

## **Minutes of the GMATYC Executive Board Meeting August 7, 2008**

**Attendance:** Alvina Atkinson, Jessica Craig, Jennifer Freenstra, and Albert Lu

**Student Members:** We discussed the issue Alice Pierce brought up in an email about student members. We decided that we will state that student members should be full-time students. This is included in the latest version of the Bylaws.

**Bylaws and Mission Statement:** Jessica Craig noted that the first paragraph about sending comments to her has been removed. After the discussion about student members, it was decided that this line will remain. Alvina also commented that we should change the name of the Newsletter coordinator to Publications Coordinator to match the titles on the newsletter. We will include a copy of the latest version in the fall newsletter for the members to comment on before the vote before the February meeting.

**AMATYC Student League Winner:** Jennifer sent a check to this year's AMATYC Student League winner, Phuoc Nguyen, a GPC Clarkston campus student. Donna Saye sent him the student plaque. Jessica has the traveling plaque and will get it engraved and delivered to Clarkston.

### **Newsletter Issues:**

1. Alvina brought up the issue that it would be helpful to **send the newsletters annually** instead of twice a year. The rationale for this has several parts. First, Alvina noted that it is difficult to get submissions for the GMATYC Newsletter. If we make the newsletter an annual publication, she feels that each newsletter will contain more articles. Secondly, she noted that she would like to include more pictures and more color in the newsletter. This would add to the cost of printing. Thirdly, Jessica noted that may have to mail the newsletters from now on because the GPC listserve, who sent the letters before, seems to not want to send such large attachments. Therefore, at the February meeting, we will recommend that the newsletter become an annual newsletter.
2. **Suggested newsletter articles:** an article about the Math 98 course redesign at the Clarkston campus of GPC (Jessica Craig will contact Dihema Longman about this), Albert Lu will write an article about the new webpage and blog, Jessica Craig will write an article about the progress and problems with the Math 96 course at GPC, the latest version of the bylaws will be included, a copy of the membership form will be included. Alvina said she would continue to twist her colleague's arms for newsletter articles. We all need to do this.

**Membership Form:** Alvina noted that the date on the top of the membership form could be confusing for members that are joining in the fall. She suggested that we put February "blank" to February "blank" on the form and have the members fill in the year. Jessica and Jennifer will consider making this change on the form.

**Web Issues:** Albert Lu stated that he is working to get the GMATYC webpage back on line. He still needs a password for the registrar from Calandra. He said he would keep the same look that the website had under Calandra. He will also see about redoing the blog. He will start the blog from scratch. He will also find out more info about the hosting service offered by AMATYC. Jessica will send him the latest version of the Proposed Bylaws and the Membership form to put on the web when it is up and running. Albert asked for the latest list of members with their email addresses. He will use this to send to the members when he has the blog up and running. It was also suggested that the user name and password be included on the list so that members who forget the password or user name can contact Albert for this info. (This info would of course not be made public.)

**Suggestions to increase membership:** Alvina suggested that we contact the chairs of the math departments at the schools in GA and make them the contact people for the organization. Jessica noted that the membership committee should also be doing this. It was also suggested that we make a poster about the organization that is sent to each school to post in the department office.

**Budget:** Jennifer noted the latest budget. We have \$805 in dues so far this year. She also noted some expenses that have come since the February meeting. We now have about \$1800 in our account.