

WAMATYC Meeting, Spring 2012 May 12th, 2012

Salah M. Abed, President, WAMATYC, Presiding

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 AM. There were 11 members of WAMATYC present.

The motion to approve previous minutes was passed. There was discussion of some old business.

Election Results: Several position changes were announced. Chris Milner has become the past president, Jonathan Ursin has become the financial officer, and Pete Wildman has become the president-elect.

Financial Officer: In the year since the previous meeting, WAMATYC has collected \$945 in member dues. Some discussion took place about WAMATYC sending out renewal notices.

Payments were made for renewal of the website domain (wamatyc.info), \$400 to the AMATYC Foundation for Project ACCESS fellows, and \$50 to the Western Washington Community College Student Math Conference. WAMATYC member Mike Kenyon wrote to thank us for our support of this conference. A motion was proposed and passed to annually donate \$50 to said conference.

State Board Requirement: Member Sally Keely inquired (by proxy) about adding a requirement to have WAMATYC's bylaws requiring board members to be Washington state board employees. Other members expressed concern that retirees and those terminated by their colleges would not have the ability to be nominated. Others pointed out that the president-elect position involves a six-year commitment: two as president-elect, then president, then past president.

Conference Setup on WAMATYC Website: Considerable demand exists for WAMATYC to have greater involvement in the annual two-year college math conferences. Several members proposed setting up a way for attendees to register for the conference and pay fees accordingly through the website. They consider the current setup – host schools setting up the registration website themselves – inefficient, although it was also pointed out that the member schools learn quickly how to do this.

Student Math League: At 8:25, the meeting was interrupted with an announcement of Student Math League results.

1. Bellevue Community College
2. Green River Community College
3. Highline

The top score in the region went to Washington went to Harry Kim, who scored in the Top 15 in the entire country.

Conference Setup on WAMATYC Website (continued): The meeting resumed at 8:25 and discussion continued on the topic. Past President Chris Milner didn't feel the 5-person executive board had the manpower for such a task. Several members expressed a preference for the conferences' current setup of venues that change every year (in contrast with ORMATYC, which hosts the conference at a static venue), saying that such an arrangement facilitates more diverse speakers and local flavor.

Ultimately the suggestion came up that WAMATYC host on its website the conference infrastructure, the common material needed each year. A motion was proposed and passed to investigate the possibility of putting conference infrastructure on the WAMATYC website.

Donations: A motion was passed to set aside \$500 to co-sponsor the speaker for the Thursday night speech of the next conference. Another motion was passed to award \$50 to the Math League winner.

AMATYC: AMATYC Northwest Vice President Stefan Baratto proposed shortening the term of president and past president to a single year each. He also put out a call for nominees for the vice presidential position to take place at the end of 2013. Baratto then gave a brief update concerning AMATYC-sponsored professional development webinars and traveling workshops. He mentioned the annual AMATYC conference – taking place this year in November in Jacksonville, Florida – and reminded the attendees that like the other state organizations, WAMATYC gets an AMATYC scholarship.

Common Core Conference: Brief discussion took place regarding a teleconference with Bill Moore of the Core to College Alignment and the Transition Mathematics Project. The meeting would take place on May 24 and concern his work on the Common Core State Standards having to do with Math 107: Math in Society.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 AM.