

FTYCMA Executive Board Meeting
February, 11, 2011
Valencia Community College/East

Rick Pal presided at the February executive board meeting with the following in attendance: Janette Campbell, Byron Dyce, Debbie Garrison, Martha Goshaw, Bill Hemme, Nancy Johnson, Bill Jordan, Ryan Kasha, Mike Keller, Mike Mears, Altay Özgener, Rick Pal, Don Ransford, Donna Saye, Jessica Sobkowiak

Even though faculty members from Florida State College are unable to be in attendance this weekend, Rick announced that they will be happy to receive help from us as they plan for the 2012 AMATYC conference in Jacksonville.

Because the minutes from the October meeting have been approved on-line, there was no need to do so at this time. In the future minutes will continue to be approved in this manner.

Byron Dyce made the treasurer's report and it is attached to these minutes. He plans to check on the \$7 bank analysis fee charged against our account. Discussion followed regarding the income from registration vs. membership dues. Byron agreed to work on separating these items. Recognition of our \$1,000 contribution to the AMATYC Foundation was provided. Following discussion, the consensus agreed to handle future contributions on an annual basis.

Ryan Kasha announced that he has many lifetime membership certificates in his possession. These are usually awarded at our meetings but those members may not be in attendance. The question is should he mail these out and after what period of time. Concern was expressed that these members, even though they have paid their dues, are still not participating in the organization. It was decided that the certificates should not be mailed but sent electronically. If the member does not appear for the presentation after 2 years (or one of his peers does not receive it in his place), the certificate will be sent electronically and the member's participation will be encouraged.

Don Ransford suggested that notice of our contribution to the AMATYC Foundation be placed in the AMATYC newsletter. A very nice thank-you note was received from Rikki Blair, AMATYC Past-President and Foundation Chair.

Rick Pal reported that our newsletters are not being forwarded to the mathematics faculty at each college. Altay Özgener offered to help update the list and made suggestions about a better method of sending the newsletters. The spring issue should soon come out and both Ryan and Rick plan to contact each math chair regarding the special rate for lifetime membership that will be in effect until July 31 of this year.

When the new constitution is adopted, the membership year will be July 1 to June 30.

It was agreed that once the revised Constitution has been ratified by the membership, there is no need to continue printing it in the newsletter and only the link be listed for those that are interested.

Altay asked if we want to migrate our website to FTYCMA.org. There will be a one-time \$217 cost and an additional cost of \$50 per year. Even though this will be a second change in just a few years, it was felt that there would be many advantages to the move, one of which would lessen the dependence on the changing institutions with future changes of webmaster. The vote for the change was unanimous and the goal is to have it in effect by August 1.

AMATYC is encouraging the affiliates to investigate moves to social networks such as Facebook and Twitter. Even though this was not determined to be specifically part of the webmaster's duties, Altay generously offered to begin exploring the possibility of a Facebook presence. Donna Saye reported that the AMATYC Board thinks that this will help in outreach to the younger faculty.

Don reminded us that the revised Constitution will be voted on at the business meeting. The board has already unanimously voted its approval.

Rick expressed concern that we need more members to become involved in the executive board. We also recognize that it is important to maintain the experience from those who have contributed in the past. This idea was discussed, including a note that, with our system of president-elect/president/past-president, there is some flow of history through the board.

We have received letters from Jim Roznowski, AMATYC President-Elect, and Rikki Blair, Past President. Jim reported that the Board was offering scholarships to the next AMATYC conference and requested that a nominee's name be forwarded, preferably someone who had never attended. Ryan Kasha was recommended to receive this scholarship. Rikki asked for a nominee for the AMATYC Mathematics Excellence Award. Mike Mears is to be contacted to complete the application.

The spring board meeting will be held at Valencia West on Friday, May 13, at 10am. The 2012 joint meeting will be held at the University of North Florida and 2013 at the University of Tampa. Our FTYCMA Fall Retreat is planned for October 14-15 at Polk State College. Because of responses from the previous retreat, we plan to continue with the 2-day format. Penny Morris has confirmed those dates. It was agreed that we continue to honor the hosts with gift cards.

Mike Mears encouraged us to have nominees for the MAA Teaching Awards. He felt that the 2-year colleges have been underrepresented in the past. Don recommended that we look at our own list of recipients of our teaching award and submit names from that list.

Don announced that the fall retreat will focus on quantitative literacy and statistics and possibly include the new programs, STATWAY and/or MATHWAY. He requested approval to offer travel costs, if necessary, for any consultant we may need. It was unanimously approved.

Don presented the proposal for a new FTYCMA flag. The board approved his plans and the bid that he had received. Then questions arose about the back side being a reverse image. However the previous approval was confirmed.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch and our general business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Janette Campbell, Secretary