

VCTM Board Meeting  
Wednesday, April 29, 2015  
5:00-7:30 pm  
VT-NEA in Montpelier

Present: Kate McCann, Roberta Baker, Jean McKenny, Lara White, Mary Calder, Sean Sullivan, Patty Kelly, Katie Westby, Harvie Porter, Kim Audette, Sue Abrams

1. On a motion made by Harvie and seconded by Kate the minutes of the March 24 meeting were approved.

2. Kate made the following announcements & reports:

A future meeting is set for 5-7:30 pm on Tuesday, May 19.

She introduced a new member of the board Katie Westby from Brattleboro.

She introduced Sean Sullivan a member of the board attending his first meeting in person.

She announced that she and Jean would be attending the ATMNE Spring Meeting.

3. Roberta distributed the treasurer's report and a PayPal transactions report. These were examined and discussed by the board.

She also reported that she is waiting to hear from the IRS about getting our tax exempt status re-instated.

Filing a 990N for tax reporting once the status is re-instated was discussed.

She reported twelve new members.

She looked at a couple of banks as options for a better investment of VCTM funds. A motion made by Jean and seconded by Sue to move some funds to the Community National Bank (CNB) carried.

4. Harvie reporting as membership chairperson also agreed that there are twelve new members. He also mentioned a possible confusion that might have resulted from last fall. It is possible that speakers and volunteers at the conference were told that in addition to the conference fee being waived that their membership was included. If that was the case then all of those speakers and volunteers gained a 2015 VCTM membership without paying the normal \$15 fee. Kim made a motion which was seconded by Harvie for speakers and volunteers from the fall 2014 conference to be counted as members. Following discussion the motion was withdrawn. The general consensus was that we needed to find out exactly what the speakers and volunteers were told before making a decision. If they were told that their membership fee was included then we certainly would honor that. Board members will be attempting to reconstruct what was said about membership for speakers and volunteers.

5. Harvie reported as the ATMNE representative that ATMNE's cash flow was high but now is reducing so they are pulling back a bit. They have been waiving the \$5 membership fee for affiliate members to also belong to ATMNE but that policy may be reversed. He also mentioned that the NY state affiliate of NCTM is proposing that they and ATMNE cosponsor a conference.

6. Mary reporting for the Awards Committee stated that midnight May 1 (really 6 am Saturday morning because of Hawaii) is the deadline for PAEMST applications. Responding to a question, Lara reported that two complete applications had been received with other prospects expected. Lara also responded to Mary's question from the last board meeting about why VCTM was paying \$500 to support the PAEMST Vermont program when it had an approximate \$4000 budget. She said that was the result of a confusion about the program due to her being new at the AOE and that she will pay it back as soon as VCTM invoices her. Roberta will send the invoice. Other facts mentioned were that math pays a stipend to the readers of applications but that science does not. The \$4000 is used to covers expenses such as those stipends and also any celebrations for finalists and winners. Mary went to the PAEMST booth at NCTM in Boston to try to get the latest updates including information about a mentoring program. Mary reported that NCTM invited all the 2014 New England finalists to the ball game during the conference where they were honored. Each received certificates from ATMIM and ATMNE and were part of a group picture. Mary will get the picture to David so that it can be included in the next newsletter.

7. David Rome was unable to be present and submitted a brief electronic report prior to the meeting.

8. Lara White reporting for Math Morsels stated that a new round is coming with a Virtual Option with panelists. This option is intended for smaller schools. She will send information about this new round to David for the newsletter.

9. Sue passed out a handout regarding conference planning. The date is set for October 16, 2015 and the location will be VTC in Randolph. Mike Shaughnessy a former NCTM President has agreed to be the keynote speaker. He has been doing work recently on discourse in the classroom. Discussion ensued regarding the best places for exhibits and the use of the Old Dorm building vs other locations on campus for the conference. Another consideration was whether or not to help Mike with travel costs as he is coming from Oregon. It was agreed to offer him up to \$500 for this purpose. Charging for exhibitors workshops was discussed and \$150 was suggested as an amount. Growing Math Minds seemed to surface as an appropriate title for the conference. As PLPs will be required of current 9<sup>th</sup> graders and PBGRs of current 7<sup>th</sup> graders those topics will be considered as appropriate focus topics for submissions of presentations. It was suggested that Sean Towle NCTM representative might be willing to do a Principals to Action session. Other focus areas included standards based teaching and assessment and college and career readiness as well as CCSS and NCTM Standards. Roberta volunteered to handle money and be the registration volunteer. Roberta requested that purchase orders not be allowed to be used unless necessary. These payment are very difficult to track down from some schools. Patty agreed to be the Assistant Chairperson for the conference. It was suggested that the submission deadline for applying to present be set as July 15th. More discussion about planning for the conference will take place at the May meeting.

10. Sue reported that the OCTM (Oregon) is willing to share with a member (with permission) articles from its electronic newsletter. Sue is a member so we may be able to reprint interesting articles from the OCTM newsletter in our newsletter in the future.

Due to lack of time at this meeting the NCTM representative will report about NCTM Boston official business at the May meeting.

11. Adjournment was slightly after 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean McKenny, Temporary Secretary