

**IMACC Board Meeting
Parkland College**

Thursday, April 9, 2015

Present:

Officers: Connie McLean President, Omar Adawi -Past President, Andy Geary- President Elect, Steve Kifowit-Treasurer, and Kyra Rider-Secretary

Board Members: Linda Blanco, Donna Carlson, Kim Martin, Tony Paris, Tom Pulver, Chris Riola, Deanna Welsch Absent: Kenneth Beynon, Christian Roldán Santos

Guests: Rodger Hergert, Paul McCombs, Jon O'Dell

I. Call to order

President, Connie McLean called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm.

II. Minutes

The minutes of the IMACC Board Meeting of Saturday October 4, 2014 were distributed and reviewed. After a minor change, Tom Pulver moved that the IMACC Board accept these minutes as corrected. Linda Blanco seconded the motion and the motion carried.

III. Reports

a. Publisher/Exhibitor Coordinator (Rodger Hergert)

Publishers in attendance this year are Perason, McGraw Hill, and Cengage each with 2 tables and Hawkes with one table. McGraw Hill and Pearson sponsored a coffee break or social hour; Cengage did not this year. Cengage has a new rep this year who might not have know about sponsoring breaks. Seven tables total for publishers is average.

b. Placement and Assessment Committee (Beth Beno)

See Curriculum Committee

c. Scholarship Committee (Angie gum)

The Scholarship Committee recommended that one very qualified applicant, Melissa Freeman, be awarded a \$1,250 scholarship. Melissa attends South Suburban College and was nominated by Beth Beno. She plans to attend Governors State University and aspires to teach high school math. Melissa will be at the conference tomorrow. **Tony Paris moved that the scholarship be awarded as recommended. Deanna Welsch seconded. Motion Carried.**

d. Membership Committee (Diane Koenig)

Steve Kifowit reported on the membership stats as of April 2015. Below is a summary:
313 Current members – this is good. Steve hopes it will be up to 320 by the end of the year.
26 memberships expired last June
88 life members – that hasn't changed since last year (we both gained and lost to keep steady)
230 current members receive ConneXion by email only. – This is an all time high, but Steve doesn't expect this to get much better.
22 New members since 7/1/14

Chris Riola asked if new members are really new. Steve said that new consists of anyone who is legitimately new or whose membership expired prior to 2006.

Institutional membership is at an all time high. Why can't we get COD and Oakton as institutional members?

e. Nominations & Elections Committee (Andy Geary)

81 members voted this year.

President elect – Paul McCombs

Treasurer – Steve Kifowit

Secretary – Kyra Rider

Board Members – Jennifer Watkins – John A Logan College

Laurel Cutright – Olney Central College

Chris Riola – Moraine Valley (re-elected)

There was a big field for the Board of Directors. It can be hard on candidates who don't get elected. Try to get them involved on committees and re-run in future elections.

f. Curriculum Committee (Keven Hansen)

i. Draft of the 7th edition of the Articulation Guide

The committee and lots of sub-committees began working on the seventh draft in November and got it completed last week. Amazing accomplishment! James Jones is going to try and put links into the articulation guide to link to other documents. Keven will present the document at the business meeting on Saturday. It will be voted on next year by both IMACC and ISMA.

ii. Business Stats vs General Ed Stats

Business panel is adamant about having a lot of business applications. The only difference between the two is the pre-requisites and the applications. We have been working on it for 3-4 years and it just doesn't seem possible to get two different IAI numbers.

iii. Geometry proposal

Questions? Keven will present on it at the meeting Friday night. The issue is PMGE, Math for El Ed students, and STEM students need more geometry. IAI Gen Ed math panel got quite contentious on the topic of Geometry. There is no law or state requirement on the books regarding the requirement of Geometry. It seems to be a high school requirement that colleges have adopted. Illinois is (probably) the only state that requires Geometry which adds to the "problem". The ICCB and IBHE want to eliminate the Geometry pre-requisites but they didn't come up with alternates to make sure students are adequately prepared for future classes.

iv. PARCC scores

It was settled on the score of a 4 or 5 to place into college level math. IMACC also wanted to see changes in the length in which scores are good. Currently, test scores are good for 18 months after graduation, even if the test is taken in the student's freshmen year. This document is not a mandate. Community Colleges can make their own decisions.

g. Constitution/Bylaws Committee (Omar Adawi)

Because we are working on getting our tax exempt status, we do not want to make any changes to the constitution and bylaws.

