

**Present:**

Officers: Paul McCombs- President, Andy Geary – Past President, Steve Kifowit-President Elect, Natalie McGathey – Treasurer, and Kyra Rider-Secretary

Board Members: Linda Blanco, Donna Carlson, Jeremy McClure, Chris Riola, Dan Kernler, Jackie Chalmers  
Absent - Laurel Cutright, Kim Martin, Jennifer Watkins

Guests: Rodger Hergert, Sunil Koswatta

**I. Call to order**

President, Paul McCombs called the meeting to order at 12:37 pm.

**II. Minutes**

The minutes of the IMACC Board Meeting of Thursday March 31, 2016 and Friday April 1, 2016 were reviewed. After a few minor changes, **Andy Geary moved that the IMACC Board accept these minutes as amended. Chris Riola seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

**III. Reports**

a. Publisher/Exhibitor Coordinator (Rodger Hergert)

Not much has changed. Things have been consistent for the last 3 – 4 years. Allerton can only handle about 7-8 tables. We have filled these over the years. Cengage had a smaller presence last year, but this year a sales representative has already contacted Rodger and Paul to offer support and assistance for some speakers

Table rate \$125 for the first table, \$50 second. Fees for hosting other events: \$150 coffee Break, \$250 social hour. These rates probably don't cover these costs but with the table charges it probably comes close. Our goal is to break even. The consensus is that we are good with the current fee structure.

Warning to reps and others who need to send materials to Allerton - don't send items too early otherwise there might be a storage fee. Was this an issue in the past? Might be part of the past Allerton leadership. Rodger is not aware of any current/recent issues.

Do we solicit publishers? Rodger inherited a list of 25 publishers. Allerton cannot accommodate any more tables. We can only do about 9 tables total. One year Rodger accidentally oversold tables and it was tight. Again, it seems like we are currently at a good place.

b. Placement and Assessment Committee (Beth Beno)

- i. No report.
- ii. Paul printed the Survey Monkey report to discuss replacements for COMPASS. The survey is about a year old now.
- iii. Illinois is now using the new SAT exam for college admission. Change based on cost for the exam.
- iv. Survey Monkey or Google survey what schools are using for SAT cut scores.
- v. Does anyone know the content of the SAT?
- vi. Can SAT/ACT be used for placement? Most schools have scores for placement in college level mathematics. Not really the intent of exam. CLC has 4 levels of placement from ACT.
- vii. Unpaid Survey Monkey doesn't allow much statistics. Google is easy. StatCrunch is another option.
- viii. Concordance table for new SAT vs old SAT.
- ix. Illinois pulled out of PARCC except for elementary.

- c. Scholarship Committee (Angie Gum)  
No report. Remember to nominate deserving students for the scholarship award. Angie has extended the deadline for last scholarship award since Angie was unable to contact the recipient.  
Both scholarships from 2016 have been paid.
- d. Membership Committee (Diane Koenig)  
Packets need to be sent out. Goal is to do a mailing in the next couple weeks.
- e. Nominations & Elections Committee (Steve Kifowit)
  - i. President elect – Steve has a nominee
  - ii. Secretary – some suggestions
  - iii. Board –Kyra is interested, Steve has about 3 other people who are interested.
  - iv. Include a solicitation in the Newsletter? Steve probably has enough candidates.
  - v. Is there a danger in seeming like a closed club. Maybe send something early in the fall semester and ask for interested parties to contact the president elect by fall meeting. There is understanding of the perceptions but we have worked hard to find diversity in the board.
  - vi. Steve talked to someone from Highland CC and also spoke to an adjunct instructor about becoming board members.
  - vii. Jennifer Watkins is now a HS teacher in a different state and on the board.
- f. Curriculum Committee (Keven Hansen)  
Keven sent a Curriculum Committee Report dated 9/15/16. Highlights from that include:  
State is pushing the co-requisite model. Waiving the prerequisite is okay during the pilot mode. At the end of the pilot mode in 2019 the prerequisite will be changed.  
  
IAI panel is no longer faculty led it is led by state administrators. They have also stated that they don't care what IMACC has to say about issues.  
  
Goals within the HB5729 act (such as Transitional Math) are contingent on funding and the development of a panel.
- g. Constitution/Bylaws Committee (Andy Geary)  
Nothing new. See discussion on voting membership requirement under the Old News – Website section.
- h. Treasurer's Report (Natalie McGathey)  
Natalie distributed copies of the fund balances and the approved budget.  
Looking at the Fund Balances: The AMATYC Hospitality room expense is higher because it is for 2 conference years (2016 & 2017). IMACC Scholarships – Two were given in 15-16 but one didn't get paid out until this year.  
  
In the future, t-shirts will only be on pre-order only. For now, Linda will keep bringing the shirts back and forth until the old inventory sells out. Maybe donate some of them for the raffle since IMACC has already paid for them.
- i. Budget Committee (Natalie McGathey/Steve Kifowit)  
Comments regarding the budget: everything balanced, income has remained about even, and expenses are considerably less than we budgeted for. Last year, we received about \$1,200 more income than was budgeted. Plus, \$8600 in budgeted expenses was never spent. This is record setting.  
  
Discussion regarding budget for conference speaker fees. We want to bring in good speakers. We pay for honorarium, housing, meals. Last year no honorarium was paid. Should we include conference costs at Allerton as part of the speaker fees? We have not in the past.  
  
Natalie suggested adding in another line item for the website for the 17-18 budget. The budget committee currently consists of Steve as chair, Rodger Hergert, and Dave Clydsdale. Suggestion was made to replace Dave with Steve and having Natalie becoming the chair.

