

**OCTM General Meeting**  
**October 7, 2005 4:00 p.m.**  
**Dayton, Ohio**

Before the meeting:

The board met to approve the slate of nominations for elections. Jack Albers moved to accept the slate. Debbie Haverstock seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

A round of introductions was done.

Linda Hallenbeck noted that the awards album for 2004 is missing (and has been since yesterday afternoon).

The minutes from the general meeting on October 15, 2004 were reviewed. Eugene Smith moved to accept the minutes. Ruth Hubbard seconded. Motion passed.

Ruth Hubbard gave the treasurer's report. EXPENSES: Adele and Richard audited the books for 2003-2005. The filing for the IRS has been done. The fiscal year 04-05 is in the first column of Ruth's report. (May 1, 2004 – April 30, 2005) Ruth noted the leadership conference money is available (\$1800). Up to 6 people can go to the NCTM leadership conference, but last year only 1 person did this. Affiliate grants – we have \$3000; we give grants of \$500 to affiliates. Last year we gave out \$1000. Scholarships: these were brought back this year. \$3000 was spent for students (plus some administrative expenses). The checks were written after April 30 so they did not go into last year's expenses. Different items: OCTM contest website – there was a one-time charge for development of the site. Total expenses: \$68358.02, under the budget of \$89,900. With half this year gone, we have spent \$34,116.11. INCOME: membership: \$73,464.28. Annual meeting: \$33,572.59. (This is from 2 annual meetings, actually.) Advertising in journal: good source of income. Last year we took in \$6800, this year \$4200. We also have some income from the checking account and from investments. OVERALL: (last year we took in \$123,719, total expenses were \$68,358, with a net gain of \$55,361. ) This year we have take in \$31,400 so far and spent \$34,000, so we are a bit in the red. (net loss of \$718) Total assets: \$162,515.48. We are in great shape financially. Also, Ruth filled out the long form for the IRS. She had to list program service accomplishments (for our tax exempt status). The second highest criterion that organizations can list is that the work is at least 80% done by volunteers. We clearly fit this (almost 100%).

Sister gave the membership report. We now have 4,114 members. The number of members who have joined via the internet has increased by 68% since last September. There are 485 people who have been members since 1985 or before. The total income from memberships since January 1986 is over \$615,000. Dave Kullman asked why we have had a loss of members since 2000. Sister theorized that the economy might be playing a role. Duane noted that in 1998-99 we held a membership drive.

Linda then did a cartwheel to celebrate members.

Linda Hallenbeck noted that it has been a great year. We are working on the strategic plan. We have done some giving (memorial donations). We have financial stability, somewhat notably from membership dues and the journal advertisements. We are promoting excellence in teaching and giving. We voted in September to give to the Cummins fund (NCTM) from which we originally were awarded a grant for the parent booklet that came with the OACS rollout. The contest site is new. We are supporting

an ARML team. We also have strengthened the organization. One way we have done this is to use surveys at the conferences and to begin to revise what we do based on this data. We are helping with the educational needs of our members. We have a relationship with the ODE. Communications are strengthening (the journal, newsletter, brochure, website - Bret Gensburg is the new webmaster). All of the OCTM workers are volunteers. We are moving ahead with the strategic plan to streamline the work of OCTM. Future needs and challenges: 1) Revisit the strategic plan. We are not done with phase I yet; we also need to see if there are things to be modified. 2) Survey the general membership. 3) Use our structure for providing even better conferences and meeting the needs of elementary teachers. 4) We need to increase the involvement of new people. 5) We need to acknowledge quality teaching through awards (re-evaluate our awards process). 6) Get affiliates more involved and the districts as well.

Barb Carruth gave an update on the conference. We are over 900 in registrations. There is only a \$5 fee tomorrow; this was particularly advertised in the southwest corner of the state, and there should be some more teachers from the Dayton schools also. We are hoping for lots of people tomorrow.