One clarification, the only requirement for being a board member is to be an IMACC member. Therefore, a board member can be retired or an administrator.

Next year we need to address three items:

1) Look at voting on items more quickly by having online elections instead of just during the annual meeting. Thoughts included posting items for 90 days and that elections and notices have to be done during the regular school year. What if it is a contentious issue? Can we post an announcement and a discussion board? Maybe we should only have it face to face on more "touchy" topics. We also need to define a need for a "special election."

- 2) We need to make it clear if/when/ or how the membership votes on the budget.
 - 3) We need to define a quorum and under what conditions a quorum is needed.
- We can begin this work but don't want to make major changes until the tax exempt status is approved especially anything budget related.

h. Treasurer's Report (Steve Kifowit)

Conflict of interest statement – Needs to be signed by all officers and board members, scholarship committee, conference committee, and ConneXion editor every year.

Tax exempt status – We have been approved by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. This will have immediate benefits – we will not have to pay sales tax to Allerton. Steve will start looking at the compliance guide. We can start soliciting donations. We discussed where it is appropriate to issue receipts. We cannot deduct money spent on raffle tickets or collected during game night. It sounds like we could use a fund raising committee. This committee could define how money donated to the general fund would be used. We can add a line to the membership form field asking for donations to the scholarship fund to say donations are tax deductible.

Steve is going to talk to someone at the bank about accepting credit cards in person and online. If we get a credit card for our organization who should have access to the credit card? Maybe just the Treasurer.

Fund balances – looks good especially with the institutional memberships. No questions regarding the fund balances. Steve wants to spend some time considering our investments. Maybe it is time to reinvest in a CD or a Vanguard Fund. We can also move money from the general fund to the scholarship fund or into a bond fund where we would make more money interest. Steve will research options and risks this summer.

i. Budget Committee (Steve Kifowit)

Steve passed out the proposed budget. After some discussion, no changes were recommended.

j. Program Committee (Connie McLean)

3 keynote speakers: Brad Lukoff Marv Johnson, and Brian Durham. Tom Pulver will lead a session for new teachers and an update on ICCB. There are 25 concurrent sessions and 32 speakers. A speaker form was put online by James Jones for the speakers so that Connie didn't have to send the form out 35 times. James also reformatted the schedule and kept it current online. James has really done a lot of work for us this year.

The mugs have come in and are in Connie's truck. She needs help unloading her truck and distributing goodies. Publishers have donated bags.

Connie kept expenses within budget.

k. Conference Coordinator (Sunil Koswatta)

- 152 registrants as of 4/7/15. There will be a few onsite registrants on Friday.
- The bar will be open both Thursday and Friday night.
- Sunil made a recommendation to have Saturday lunch in the dining room instead of the tent. We will go forward with this change.
- Two members requested refunds due to family emergencies. **Tony Paris made motion to issue refunds to these two members, Tom Pulver seconded, and the motion carried.**

l. Awards Committee (Deanna Welsch)

No nominations were received this year for the James Armstrong Award
The Distinguished Service Award, Life Membership Award, and Teaching Excellence
Awards will be awarded. Winners will be announced Friday night.

m. Communications (Diane Koenig)

ConneXion – Nothing new, updates will be given at the meeting Friday night.
Facebook – Nothing new. We have gotten a lot of new “likes” recently. Up to 400 followers.

n. Historian (Jim Trefzger) - Nothing new to report.

o. Webmaster (James Jones)

Again, many thanks for all his work with the online speaker forms, IMACC conference schedule
updates, and posting meeting minutes updates.

IV. Old Business

a. Strategies to Increase Membership – nothing new to report.

b. Archives

It is going slow right now. Tom will get back on it soon. What do we do with the two large
boxes of stuff after it is scanned. It might be clear what we need to physically keep. Maybe dig
through them at the Fall meeting as a group.

c. IMACC Scholarship – Something like the AMATYC Project ACCESS or ISMA project Next.
Where we offer a scholarship for a new teacher to attend IMACC. Maybe this could be a job for
the membership committee to find candidates. A “New to IMACC” break out session at the
conference would be included.

d. AMATYC Scholarship- are there any board members who haven't been to the AMATYC
conference? Bring it up Friday night.

V. New Business

a. Mathematics for Elementary Teachers (Roberta Christie) – No new news. It is still sort of fend
for yourself.

VI. **Tony Paris moved to adjourn, Linda Blanco 2nd, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Kyra Rider
Secretary, IMACC