximum number of delegates allowed WAMATYC to attend the conference, so join AMATYC. Dues are \$50 per year. Dues are paid for AMATYC and WAMATYC independently.

AMATYC has regional awards, the Teaching Excellence Award, available every two years. Congratulations to last year's Northwest Regional winner, our own Larry Runyan from Shoreline Community College! Three nominees must be submitted from a region for the Teaching Excellence Award to be given. Please consider nominating one of your fellow WAMATYC colleagues who you feel deserves special recognition for his/her work. The nomination application is available on the AMATYC web site: <http://www.amatyc.org/>

Marjie Vittum-Jones announced that the Math Directory has not been sent out yet. She hopes to get this year's Directory to you sometime this quarter. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read.

A brief discussion took place on whether to disband or continue WAMATYC. Paul emphasized that WAMATYC must never again be in the position where we have broken our by-laws due to the difficulty in finding volunteers to run WAMATYC. Nominations for the position of President were opened. Dale Hoffman generously agreed to be nominated. Dale was unanimously voted in as President of WAMATYC for the next two years. Sally Keely and Marjie Vittum-Jones agreed to continue in their present positions as Editor of the Newsletter and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively. It is assumed that Helen Hancock will continue to be in charge of Membership. Larry Larson led the resounding thank you applause for all the work Paul Casillas has done over the past 4 years as President.

A discussion of what WAMATYC could do to be more visible, useful, and effective and of general concerns followed Dale's election. Dick Benson pointed out that he has a concern about the voting technique used by AMATYC. Seeing that we are a mathematical organization, why a more effective and representative method is not being used. Vicki Ringen suggested having the issue brought up at the next AMATYC executive board meeting. Paul suggested we set up a Speakers Bureau list as he was sure we all have at least one presentation we might like to present at another campus. Dale pointed out that with the access provided by email, more communication should take place within WAMATYC. Several present suggested we need to call for more members. Larry suggested a list of the membership should be sent to members. Dale suggested we sponsor a medium- to high-profile speaker at the next conference which is being hosted by Edmonds Community College. Larry Larson moved that we send \$250 to Edmonds for a speaker designated as sponsored by WAMATYC. The motion was seconded. After a discussion of various other options, Larry added the friendly amendment that Dale pick the speaker. The motion was passed as follows: WAMATYC will send \$250 to Edmonds for a speaker who will be picked by Dale Hoffman and designated as sponsored by WAMATYC. Dale requested suggestions for speakers be sent to him.

**The meeting closed at 5:30pm.
Submitted by Marjie Vittum-Jones,
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