

NHTM Board Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2019
The Common Man Inn and Spa
4:30 - 7:30

Present: Rob Lukasiak, Teresa Magnus, Annie Wallace, Michelle Morton-Currit, Natalie LaFlamme, Donna Dubey, Dan Pooler, Ann Elise Record, Jess Jacques, Elisabeth Johnston, Lesley Fallu, Raina Ekhardt, Stephen Latvis

Absent: Joe Spadano, Sharon McCrone, Allison Friend-Gray, Stephanie Wheeler

The meeting was called to order at 4:31.

Rob welcomed everyone, including the newest member to the board, Dr. Raina Ekhardt, Post-Secondary Representative. Introductions of the rest of the Board were made.

A date for our Summer Retreat at Natalie's was set: June 28, 2019
(Jeff and Natalie LaFlamme; 22 Deerhaven Drive; Nashua, NH 03064; Cell: 603-345-5396)

Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2019, and March 25, 2017

A motion to approve the January minutes was made by Dan; seconded by Donna. The motion passed unanimously (Raina abstaining).

A motion to approve the March Annual Meeting (edited) minutes was made by Dan; seconded by Annie. The motion passed unanimously with two abstentions (Elisabeth & Raina).

The Treasurer's Report was presented.

Highlights are: - the Fall Dine & Discuss broke even;
- the Spring Dine & Discuss was a loss of \$500;
- state contests are about even (waiting for some payments from some schools); and
- Michelle reports that some money needed to be transferred from the Money Market Account.

Switching from PayPal to Wild Apricot for payments: Wild Apricot will be charging organizations a fee to work with a third party (Pay Pal). Pay Pal also requires the treasurer's Social Security number which is not feasible for our organization. Wild Apricot is easier to use and will save us money. Michelle is confident that this switch will be better for NHTM both for ease and finances.

Clarifying reimbursement policies for conference attendees:

ATMNE reimburses ½ a room and meals (no alcohol).

We have been using the ATMNE guidelines until this last NCTM conference when

the board used the limit of \$1000 in order to encourage people to save on costs. We will revisit developing our own policy at the Summer Retreat.
Increasing revenue: there was discussion about how to solicit funds for our scholarship fund. We will discuss this at the Summer Retreat.

Membership Report

Current totals:

Free One-Year Membership: 34 (active)

Honorary Lifetime Members: 8 (active)

Individual 1-year Membership: 196, currently 80 active, 106 renewals overdue, 107 lapsed

Individual 2-year Membership: 40, currently 26 active, 18 renewals overdue, 8 lapsed, 5 new!

Retired 1-year Membership: 3, currently 2 renewal overdue

School 1 year membership: 1 (Hillsborough-Deering)

Student 1-year Membership: 0

Total: 283; currently 151 active, 142 renewals overdue, 116 lapsed

For the **Spring Dinner Meeting** we had 70 registrants and 12 guests, and 18 were with a one-year membership. There were also 16 students from Rivier and UNH.

Annual appointments of:

- a. School Administration Representative - Stephanie Wheeler (approved unanimously - Raina abstained)
- b. Membership Chair - Bernadette Kuhn (approved unanimously - Raina abstained)
- c. Newsletter Editor - Elisabeth Johnston (approved unanimously - Raina & Elisabeth abstained)
- d. Historian - *no interested candidates yet* (We need to consider getting the NHTM files from Barbara Kent - wife of previous Historian, Dave Kent. Stephen has volunteered to pursue getting the materials.)
- e. Webmaster - Allison Friend-Gray (approved unanimously; - Raina abstained)
- f. Media & Public Relations - Jess Jacques (approved unanimously - Raina abstained)

Other appointments

- a. 2020 Spring Conference Co-Chairs - Dan Pooler and Rob Lukasiak
Annie made a motion to appoint Dan and Rob; seconded by Natalie. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. NCTM Representative - Terri's position of President-elect means that the NCTM Rep position is now open. The board unanimously approved Annie Wallace's appointment to this position (Annie abstained).
NOTE: NHTM is currently in good standing with NCTM.

