

# OHIO COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS

Board Meeting  
Saturday, August 24, 2002  
STRS Building, Columbus

**Call to Order** – President Daniel Brahier called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M.  
Dan thanked Judy Gerwe for filling in for Secretary Ethel Briggs at the June meeting.

**Approval of Minutes of June Meeting** – Charlie Kobida moved and Kay Wallace seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Membership Report** – Sr. Mary Theresa Sharp

Sister sent a mailing on July 26 to 164 life members who have been receiving our mailings during the past two years; 124 were returned (see Sister's report).

Kathleen Bodey, one of the life members passed away during the last week and a half. Four of the individuals sent a total of \$160 in unsolicited contributions.

Sister indicated that membership is down about 1,000 since last year. The number from OEA is only slightly down. Sixty new members joined through the internet, an increase in the number of people joining by this method. The number of grade level membership has decreased and Duane is working on that issue.

## **Treasurer's Report** – Ruth Hubbard

Ruth reported that she is now including the IRS Tax ID and Ohio Tax Exempt Foundation number on all reports. We received a check from NCTM in which they paid us for our share of the regional conference. This check helped to replenish our account. Since the last meeting our net income has exceeded our expenses.

Sister mentioned that income from membership in the past year is approximately \$38,000. We had budgeted an anticipated \$37,000 in this September 1 to September 1 time period.

## **Introductions**

Introductions were made.

## **Old Business**

## **Finances**

Ruth Hubbard and Sister Mary Theresa Sharp have met to discuss ways to save money for the organization.

- **Membership for Retired OCTM Members** – Sr. Mary Theresa Sharp  
A recommendation will be made as part of the Constitution report

Duane mentioned that NCTM requires students to send verification of their status. NCTM said that many college professors have been joining at student rates. Sister stated that our current policy is to take the word of anyone who applies for membership without any proof of his or her appropriate status.

- **Reduction in Mileage Payments** – Ruth Hubbard  
Ruth indicated that we could save nearly \$2,000 by reimbursing members at a rate of \$.25 per mile instead of \$.31.

Ruth Hubbard moved and Laura Anfang seconded that we change the rate from \$.31 to \$.25 per mile. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Journal** – Ed Laughbaum, Marsha Nicol

There are 14 articles in queue for the next issue, 10 are viable for publication in the fall. The topics are spread over Kindergarten through college in content. The issue should be out in November. This issue will have one advertisement (1/2 page) and a full-page ad from TI is expected. Ed has an article that needs review and is looking for a reviewer. There are no activities in the activity section. Marsha indicated that it is proper to use someone else's idea if you adapt it and don't use the same language. Ideas can't be copyrighted.

There is nothing available yet for the spring issue except for a few potential fall articles that need rewrites. Sister suggested that Historian Duane Bollenbacher prepare something from history. Also Dayton might have something regarding aviation (Wendy O'Toole would be a good source). Dave Kullman has a large collection of activities and should be contacted.

### **New Business**

- **Governor's Commission on Teaching Success** – Ann Farrell

Ann Farrell reported that the commission is made up of 46 members appointed by Governor Taft. They are concerned specifically with the recruitment, retention and preparation of teachers. The premise of the commission is that student success depends on quality of teachers. The commission is made up of many K-12 teachers, college presidents, college deans, faculty, business people, and legislators.

Ann wants to know if OCTM wants to draft a position statement. There will be meetings of the committee over the next year. The handout that Ann distributed addressed issues directly related to teacher preparation and its impact on mathematics education. We could react to this information or endorse position statements that come from NCTM or other professional organizations such as the Glenn Commission (3 Goals) or CBMS. We could make our own position statement. We have been asked to do one of these things by the end of the month.

The Board felt that all of the current documents complement each other and there was nothing of any significance that we could add to the three.

Linda Taylor moved and Donna Cooper seconded that President Dan Brahier draft a short statement in which OCTM endorses the NCTM Position Statement, the Glenn Commission Report (Three Goals), and the CBMS Document from MAA and direct it to the Governor's Commission. The motion passed unanimously. Laura Anfang insisted that the statement reflect the needs of elementary school teachers. Duane indicated that there have been 11 meetings of the Governor's Commission so far and two to go. The one he attended was not well attended, but it was conducted very well and was a productive meeting. Melva Grant indicated that there is information about the commission on the ODE website.

