

State System of Higher Education-Mathematics Association  
Executive Board Breakfast  
Slippery Rock University  
April 19, 2008

**Present:** Bill Bateman (Kutztown), Karen Bolinger (Clarion), Robert Buck (Slippery Rock), Steve Gendler (Clarion), Elise Grabner (Slippery Rock), Premalatha Junius (Mansfield), Carl Letsche (Indiana), Beth Mauch (Bloomsburg), Winnie Peterson (Kutztown), Lyn Phy (Kutztown), Carol Rehn (Lock Haven), Randy Schaeffer (Kutztown)

The meeting began at 7:30 a.m. The minutes of the October 2007 Executive Board Meeting were distributed. A motion was made by Randy Schaeffer/Elise Grabner to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Randy Schaeffer distributed the Treasurer's Report which showed a balance of \$3978.31 with no income and expenditures of \$94.53 for Web Domain Registration (2007-2008) & Hosting (2007-2009), \$270.00 for the October 2007 Executive Board Meeting and \$10.00 for Web Domain Registration (2008-2009). A motion was made by Karen Bolinger/Steve Gendler to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

**PCTM Liaison Report:** Winnie Peterson announced that PCTM would be holding a conference on November 5-7, 2008 entitled "Math Rocks at Split Rock". There were about 900 attendees at last year's PCTM conference in Valley Forge. Also, PCTM will be publishing a Yearbook and submissions are encouraged.

**Conference Report:** Elise Grabner reported that the current SSHE-MA Conference was going well. It was noted that the keynote speaker on Friday night, Paul Gartside, was very good. She thought the conference should "break even" financially and noted that Saturday night's speaker is from the government and thus cannot accept compensation for speaking or travel.

**SSHE-MA Conferences:** The 2009 SSHE-MA Conference will be held at Mansfield University on March 20-21, 2009. Premalatha Junius reported that she had reserved hotel rooms, had a student mathematics competition planned and was in the process of contacting two potential speakers. The next several SSHE-MA Conferences will be:

- 2010 West Chester – contact person - Kathleen Jackson?
- 2011 California (?)

**Web Site:** Donna Dietz was thanked for all of her work on the SSHE-MA web site.

**New Business:** There was a question about the formal name of our organization: should it remain SSHE-MA or should it become PASSHE-MA to reflect the name change of our state system? It was decided to solicit input at the noon lunch meeting and then to discuss it again at our next Executive Board meeting.

**Discussion:** Items discussed included the new education requirements from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) which requires three special education courses and an ESL course. It was suggested that we have a speaker from PDE at our next conference and the name of Frank Marburger was mentioned. We also discussed the issue of the calculus sequence being taught as three 4 credit courses or four 3 credit courses. Slippery Rock and Clarion have three 4 credit courses with a Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday schedule at Slippery Rock and a Monday/Wednesday/Friday with either Tuesday or Thursday as an extra day schedule at Clarion. Kutztown University currently has four 3 credit courses.

Karen Bolinger moved to adjourn at 8:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lyn Phy, Secretary