A break for dinner occurred from 5:47 - 6:25.

State Math Contest Report

Stephen passed this year's contest pencils to all the board members. They were less expensive this year. 46 teams registered and 44 competed. (Down 7 schools from previous years - mainly due to it being Election Day and schools were out - March 12). Go to www.tinyurl.com/47statecontest for results.

Stephen sent out thank-you notes and letters of achievement to volunteers and contestants.

This year, the registration was \$55 with \$60 late fee. Next year, the fee will be \$60 with NO option to register late. Stephen made an effort to keep costs down. PSU won't allow food to be brought in by outside vendors, but individual teams can bring in their own food.

Next year, the tentative date will be Tuesday, March 10, 2020 (another voting day). Stephen can always use volunteers to time, correct, etc.

Newsletter/Blog update

The transition from the Newsletter to the Blog has been a learning curve. Elisabeth would like to have a deeper conversation about how to manage the Blog at the Summer Retreat. Elisabeth's understanding of a Blog is different than what the NHTM Blog has been. We don't have a lot of members, so some people are getting a ton of notices about the same opportunities instead of more opportunities for dialogue. Elisabeth wonders what we can do to encourage ideas. Right now she just puts whatever people want on the Blog. Elisabeth is looking for material. People who used to write for the Mathesis are not necessarily writing for the Blog.

Lesley would like to have a conversation about what is appropriate for a Blog. She knows the expectation for a newsletter, but not necessarily a Blog. Dan said that it can be a longer article or a short one. Either is fine.

Annie suggested we look at current math blogs that are out there for ideas.

Terri wondered if there is a conduit to get information out to NH math teachers. Donna doesn't think there is a specific one.

Current authorized authors (can post themselves instead of going through Elisabeth) are Dan and Elisabeth. Elisabeth is open to adding more authorized authors.

The content has more flexibility than a newsletter so it would be good to take advantage of that.

How do we convince people to become members when they can access so much information for free?

ATMNE update

Joe and Rob were at the last meeting. The next ATMNE conference is in Connecticut in 2020 since the Boston regional is in 2019. Last year's conference in Rhode Island was a huge money maker. They contacted vendors directly instead of going through ESANE to manage vendors.

Maine has been leading the charge for the restructuring of ATMNE. Maine does not want to contribute any money to ATMNE for their members. The amount charged by ATMNE has changed over the years. Maine does not charge its members to be part of their organization, so they don't feel ATMNE should charge their members to be part of ATMNE. Maine has funding avenues that are not available to the rest of the New England groups. ATMNE dues are \$3.50 per member starting June 2019.

ATMNE also gives the Father B. and Peg Kenney Award - we should think of nominees.

NCTM update

Ann Elise and Terri represented NHTM at the San Diego Conference in early April.

Catalyzing Change: Following up on last year's pivotal publication *Catalyzing Change in High School Mathematics: Initiating Critical Conversations*, NCTM has begun work on *Catalyzing Change in Middle School* and *Catalyzing Change in Elementary School* with an anticipated release next year. There is a 37-page book study guide on NCTM website for *Catalyzing Change for High School* for districts or regional coordinators wanting to lead discussions. The book study guide and other information on the *Catalyzing Change* initiative can be found at <https://www.nctm.org/catalyzing/>.

Affiliate Publications Awards: Congratulations to NHTM member and Keene State faculty member, Beverly Ferucci! She is the editor of the Association of Teachers of Mathematics in New England's *New England Mathematics Education Journal* which won this year's NCTM Affiliate Journal Award. A "special publication" award went to California Mathematics Council's (CMC) *Math at Home* guides for parents. The recipient encouraged us to check out this publication <https://www.cmc-math.org/math-at-home-guides> for materials in both English and Spanish that can be used for communication with students' families. The affiliate newsletter award went to *The Variable* published by the Saskatchewan Mathematics Teacher Society.

