

Minutes - Spring 2002 Meeting

The WAMATYC meeting was held at 7:30 am on May 3, 2002, at the 34th annual Washington Community College Mathematics Conference in Wenatchee, Washington. It was a small meeting mostly attended by the WAMATYC Executive Officers. Doug Moores of Whatcom CC began his 2-year term as President by residing over the meeting. Mike Kenyon of Yakima Valley CC was elected President Elect. Marjie Vittum-Jones was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting, as was Emily Woods, outgoing President.

The meeting was fairly informal. We brainstormed ideas for WAMATYC's goals and mission. Doug suggested we think about how to get WAMATYC more involved at the national level. It was agreed that WAMATYC should take a more active role in representing its membership to AMATYC, perhaps via position statements. More on this will be circulated via email over the next few months.

A suggestion was made to include a "Focus on ___ College Corner" on the website. A different college could be the focus each quarter, perhaps rotated alphabetically. Sally agreed to work on this.

Marjie had sent along a [math directory report](#). The WAMATYC math directory is now online and in the final stages of testing. This searchable database contains statewide information about math courses taught, textbooks used, faculty contact information, and lots more. Check it out online at dept.seattlecolleges.com/WAMATYC/wamatest/ This directory is going to be an invaluable resource for our members. Great work Marjie! Many kudos to you and your assistants!!

Marjie also sent along the following Treasurer's report.

Treasurer's Report for March 31, 2001 - April 1, 2002	
starting balance	\$1275.01
deposits	+ 118.00
expenditures (conference speaker & Pac NW League winner)	- 250.00
interest earned	+ <u>9.72</u>
ending balance	\$1152.73

The meeting closed at 8:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by Sally Keely.

WAMATYC MATH DIRECTORY REPORT

Last Winter/Spring a group of five students took on the Math Directory as their project. Although not completed, they did a fine job of setting up the Directory. Two of the students chose to continue to work on the set-up on their own time. One of these two students, Elliott Birkhouser, did the majority of the finishing work. By Fall, 2001, we were finished with the testing and the site was activated. My daughter and I entered the information provided by the nine colleges who had responded to the requests (and follow-up requests) for that information. The site is still active and located at

<http://dept.seattlecolleges.com/WAMATYC>. Check it out!

The second student, Mani Khamphilom, decided to redo the Directory using a program called Sequel. Apparently this is cutting-edge stuff and brings exactly the kind of flexibility and accessibility to the Directory that we want. Mani showed me his finished work early Winter quarter. It is wonderful and would allow each college to update their own information as well as provide access to whatever information the user wanted to find. We spent most of Winter trying to get permission to put the Directory on the Seattle CC district Sequel server or on South Seattle CC sequel server. The result is that, although the district uses Sequel, they will not allow anyone access to that server. The new Sequel server at South was given (or gotten by grants) for student use only, so faculty or organization use is not allowed. So, Mani redid the Directory set-up in Access. We plan to put it on a district server (this one is apparently an acceptable choice, so say the district computer gurus) and test it out. In a few weeks, it should be operational! As I understand it, Access is going to be just as flexible as Sequel for the user and will also allow each college to maintain its own accurate information.

Check out the existing site! It is a very nice set-up even though I have to be the one to enter the college information. Send me your information if you want me to add it in immediately.