

OCTM Board Meeting

September 6, 1997

Jim Hassel called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Attendance list, mileage lists, master for corrections on the mailing list, and the new mailing list were distributed.

Introductions were made around the table.

Minutes of the June 7, 1997, board meeting, previously sent to board members, were reviewed and corrected.

Correction of minutes--Under old business, the motion under Calculator Workshops should read "the 10th Annual Mathematics Workshop" instead of "Calculator Workshop".

Jo Shiffbauer moved that the minutes be approved as amended; Cathy Shambaugh seconded-- Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Link

The IRS form had been filed on time, but the EZ form was filed instead of the necessary long form. The treasurer needs a software program that will work with the firm that fills out those reports for us. Certificates of Deposit have matured. The treasurer's question for the board--how should the money be reinvested? 3 portfolios of investments were presented. The treasurer is looking for direction from the board. Discussion ensued concerning liquidity, safety, rates, types of investments, alternatives. Vicky Kirschner moved and Holly Hippenmeyer seconded a motion to direct the treasurer to invest the money in a short term CD, the president to set up a committee to determine how the money should be invested and return with a recommendation at the December meeting. Motion carried.

Financial report: Marilyn Link

There was a question concerning Math-Science Coalition expenditure--information was in the previous meeting's minutes.

Membership report will be in the afternoon when Sr. M. Theresa Sharp arrives.

Old Business

The budget was presented and discussed.

Income from annual meeting--budgeted amount vs amount actually received in 96-97; Actual amount received was from two meetings since the previous year's income was received so late it had to be put into the next years income. There were also two payouts to the locals from that money. Explanation of advances and budgeted amounts were given. There was discussion concerning keeping a separate accounting of the Annual Meeting finances. IRS form cannot be EZ because we have too much money, the long form requires accounting for expenses, etc. A finance committee will be appointed to discuss with the accountant the ramifications and structuring of annual meeting accounting and bring that information back to the next meeting for the board.

Marilyn Link, Duane Bollenbacher, and Jim Hassel will work on this.

The treasurer's expenses of \$350 are for auditor, accountant, and soft ware expenses.

The increase in board expenses were due to changing the mileage account from previous 8 cents to 15 cents.

Newsletter costs were up but the budget was not increased since no increase was requested and the costs specific for last year.

Committees--request from technology, audit, budget, finance committees.

Workshops--\$3000 (last board meeting minutes) Algebra Symposium and Calculator Workshop.

A suggestion was made in regards to the Memorial scholarship. Since OCTM has a reasonable amount of money and the scholarships are in line with the objectives of the organization, Margaret Comstock proposed that a scholarship be given for each district. It is currently a \$500 scholarship--non renewable. The scholarship must be applied for each year. A scholarship in each district would amount to \$4000. There was discussion on redefining the program. Jo Schiffbauer moved that we increase the scholarships to one per district and that a committee be appointed to define how this should be done and that the money for this year's scholarships come from savings rather than from the budget. Seconded by Mike Mikusa. Motion passed.

Motion to accept the budget was made by Mark Jaffee and seconded by Vilma Kolacz-Belenger. Motion passed.

Poster contest--Dan Brahier.

Bowling Green students judged the poster contest. They received several hundred posters. The students developed a rubric and sorted them. They selected first, second, and third place winners. Since the student committee had made the rubric, selected, and ranked the posters, the board would not select a winner from those submitted, but rather would accept the decision of the committee. Dan Brahier moved that the board accept the winners as submitted by the committee and that the board give them direction beyond that. Seconded by Dan Scott.

Discussion. \$50 is given to the winner, \$50 to the school.

Several suggestions were made: send a certificate to the 2nd and 3rd place winners; give the 2nd and 3rd place winners something beyond just a certificate.

The motion was amended by Dan Brahier and agreed by the second: Accept the first, second, and third place winners. Motion as amended was passed.

The contest entry information was read--tesslations by 9-12 students.

Discussion: Will there be a reproduction in the Newsletter? In the past the entries were framed and presented to the winner.

Tammy Redmond made the motion that 1st place be given \$100, second place \$50 and 3rd \$25, with matching to the school with all other participants receiving a certificate and a return of their entry. Seconded by Ken Reed. (There were 250 entries this year.) This motion will be for next year's contest since the contest was entered and run according to the entry form information.

Discussion. Return mailing will include some packaging of entries from the same school. Motion passed.

Terry Benson gave the address for web page which is on her school site--
jackson.stark.k12.oh.us/activity/octm.html

Lunch--45 min. District Directors and Affiliate Presidents met in their groups during lunch.

New Business

Discussion concerning the uses of the web page--agendas, calendar of upcoming events.

Audit Report: Duane Bollenbacher suggested that the audit be looked at by the finance committee, and have the man who audited the books also be on that committee. There were some of the same concerns about the Annual meetings as was brought up by the accountant.