Affiliate Caucuses and Delegate Assembly: Our Eastern Caucus voiced concern regarding NCTM's handling of resolutions and the role of affiliate delegates. While delegates were informed about a proposal submitted by the Association of Mathematics Teachers of New Jersey, we were not given the opportunity to vote on the proposal. Instead, each caucus meets for an hour or two the day before to select and write two suggestions to be presented

at the delegate assembly. From other delegates, we learned that years ago, the delegates would actually caucus with other regions to garner support for each other's resolutions with the possibility of drafting new resolutions at the conference. At this year's Delegate Assembly, other caucuses recommended a combined At-Large info table for smaller at-large affiliates at conferences, PLC toolkits to go with *Principles to Actions* and *Catalyzing Change*, supporting new teachers, and communicating with administrators, and broader media outreach materials (print, podcasts, webinars, brief items) for different stakeholders (administrators, school boards, parents, admissions officers, academic counselors, teachers/professors). NCTM President Robert Q. Berry, III, expressed his appreciation of the suggestions, noted some items for consideration, and pointed out where some items could already be found on NCTM's webpage.

Media & Public Relations update

NHTM has some Facebook groups that Jess manages. It's hard to grow the members because it needs people to interact with it.

Elementary School Representative update

Ann Elise reported that her Facebook group is up and running, but it seems like it's operating in a vacuum. So far, there hasn't been much interaction.

Ann Elise just created a Padlet (a website) that lists resources. Elisabeth, Dan, Jess and Ann Elise will connect so they can link all of this to the NHTM Blog.

Middle School Representative update

Dan and Jess launched the middle and high school Facebook group. Dan's been posting

things to share with the group. The idea is to keep getting information out.

Secondary Representative update

Lesley needs the certificates for Mathematics recognitions in schools. Michelle will send them to Lesley.

Rubrics for the Richard Evans and Ferd Prevost awards need to be revamped.

Post-Secondary update

The David M. Kent Memorial Scholarship Winner is: Victoria Flegal from Goffstown attending UNH; (\$1000 to a high school student planning to study mathematics education, mathematics or elementary education) There were 14 applicants with 9 completing the whole process. **NOTE: Allison - please change the middle initial on the website.**

The \$1000 NHTM College Scholarship was awarded to Megan Todt, Rivier College

NH DoE update

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) frameworks are being revised. Feedback is being sought.

The application period for the PAEMST (Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching) is closed for this year. The review process is beginning. Next year, the PAEMST will be open to K-6 teachers.

Regional Meetings update

South Central Event... at Pinkerton Academy on June 3.

Jess and Ann Elise have planned something for next year in Merrimack Valley.

Michelle continues to run a Book Study on the new high school book. (NOTE: the middle school one has just been published.)

Still looking for someone for the North and the West regions

The regional structure is growing!

Spring 2019 NHTM Math Dine/Discuss Report

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Treasurer Report about a \$500 loss

Website update

Allison wondered:

Are we all using the <nhtmboard@NHmathteachers.org> group to communicate? We need to be using this.

Are renewals going ok?

We used GoogleForms for our voting this year. There are kinks to be worked out, but it is still a good way to go.

Other Business

Spring Conference 2020: Rivier University and Manchester Community

College are possibilities (Rivier's Spring Break is in early March when snow is still an issue, so Rivier may not be a good option. Raina will look into Manchester Community College.)

Affiliate's Leadership Conference, July 15 - 17, Denver, CO

The \$1000 grant from ATMNE is no longer automatic. Organizations need to apply for it. NHTM usually sends two people. Raina might be able to go. Terri might be able to go. Annie will check her schedule. Rob will ask the members that are not here.

2019 Fall Dine and Discuss: under Raina's purview. Rob will help out. Usually held in Concord.

Recognition of exiting Board member: Sharon McCrone A BIG thank-you for your service!

NCSM: just started free webinars with Texas Instruments. The second one is tomorrow and one on the 13th of June. The deadline for proposals for the 2020 spring conference is June 1.

Barbara Boschman and Greta Mills send greetings to NHTM from the NCTM Annual Conference.

A motion to adjourn was made by Annie. Seconded by Dan. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46.

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie LaFlamme