

VCTM Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 24, 2015  
5:00-7:30pm  
VT-NEA in Montpelier

Present: Kate McCann, Roberta Baker, Jean McKenny, Lara White, Sue Abrams, Harvie Porter, David Rome, Mary Calder, and Patty Kelly

1. Review and approval of minutes from January meeting  
The minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting were approved.

2. Announcements & Reports

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

Future Meetings Currently Set for 5-7:30pm on the following dates:

Wednesday, April 29

Tuesday, May 19

NCTM Registration drawing winners:

Sally Conway, Vergennes Union Elementary School

Sean Sullivan, Springfield High School

Marlene Allen, Springfield High School

Jennifer Ericson, Riverside Middle School

**Treasurer:** Roberta Baker (15 minutes)

Including discussion/voting on options for better investment of VCTM funds

Roberta gave an update on membership and income from the fall conference and an update on recent income and expenses. She had sent out financial documents prior to the meeting and also handed out the document. Mary raised a question and will follow up researching an answer as to why we are contributing \$500 to PAEMST awards when AOE has \$4000 budget for this program.

Roberta will check out interest on bank accounts for the next meeting for the CD investments. Info about e-filing for taxes with the IRS was shared with Roberta. Mary and Roberta have both been working on getting our tax exempt status with the IRS re-instated. The treasurer's report was accepted.

**Membership Updates:** Harvie Porter (5 minutes)

Harvie reported that officially there are 86 members but the number may be 7 or more higher and that Roberta will have those numbers.

**ATMNE Report:** Harvie Porter (5 minutes)

Harvie reported that the ATMNE conference will be held in Bangor, ME this year. The dates are October 29-30. Volunteers are needed to man the ATMNE table at the NCTM

conference. It is possible to sign up on-line but volunteers should tell Harvie if volunteering. At the last ATMNE Board meeting a joint NY-ATMNE conference was discussed. The ATMNE Board postponed any decision about this possible conference, which may indicate lack of support.

**Awards:** Mary Calder (15 minutes)

Including Mary, Jean, and Sue presenting options for potential new Awards structure

Mary, Sue and Jean reported on the “Innovator's Award.” Through e-mail conversations the three had decided that this award would be appropriate. The feeling is that this new award would replace the math teacher of the year awards previously given. Through a motion (made by Harvie and seconded by David and then amended by David) it was decided that \$75 would be an appropriate amount for this award. The Newsletter would describe the award and invite teachers to apply for it. A committee would select a winning teacher. Then the Newsletter would publish information about the winner and the innovative activity with a link to the activity so that other teachers could implement the idea in their classrooms. If we gave one award per Newsletter (maybe four per year) the total cost would be no more than \$300 per year. David will need to be given the wording for the newsletter and the committee is charged with coming up with that wording.

Mary had researched the Robert Chaffee Award. She was only able to find what Barb Unger said about Bob at the time that he was given this award. She feels that we need to write criteria for it if we plan to continue to give this award. As most of the New England Affiliates do give out service type awards on an annual basis, it was felt that we need to continue to work on criteria. The board will discuss this more at the next meeting. The committee is encouraged to begin to write criteria.

PAESMT awards were discussed. Lara reported that May 1 is the closing for nominations.

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

David announced the new Innovator Award which will be an item in the next Newsletter. He also encouraged any board member wanting something placed in the Newsletter to send it to him.

**AOE Math Morsels:** Lara White (5 minutes)

Lara announced a planning meeting for this Friday, March 27th. Lara is interested in suggestions for future Math Morsels topics. The “grade book” was mentioned by Kate and Sue. Mary asked if elementary schools will be included in future planning and sessions. Lara replied that the answer is “Yes” but AOE wants to spend this year planning elementary sessions for next year. Lara also mentioned possible three day long workshops being offered with a target audience of math coaches. These would be designed as a “train the trainer” model. AOE is currently developing the topics for these possible workshops. Mary suggested that maybe the

math practices could serve as a focus for these three times a year workshops. Lara indicated that the plans include offering them in three different areas of the state (North, South and Mid-state) and that the first dates would be in September.

3. Discussion: Fall 2015 VCTM Conference (Sue Abrams, 45 minutes)

- Date, Location

Potentials, based on online academic calendars:

St. Mike's: No classes Mon 10/19 and Tues 10/20

Norwich: No classes Fri 10/30

VTC Randolph: Break the week of Oct 12-16

VT College of Fine Arts, Montpelier: Possible openings week of 10/19-10/23 and 1<sup>st</sup> week of Oct.

- Conference Title, 3-5 main areas of interest for presentation topics
- Keynote speaker list of potentials, and who among the board has "connections"
- Rough schedule of day
- Begin Task differentiation - What are the tasks and who will be the point person for each? (continue in April)

Sue needs specific persons assigned tasks for conference planning. ATMNE is Oct 29 and 30 in ME. VTC potential date would be 2 weeks prior. Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> in Randolph is what is being considered. Harvie agreed to be the site coordinator and check with VTC for availability.

Various sites and persons volunteered to check out for information on other possible dates and locations. Oct 9 was set as a back up date if Oct 16 at VCT doesn't work out. Sue stated that a keynote speaker needed. Sue will ask Mike Shaughnessy a former NCTM President. She asked for any other ideas. She suggested that we could see if we could think of a keynote speaker while at NCTM. A theme for the conference was discussed. There was a discussion about what teachers need. Suggestions included interpreting SBAC results, ways to engage students, Standards Based grading, proficiency based graduation requirements, and pedagogy ideas. Mary read suggestions that were made from the last conference evaluation form. These included the wonder of math and technology as a tool. By next meeting it is hoped that members will have decided which committee they would like to be involved with. A list of ideas and needs was started. A venue to hold 100 (+/- 20) including a main hall with 10 breakout rooms is estimated as the facility need. Mary suggested Vi Hart as a math/art person. Roberta volunteered to handle money and be the registration volunteer. Someone needs to organize a call for speakers and a committee to make decisions about speakers and organize the schedule for the day is needed. Someone is needed for the program brochure and last conference a post card mailing was done to advertise the conference. Needed also will be certificates of attendance, door prizes, someone to arrange for exhibitors. Food needs are usually arranged by the site coordinator. Last conference prior to the actual day a meeting was held to stuff bags, etc. Last conference some staff t-shirts were able to be arranged.

4. Father B Award (Harvie Porter, 5 minutes)

Deadline: March 31 for Nominations

HP described the Balomenous and then the Father B award. We can propose by March 31. The criteria was described. There is more information regarding who we have proposed for the 2014 award (confidential).

5. Continue to define/redefine roles and responsibilities for Board Members

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We continued to work on the chart paper defining roles and responsibilities of board members.

6. Adjournment

We adjourned slightly past 7:30.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup> 5-7:30pm at the VT NEA Offices in Montpelier