

State System of Higher Education-Mathematics Association
Executive Board Meeting
Bloomsburg University
October 17, 2008

Present: Muhammad Aslam (Lock Haven), Bill Bateman (Kutztown), Karen Bolinger (Clarion), Carey Childers (Clarion), Cliff Johnston (West Chester), Premalatha Junius (Mansfield), Carl Letsche (California), Beth Mauch (Bloomsburg), Winnie Peterson (Kutztown), Lyn Phy (Kutztown), Deborah Prince (East Stroudsburg), Carol Rehn (Lock Haven), John Riley (Bloomsburg), Randy Schaeffer (Kutztown), Delray Schultz (Millersville)

The meeting began at 5:35 p.m. The minutes of the April 19, 2008 Executive Board Breakfast were distributed. A motion was made by John Riley/Carl Letsche to approve the minutes with the addition of Carol Rehn (Lock Haven) to the list of attendees. The motion passed.

Chair's Report: Beth Mauch suggested that the term of the chair be extended from 2 years to 4 years. It was decided to keep the term length to 2 years. This includes no limitation of the number of terms so a chair could continue to serve after the initial 2 year appointment.

Treasurer's Report: Randy Schaeffer distributed the Treasurer's Report which showed a balance of \$3978.31 with no income or expenditures. There was a discussion about putting some of the money into a CD but that would involve having to file a tax return and obtain a Federal ID number.

PCTM Liaison Report: Winnie Peterson reported that the 2008 PCTM meeting would be held at the Split Rock Resort in Lake Harmony on November 5-7, 2008 and that the 2009 meeting would be in the Pittsburgh area. At the November 2008 meeting, there will be a social on Wednesday night and a program for pre-service teachers on Thursday organized by PAMTE. There will also be a session about aligning the PA Standards with the focal points. She reported that there is a new student chapter at IUP.

SSHE-MA Conferences: Beth Mauch distributed a report about the 2008 SSHE-MA Conference that was held at Slippery Rock. There were 51 participants (46 faculty, 4 students and 1 other) from 10 state universities (Bloomsburg, California, Clarion, Edinboro, Indiana, Kutztown, Lock Haven, Mansfield, Millersville, Slippery Rock) as well as 5 other schools (Kent State University, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, University of Pittsburgh, Youngstown State University, Slippery Rock Area Middle School) and the National Science Foundation. The Executive Board thanked Slippery Rock for hosting this conference. The 2009 SSHE-MA Conference will be held at Mansfield University on March 20-21, 2009. Premalatha Junius reported that there would be two speakers: Bill Miller from Susquehanna University and Charlie Wayne from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. She has reserved a block of rooms at

the Comfort Inn for \$54/night that must be reserved by March 2nd. There will be a math contest for students.

The next several SSHE-MA Conferences will be:

- 2010 West Chester
- 2011 California
- 2012 Shippensburg (?)

SSHE-MA Proceedings: The Proceedings can be found on the SSHE-MA web site <http://www.passhema.org>. There have been no submissions from the 2008 conference.

SSHE-MA Web Site: Beth Mauch distributed an e-mail message from Donna Dietz, the Webmaster for the SSHE-MA site, who reported that the domain registration, which is Google/GoDaddy, is \$10/year and expires April 13, 2009. The web hosting is with GoDaddy and is \$76.55 for a 2 year contract, expiring on June 16, 2009. ¹ She asked the board to discuss the role of the webmaster. In her opinion, the webmaster ought to: keep track of the expiration dates on the hosting and domain accounts, periodically backup the web site to a disc that the president or treasurer would keep, post submitted articles, provide an ftp account to the university who is hosting an upcoming conference, attend SSHE-MA Executive Board meetings, post meeting minutes online, keep track of money spent and/or reimbursed and keep in touch with the president and other officers if there are any changes to be noted. These ideas were not discussed at this meeting.

Renaming our Organization: It was suggested that our name SSHE-MA be changed to PASSHE-MA to reflect the name change of our state system. John Riley/Randy Schaeffer moved to propose this name change to the membership at the 2009 conference. The motion passed.

Discussion: Premalatha Junius asked if other schools could be invited to our 2009 conference and the answer was yes. It was suggested that she invite teachers from the local school district. Carol Rehn suggested that we start sharing common concerns and ideas among our members, perhaps through a list serve. Donna Dietz will be contacted about adding information about this list serve to our web site.

Carl Letsche/John Riley moved to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn Phy, Secretary

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