Upcoming sessions with the Commission are:

8/29 - Dayton and Cincinnati community listening sessions (small groups discussions of the issues)

9/25,26 - Columbus teacher recruitment subcommittee meets

10/2 - full commission meets in Columbus (visitors may attend)

### **ODE Mathematics Consultants Report** – Melva Grant and Dan Badea

Melva Grant reported that Anita Jones is a new ODE math consultant. She is a retired teacher from the Dayton public schools.

Curriculum model writing teams, and advisory groups are currently active.

Writing teams are writing units based on the curriculum model, the supplement to the Ohio Content Standards. Melva said that the writing teams would help teachers prepare lessons that are aligned with the OCS. Also, sample diagnostic models to help with assessment are being developed. The curriculum models will be continuously updated and will support pre K-12. They can be on the website, in print, and on CD. A field test program is in the works. They will meet with focus groups to determine what people want as far as format. Also many of the activities will be tested prior to publication of the curriculum models.

Ohio Mathematics Academy (OMAP) sessions were held this summer, the feedback was positive. There were scheduled a 4-day workshop in summer, 1-day follow-up in fall, and 1-day follow up in winter. Participants will continue to share ideas on-line. Specific lessons will be targeted and tested. This will be coordinated with the ORC. The focus is on pedagogy and content. Algebraic thinking was targeted last summer, another topic will be featured in the future. About 400 teachers participated. Next year the attempt will be to involve 3-5,000 teachers and expand to include elementary mathematics

Dan Badea reported that the committee has been working on OGT, the Ohio Graduation Test, developing new Items. There will be a fall pilot field test the week of 10/14/2002. The incentive to the schools who administer either the reading or the mathematics test will be \$1,000 (if at least 200 11<sup>th</sup> graders take the test) The field test will be shortened and can be given during one 45-minute period. A calculator has been selected and will be delivered to all school districts in Ohio, one for each 10<sup>th</sup> grader. The March test will be a full test, but not high stakes. Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have to pass the OGT starting in March, 2005 11<sup>th</sup> graders would take the test in October 10<sup>th</sup> graders take the test in March. The class of 2007 has to pass OGT, classes prior to that must pass the 9<sup>th</sup> grade proficiency.

### **Annual Business Meeting Agenda Setting – Dan Brahier**

Dan announced that a draft agenda for the meeting would be sent out. The meeting will be at 4:00 on the Friday at the convention in Convention Center Room 111.

**Lunch** (groups met)

### **Conference Reports**

- **2002 (10-12 October)** – Judy Gerwe, Mary Rhein

Mary reported that there are currently 152 registered participants. September 4 is the deadline. 62 have registered for the banquet so far. Mary offered her database of registrants to next year's committee. Laura accepted quickly.

Judy reported that we now have 51 vendors. An addendum to the program book lists all of the vendors; it will be mailed out with all the information that goes to the registrants.

We still need more people to register at the hotel so that we can get free rooms.

All of the information about the conference is on the OCTM website.

Don Gerke, Duane Bollenbacher, and Richard Glove will have a display outside the banquet area. Posters about all the individuals for whom the awards at the banquet are named will be displayed, there will be history books, and former winners will be there to discuss OCTM history.

- **2003 (2-4 October)** – Laura Anfang, Fred Dillon

Tammy and Fred and Laura did a walkthrough of the Cleveland Convention Center and the Sheraton. There is no theme yet, but they want to tie it into 2003 Bicentennial. They will meet with

Linda Gojak next week to determine the floor plan for exhibitors. NCTM materials will be at the back of exhibit hall so commercial exhibitors will get more exposure. The food will also be at back. Randy Charles is the keynote speaker and he will be sponsored by one of the publishers.

- **2004 – Judy Higgins, Jan von Spiegel**

Judy reported that contracts have been signed for the convention center and hotel

## **Reports from District Directors and Affiliates**

Becky reported that she was invited to Miami University to talk to the teacher-training group about OCTM and OMELC.