Dan Brahier invited everyone to Toledo next year. "A Touch of Glass" is the theme. One of the keynotes will be a speaker from Libbey Glass on the use of math in their work. Bill Speer will be presenting the Len Pikaart lecture. Danica McKellar will speak – she has a degree in mathematics and was "Winnie" on "The Wonder Years." Jerry Palotta is a children's author that will also speak. Proposal forms are available at the OCTM booth and by Wednesday online. Linda suggested requesting proposals from elementary teachers.

Dan then gave a history of the (constitutional changes and) strategic plan. In 2002, the board decided to create a guiding document for the next several years. In 2003, we hired Pat Schmakel, a consultant. There were 20 people who represented the council in the discussion. We found that we were doing OK, but we needed to do better. We created a draft document, revised it, and the board adopted in 2004. It lays out 3 phases of priorities that will guide future meetings. One goal was to streamline some of the board business. Many groups have an advisory board (executive board) to work with the daily details of the organization. 3 statements particularly promote the proposed constitutional changes: "refocus our board meetings so that more working and planning can take place, rather than just information and sharing." "Redefine the role of board meetings, addressing content, frequency, and attendees." "Some meetings should be for the exec board only. Who comprises the full board, and how does their role differ from the full board?" The board has been working on these goals and questions. Things happen between full board meetings that need quick attention. An example of this was an ODE position statement that we needed to write. A proposal for constitutional changes was drafted and passed earlier this year.

Mark Jaffee reported on the constitutional changes and presented a process for voting. He outlined them:

- 1) Article 2 - Change 15 years to 20 years membership for people who can become lifetime retired members for free. They can continue to pay until they are retired and have 20 years in; then they can join for free. The rationale for this change was the increased expenses of mailing the newsletter and journal. We also now have a record of who has been a member for 20 years. Dick Little wondered if the dues should be free for this group. He suggested \$5 for membership just to maintain a consistent record. Sister noted that there are 176 people who are life members or retired. We sent a letter in 2003, first class, to these people, and asked if they wanted to get the information. We heard of 3 who had died and 2 who said they didn't want to receive the info. Sister plans to do this every 2-3 years.
- 2) Article 3 – Eliminate the winter board meeting; change the wording to require at least one meeting in the fall and at least once in the spring, with others called as needed.
- 3) Article 3 – Add a new section to create the executive board – this also defines the role of the exec board and indicates that the president, president-elect (or past president), VP's, treasurer, and 1 district

director will be the voting members of the board. Non-voting members of the board will be the secretary and the executive director.

4) Article 3 – This change indicates that the number of executive board meetings is at the discretion of president. We would also need to renumber the old sections to account for the new ones.

5) Article 5 – This change states that the VP in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of his/her term is responsible for transferring materials from one program committee to the next. This person shall serve on the committee that will recommend a program chair for the conference two years hence.

6) Article 6 – This is a restatement of change #5 in reference to the programs we offer. The committee to choose program chair is chaired by president, etc.

A bylaws change is also proposed regarding the duties of the district directors and the director at large... The district directors are responsible for selecting the recipients of the teacher of the year awards, and the director at large will chair this committee.

Mark clarified the procedure for voting – no changes can be proposed except by the board's vote and recommendation to the general membership. A vote on constitutional changes must be announced 30 days in advance and open to all members.

One member asked about reducing the board meetings to 2 per year. She objected to this idea. She was concerned that if we were not meeting, people would be less involved. She noted that if there were more committees working and reporting and if the executive board were to meet a given number of times per year, then this could be OK.

A second member played devil's advocate and said that we should not just be meeting to report. He noted that we could still call board meetings as necessary according to the proposed change. The first member who spoke did not feel that we do that; she noted that the structure of the meetings has changed and that we are working at meetings.

A third member noted that he would be more inclined to vote for it if we were assured of regular executive board meetings.

A fourth member said that she agreed with the first. There is an advantage to having three full board meetings. We don't always get the same people every time.

