

**Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education-Mathematics Association
Executive Board Meeting
Bloomsburg University
October 26, 2007**

Present: Bill Bateman (Kutztown), Karen Bolinger (Clarion), Robert Buck (Slippery Rock), Donna Dietz (Mansfield), Doug Frank (Indiana), Gary Grabner (Slippery Rock), Premalatha Junius (Mansfield), Beth Mauch (Bloomsburg), Michelle Penner (Cheyney), 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 7:20 p.m. The minutes of the March 24, 2007 Executive Board Breakfast were distributed. A motion was made by John Riley/Randy Schaeffer to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Randy Schaeffer distributed the Treasurer's Report which showed a balance of \$4352.84 with no income or expenditures. Reinstating institutional dues of \$100 was discussed but it was decided not to do so as long as there is money in our account. A motion was made by John Riley/Bob Buck to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

PCTM Liaison Report: Winnie Peterson reported that the 2007 PCTM meeting would be held in Valley Forge on November 7-9, 2007 and that the next meeting would be at the Split Rock Resort in Lake Harmony on November 5-7, 2008. She also encouraged submissions to the PCTM Yearbook which is a refereed publication.

PA SSHE-MA Conferences: Beth Mauch distributed a report about the 2007 PA SSHE-MA Conference that was held at Bloomsburg. There were 109 participants (57 faculty, 40 students and 12 others) from all 14 state universities as well as 6 other schools (College Misericordia, King's College, Lehigh University, Susquehanna University, Swarthmore College and the University of Scranton). Houghton Mifflin and Addison Wesley were the sponsoring publishing companies. It was noted that the undergraduate math competition attracted a large number of students. The 2008 PA SSHE-MA Conference will be held at Slippery Rock. Winnie Peterson suggested that the conference include sessions geared towards mathematics education.

The next several PA SSHE-MA Conferences will be:

- 2009 Mansfield (March 20-21)
- 2010 West Chester
- 2011 California (?)

PA SSHE-MA Proceedings: The Proceedings can be found on the PA SSHE-MA web site <http://www.passhema.org>. There have been ten submissions from the 2007 conference.

PA SSHE-MA Web Site: Donna Dietz reported that the domain registration, which is Google/GoDaddy is \$10/year and expires April 12, 2008. The web hosting is with GoDaddy and is \$76.55 for a 2 year contract, expiring on June 16, 2009. We also have a free GoogleGroups account if we wish to use it.

Discussion: Doug Frank is retiring in December and will be replaced by Greg Wisloski. He suggested that we need to address statistics education and the fact that it increasingly is being handled outside our mathematics departments. It was suggested that we also address assessment and perhaps have a special session about it at the upcoming conference. Bloomsburg has had success in computerized placement testing given during freshmen orientation (it has halved the number of Calculus I sections and doubled the number of Pre-Calculus sections). Lock Haven has students take placement tests at home before they register for any math class and, as a result, they now have eight new sections of developmental math.

John Riley/Bob Buck moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn Phy, Secretary