Judy Gerwe reported that the Cincinnati area math competition would be December 14. This is their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual competition. Cincinnati is also making plans to invite Anne Mikesell to speak at one of their meetings.

Debra Haverstock went to the leadership conference in Minneapolis and reported that it was a good experience.

Judy Higgins reported that the Akron and Canton Councils are planning a bus trip to the Cincinnati convention and every math teacher in Summit County will receive information about the trip. There will be an NSF showcase of materials for the first time in this area. 2 members of the Canton Council are going to New York to see a similar display. The display will be next spring and everyone in the state will be invited to attend.

Laura Anfang reported that on October 15 from 4:30 to 7:30 pm at Mayfield High School there will be a Greater Cleveland meeting for new teachers showcasing SMART, ODE, OCTM, NCTM, ENC, ORC, and GCCTM. The session will be at the Center for Math and Science Technology at John Carroll University. Richard Glove and Laura sent letters to Principals to find names of new teachers and their mentors. Letters will go to departments of education at local universities to get names of pre-service teachers. Cleveland is also going to introduce teachers to case studies and create a communication network to discuss what is going on in classrooms. Adele reported that this would be at an October 2 meeting. Peg Smith will talk about case studies and explain what they are, groups will be formed to discuss the studies, and communication networks will be established.

## **Committee Reports**

- **Publications – Don Gerke**

Don reported that the committee met in June. The new brochures are ready. They were available at the meeting and will be available at the conference. Members will be notified on the list-serve that the brochures are ready. Jo has resigned as newsletter editor, but will remain on duty until her replacement is ready.

- **Web Site – Stuart Wright**

Dan reported that changes would be made. There is money in the budget for website designers and several have been contacted. There should be a draft of the website by December. Sister suggested that someone take pictures with a digital camera at the fall conference and put the pictures on the website.

- **Constitution Committee – Mark Jaffee**

Issues tabled until December, since there was no quorum

- **Services Committee – Laura Anfang**

Laura Anfang reported that the Resource Directory with names, county, and e-mail address will be on website. Letters will be sent to all schools and RPDC's informing teachers that this service is available and information is on website This will save about \$1,500. Letters requesting speakers will go out and should be back by the end of September.

- **Grant Committee (Ohio Mathematics: Reaching Out to Parents) – Adele Cohn**

Copies will go out to schools and the schools will be requested to make copies for parents. SMART will help with mailing costs. Copies should be available Wednesday at the conference and we are invited to help Laura and Adele label and stamp the documents. Ann Farrell suggested that some brochures be sent to homeschoolers.

- **Nominations Committee – Kay Wallace**

Dan reported for Kay. Kim Nedling will work with Kay on elections. Charlie suggested that District Directors provide names of possible candidates to Kay and Kim.

### **Other Reports**

- **OCTM Contest Report – Charlie Kobida**

40 questions have been selected. The contest is scheduled for February 22, 2003 and the grading will be at Lakota West High School on March 1.

- **OHMIO Contest Report – Mary Rhein**

The contest will be March 22, 2003 at Capital University. We are looking for someone who can find funding, particularly corporate door prizes.

- **OMELC – Doug Owens**

Not here, no report

- **OMSC – Linda Taylor**

No new report. There will be a meeting in October.

- **ORC – Linda Taylor**

The website is growing and people are available to demonstrate the site to teachers. We need to get people on the site. The activities on the site are only best practices.

- **Standards Task Force – Anne Mikesell**

No new report

- **Executive Director's Report – Adele Cohn**

Adele has attended one meeting since June and has been working on getting names of awardees on a database.

### **Issues and Concerns**

Dan mentioned that this meeting date is bad (football games, school starts on Monday, etc.)

Laura would like to have meeting after Labor Day. A suggestion was made that an e-mail survey address the question "when would be the best time to have the late summer meeting?"

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

*Next Meeting: Annual Business Meeting at the OCTM Conference in Cincinnati (11 October 2002),  
7 December 2002, and 8 March 2003 (no June meeting in 2003) at STRS*

**Respectfully submitted,**

Error! Bookmark not defined., **Acting Secretary**