The first member who spoke suggested a compromise might be to have only the voting members only attend at least one of the meetings.

A fifth member agreed that we need to keep the meetings for face-to-face contact, trying to encourage applications for state awards, etc.

A sixth member noted that if he does not have a deadline (like a meeting), he does not have as much pressure to get work done.

A seventh member asked if we were voting on each proposed change individually. Mark reiterated that we would vote on anything that there is an objection to individually. This member also noted that we are not saying we can't meet in December. He notes that there is more flexibility.

Mark noted that we should have made the motion already in order to have this discussion. He called for a motion. Louisa Matthias moved to accept the change about the winter meeting. Ed Eblin seconded. More discussion followed – Linda Hallenbeck noted that we need to find ways to streamline the

organization. She noted that some people are willing to give up two Saturdays a year but not three. Dan noted that our consultant told us that the representative boards of organizations often meet only once a year to put ideas on the table; then committees start to work. The executive board works on items as do various committees; then this work is brought back to the full board. There is only so much that can be accomplished with 50 people in a room. He also noted that affiliate presidents could meet anytime, for instance.

Member #3 from above suggested that we need to look at the schedule of the executive board meetings (to ensure that they will meet).

Dan wondered if there could be a friendly amendment even though the full board would not have voted on this change 30 days prior to a general meeting. Mark noted that it's probably in the best interest of OCTM to do this.

Dick Little noted that he believes we can change the amendment now even though it appears the constitution says we cannot. He believes we are within the scope of the document.

Mark suggests that we vote now on eliminating the winter meetings.

Louisa Matthias moved to table the current motion. Dave Kullman seconded. Motion passed.

Mark called for a motion to change the wording of the amendment. Dick moved that we allow revisions to the proposed amendments. Linda Taylor seconded. Motion passed.

There was then much discussion about the wording of the amendment. The final accepted wording was: "The executive board shall meet at the discretion of the president and at least twice a year."

The question was called. Motion passed.

Dave Pollack moved to accept the rest of the proposals as stated. This was seconded by Dan Brahier. We needed a 2/3 majority to vote yes, and the motion passed (so all the other changes were made).

Charlie Kobida reported that the OCTM contest is called the "tournament" now (not "contest" since the web domain name was taken). A letter was sent out to private/public high schools on Friday. Registration is done online but payment is done by mail. Students can register themselves, or a coach can register students. We have extended the deadlines. The Saturday before the contest is the last day to put in names. On the Wednesday before the contest, coaches can make changes from alternate to test-taker. Students will receive their scores via e-mail and information about qualifying for OHMIO. Coaches can print out the results that they want. It is a secure site.

The OHMIO was started by Mary Rhein. We are looking for an OHMIO director. We do have a volunteer for 2006, but not after that.

Ruth Hubbard talked about ARML – this is a national competition for top math students. Peter Knapp at Village Academy in Columbus is now taking students. It is a very challenging competition. There is a website with past questions and solutions. We can use this site with students. NCTM is publishing a monthly competition now also and publishing questions and answers. OCTM, OHMIO, AMC contests will provide people to qualify for ARML. We are partially supporting the Ohio ARML team.

Richard Glove reported that last year we awarded four \$750 scholarships. 91 students applied. A change for next year will be to restrict the program to applicants to students going into their junior or senior year and who have not taught before professionally. This committee also sponsored the third Len Pikaart memorial lecture today.

Judy Gerwe reported that there are 16 affiliate groups. 4 are student groups. 2 joined this past year (BG and Ohio U). We are working on a student affiliate in Toledo. Grants can go to affiliate groups.

Steve Miller is the new president for OMELC and our representative to the OMELC board. The new officers are Ginny Hamilton, a professor at Shawnee State (the university rep), and Rebecca Maggard, a teacher at Brookville HS (the K-12 rep).

Linda H. spoke for Margaret Garner – we need to get a teacher in every region nominated and awarded this year. The applications are online.

Visit our website.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kim Yoak.