

VCTM Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 20, 2015  
5:00-7:30pm  
VT-NEA in Montpelier

Present: Kate McCann, Christine Latulippe, Jean McKenny, Roberta Baker, David Rome, Mary Calder, Sue Abrams, Kim Audette, and Lara White.

Kate called the meeting to order at 5:16 pm.

1. Review and approval of minutes from Dec. 10, 2014 meeting

On a motion made by Roberta and seconded by Kate the minutes were approved.

2. Announcements & Reports

**Presidents:** Kate McCann (10 minutes)

Kate reported that two requests to John for a formal resignation had not produced results. On a motion made by Jean and seconded by David the board appointed Kate and Christine as Co-Presidents until the Fall 2015 Annual Meeting. Kate handed out a draft of a flier promoting VCTM that would be included in Math Morsels folders. Suggestions for possibly improving it were made. Kate welcomed Lara White to the board meeting. Lara is replacing Tracey Waterson at the AOE.

Christine Latulippe (5 minutes)

Christine made available two of three new handouts that will replace pages in the VCTM binder. She reported that she had sent out an e-mail to all of the fall conference attendees soliciting people to serve on the VCTM Board. Sarah Jacobs expressed interest in being the Zone 4 representative and Patty Kelley interest in the NCTM representative position. Christine will make update corrections on the officers list for the board. Christine reported that she had received an e-mail from a doctoral student wanting to send a survey to the VCTM contact list. Much discussion followed as VCTM will not give out its contact list. The board agreed to support the student's effort by allowing members to take a brief survey regarding this student's effort. The electronic newsletter will be used for the survey. ATMIM has made available to VCTM ten free conference registrations for NCTM Conference in Boston in April. Following discussion it was decided to use six of them for VCTM board members and make the other four available through the electronic newsletter as a VCTM promotional.

**Treasurer:** Roberta Baker (5 minutes)

Roberta reported that the net from the fall conference was about \$2900. She also distributed a treasurer's report. She mentioned a CD that is a problem because it is not

located locally and said that she might like to move it to a local bank. Following discussion she agreed to look at various options prior to the next board meeting.

**Post-Conference Membership Updates:** Harvie Porter (5 minutes)

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**Awards:** Mary Calder (10 minutes)

With Presidential Awards, we are currently in the 7-12 cycle which Lara is in charge of. There are six nominees and four who have started the process of applying. There has not been a 2013 announcement yet from Washington selecting the recipients of the awards for that year. VCTM will recognize the old (the 2013) nominees in the newsletter. We expect an announcement soon from DC. The announcement came in March last time. The White House has to make the announcements once all clearances are made of the candidates. The 2013 Vermont math and science nominees celebrated together at a luncheon held at the Capitol Plaza in Montpelier. Discussion took place regarding other math awards in Vermont including the distinguished teacher awards given in the past by VCTM. Suggestions were made that instead of several a year maybe one would be better, such as a VT math teacher of the year. Also suggested was maybe two (one for lower grades and one for upper grades) would be a good idea. Another suggestion was to honor an “innovator.” This could possibly be a math teacher doing something unusual to help student learn. Maybe we could designate a “teacher of the quarter.” It was agreed to propose a new structure prior to the March meeting and to suspend any VCTM awards for this year. Sue, Jean and Mary were asked to work together to propose a design for VCTM math awards prior to the March board meeting. Mary reminded the board that a VCTM service award named after Bob Chaffee was given to Bob during VCTM's 45<sup>th</sup> year and has not been given to another teacher since then. As we are nearing our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we need to be thinking about that award. We also need to research what the criteria is for that award.

**Blog/Newsletter:** David Rome (5 minutes)

David reported that he has many ideas for the next issue that will be sent out prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>. He stressed that people need to e-mail to him any items that they want to include within the next 24 hours. It was discussed that probably e-newsletters three times a year (Sept/Oct, Jan/ Feb, and April/May) would be appropriate for regular news. Other special issues could be sent out if needed.

### 3. Discussion: Fall 2015 VCTM Conference, Christine Latulippe (15 minutes)

Sue was asked if she would be willing to be the program committee chair. Kate stated that she is willing to help if Sue will chair. It was stressed that the conference is a lot of work and all need to be involved. We announce in May to “save the date” for October last year and it was stated that this has to happen again. It was decided to use the March meeting to plan for the conference for the fall of 2015. We will generate a list of what to do (and what not to do), select a date and a keynote speaker. A question was asked about the role of AOE persons at the conference. Should they be asked to present? Is there AOE information that teachers need? How much of a cooperative VCTM/AOE effort should the conference be?

As Math Morsels meetings are being held around the state currently, it might not be necessary to include AOE information as much as has sometimes happened in the past. It was stated that having ESANE for exhibits was a positive last fall.

4. Future Meetings, Kate McCann (5 minutes)

Currently set for 5:00-7:30pm on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 24

Wednesday, April 29

Tuesday, May 19

5. Define/Redefine roles and responsibilities of board members  
Kate McCann & Christine Latulippe (45 minutes)

A work session was held to define board positions and responsibilities of board members. The results (or preliminary ideas) were listed on sheets of chart paper. Time did not permit for this exercise to be completed. It is planned to continue the exercise at the April board meeting.

6. Updates (10 minutes)

Offering VCTM Members another state affiliate math magazine (Sue Abrams)

Sue reported that the Oregon magazine might consider (for a fee) sharing parts of their magazine (such as problem sets).

In response to a question, Lara said that AOE Math Morsels is Feb 4<sup>th</sup> NCCC in Newport. She has made the Math Morsels dates available and will continue to try to reach all interested parties with the information about all planned sessions.

7. Additional Announcements

8. Adjournment

9. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean McKenny, Temporary Secretary