RPDCs: Duane Bollenbacher reported his research in an attempt to work with and coordinate efforts with the RPDCs. There are 12 RPDC (Regional Professional Development Center) regions, each basically autonomous with little if any state-wide coordination. RPDCs will be working with school districts developing Local Professional Development Committees, mentor programs, and new teacher programs.

A list of regional directors was distributed.

Duane suggested they have a booth near the registration stand at Cleveland to distribute materials. That will need to go through the Cleveland committee and NCTM.

Membership Report: Sr. M. Theresa Sharp

This is the highest September membership since detailed records have been kept.

There is an increase of over 100 in student membership.

Committee Reports:

Election Committee: Up for election this year are the positions of:

Vice President, Elementary

East DD, Southeast DD, At large DD

People are needed to run for each of these positions.

Newsletter Report

The report was distributed for Bill and Margie Hunt who were unable to attend the meeting.

Reminder: Those who have reports for the Newsletter get the information to Bill and Margie by the deadline.

Services: Mary Jane Wolfe

A few organizations still need to pay dues.

State Math Contest: Duane Bollenbacher

The contest will be held on February 28, 1998, at 23 sites around the state. Promote the contest.

Grading of the contest will occur on Saturday, March 7. Please join us. Results of the last contest are on the web page; the contest brochure and registration can also be placed on the web page.

Journal: Linda Taylor and Bob Drake issued a call for manuscripts. This call is going out to The Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators (AMTE) list serv. Since the OCTM Journal was moved to the University of Cincinnati, 80% of articles submitted have been rejected by the reviewers. Some were asked for rewrites, and others totally rejected. This breakdown of rejections is not available. A suggestion concerning a writer's workshop was made followed by discussion on the reviewing process. There was also a suggestion for writer's guidelines--there is some of that in the CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS. Editors suggested board members might be on the lookout for teachers who could write up things they are doing in the classroom. Further suggestions: Obtain a list of speakers to NCTM regional and ask them to do a write up of their presentation. Ask the awardees to submit articles--not mandatory

Standards Task Force: Peggy Kasten

The Task Force continues to meet. They have finished rewriting the Elementary assessments, and are now working on core curriculum 9-12, writing commentaries of objectives and writing activities to use with each of the objectives. A draft of the activities may be ready in December.

State Department: Peggy Kasten

There is no new funding formula yet. Legislation phases out the 9th Grade Proficiency Test. The last class required to pass that is the class of 2004. The new 10th grade test will be more difficult-- at tenth grade level.

There is also a requirement of 21 units (up from 18 units) with specific increases for graduation. Motivation for 12th grade tests comes in the form of a \$500 scholarship effective for the senior class of 1999. Test questions will also be available after 1999. Ohio was named as a mathematics teacher shortage state. The new legislation will also require 4% of the district budget to be spent on instructional textbooks, software, etc. There may be 10 districts in the state that currently spend that much on instructional materials.

There was a question about the requirement of 4th graders being retained if the reading proficiency portion is not passed.

NCTM

Delegate caucuses will be held on Wednesday evening with the delegate assembly on Thursday morning.

Adele Cohn reported that NCTM has changed their policy on comp rooms. We would like them to relook at that policy. Perhaps OCTM could also contact others who have regional conferences this year and have them also contact NCTM.

Student registration is \$30 for non members; NCTM membership for students is \$28 and conference attendance is free to student members. Students can join NCTM on site and get into the conference at member price.

Should Ohio ask again consideration that they be placed back into the Central Region.

Jim Hassel said there is some receptivity to this based on similarities not just numbers. Jim will ask Linda Gojak to pursue this stronger.

Regional directors and affiliate presidents told of conferences coming up. Stuart Wright requested all people who were announcing items to send them to Terry Benson for the web page to be entered on the conference. Information may be sent to Terry via e-mail at: tbenson@ald.net

OMELC meeting will be in conjunction with the OCTM/NCTM regional meeting. There is need of a centrally located place for the spring meeting. Give suggestions and contact persons to Mike Mikusa.

Update on Annual Conferences

1997--Cleveland--"read your book"

1998--Akron/Canton--Theme Math is no Mystery. Oct. 22-24, 1998

Holly Hippenmeyer reported that Donna Cooper has done some initial work in trying to get Dayton for the 1999 conference

2000 --Toledo

2001--NCTM Regional in Columbus, Vicki has two time frames: Sept. 20-22 or Nov. 29-Dec. 1.
OCTM suggested September, but Ohio State football schedule should be checked also..
2002--Cincinnati has done some preliminary investigation.
2003--possible regional in Toledo.

Jim Hassel presented Margaret Comstock with her past President's pin. Board appreciation of Margaret's work was shown by applause.

Jo Schiffbauer commented that she sent a message to the OCTM board looking for a math teacher, and the school hired a teacher suggested by a board member.