Some starting budget amounts for the website were tossed around. Dan will get some estimates to Natalie. We want to get a better feel for this and will send suggestions to Natalie for the proposed 2017-18 budget to be presented this spring at the conference.

Natalie moved to add a line item to the expenses into the budget to reflect the 5 conference fee waivers. Since this is just a budget proposal, this does not need to be approved. The budget will be approved at the business meeting.

- j. Program Committee (Paul McCombs)
  - i. Key note Speakers: Friday Opening: Dr. Nathan Tintle of Dordt College in Iowa, *Teaching Statistics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Friday Afternoon: Dr. Karen Saxe of Macalester College in Minnesota, *A Mathematical Adventure through the Census, Reapportionment, and Redistricting* Friday Evening: Dr. Eugenia Cheng of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL. *How to Bake Pi: making abstract mathematics palatable*
  - ii. Dr Tintle will provide a workshop and he said that funds are available to support the workshop. Paul was worried about having space for a workshop.
  - iii. Saturday morning Speakers: Heather Brown of ISBE to talk about Common Core and PARCC as well as updates concerning mathematics curriculum in the State
  - iv. Concern about spending more on speakers this year than last year, but there are funds in the budget. Paul doesn't want to just go with free speakers who are promoting a new textbook.
  - v. We need session speakers. Paul will post speaker interest form on the website hopefully early November.
  - vi. Paul will contact publishers regarding having session time.
  - vii. Looking for someone to lead discussion panel titled: *Concerning Placement Testing*. Beth Beno will lead.
  - viii. Should we have a first time attendees breakout. Combine with new instructor (non-tenure) session. Topics could include: How can I become more involved in the organization? What can IMACC do for me? Natalie offered to send an email to first timers or sit by the registration packets. As leaders we should go out of our way to meet new people. Ask board members to do campus tours and talk about the organization.
  - ix. Should we do formal game night on Thursday too?

- k. Conference Coordinator (Sunil Koswatta)

Contract is signed with Allerton for the next 3 years at the same rate. Sunil proposed a new way to request rooms. Send application right away to reserve the room. Payment must be received by due date. This year it is Mom's weekend. We no longer block rooms at nearby hotels.

**Chris Riola made a motion to keep all pricing the same except to reduce the cost for the full conference to \$325 for this year. Dan Kernler seconded.**

**Discussion to amend and then Chris Riola moved to withdrawal the motion.**

**Chris Riola move to maintain all conference fees. Dan Kernler seconded. Motion carried**

Rather than reducing costs we decided to offer scholarships.

**Linda Blanco motioned to issue 5 full conference fee waivers. Interested parties need to write a cover letter of interest and submit it with their conference registration to the conference coordinator by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Candidates must be IMACC members. Fee waiver will be issued via a raffle Recipients of the waiver will be notified by Feb 15. Donna seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Announcement of the fee waiver should be in the Winter newsletter.

- l. Awards Committee (Deanna Welsch)  
Remember to nominate colleagues/students.
- m. Communications (Diane Koenig)  
ConneXion deadline is 10/15. Updates about faculty, tenure, new faculty, etc. Forward suggestions for improvement to Diane. Deadline is important because some are still mailed and there is some labor involved.
- n. Historian (Jim Trefzger)  
Nothing new to report.
- o. Webmaster (James Jones)  
Nothing new
- p. Archivist (Tom Pulver)  
Nothing new to report. Still Tom Pulver?

#### IV. Old Business

- a. AMATYC Scholarship Jackie Chalmers  
AMATYC Delegates – State: Linda Blanco, Diane Koenig, Affiliate: Jackie Chalmers
- b. ISMAA delegates Keven Hansen
- c. NCTM – no delegate yet
- d. ICTM – Andy Geary delegate
- e. Web Site update (Andy Geary)  
Andy shared a wish list for the new website. Andy solicited a committee to help improve the website and help find a company to do the work. Andy only got one person to volunteer – Dan Kernler. Realistically they need about 4 -5 people for guidance. Andy needs help and without help, we cannot get this done. .

Andy presented a list of options we have for achieving our wish list. This ranges from hiring a company to do all the work and pay to maintain/upgrade all the way down to building and maintaining the site ourselves. We discussed pros and cons of each option. No idea of cost yet for the options.

We have a lot of data and an Excel spreadsheet containing membership data.

Side issue – Do we want to allow just anyone to become an IMACC member? This would require an amendment to our constitution. AMS does not restrict membership. Fear is that political organizations could infiltrate our organization. (Illinois Policy Institute) This would have to be addressed in the constitution/bylaws. Criteria for voting vs non voting member? Idea of “who gets to be a member” is a can of worms. This is a constitution issue not a website issue. You need to be a member at the time when an issue comes to vote. Again this addresses the need for a policy and procedures manual. ICTM has an application process. Do we want to change the nature of the organization? Do we just need to redefine our organization? If it really takes 2 years to change the constitution, we need to get on this asap. Can a discussion period happen at the conference and then have a vote on constitutional changes at the same time? Or do we send out a ballot after the conference?

#### V. New Business

- a. April 6-8, 2017 Conference
- b. Future Conference Dates
  - i. AMATYC Nov. 17-20, 2016
  - ii. ISMAA at COD March 31-April 1, 2017
  - iii. 2018 Tri-county meeting in Valparaiso
  - iv. IMACC 2018 date: April 12-14, 2018; IMACC 2019: April 11-13, 2019
- c. Jackie had concern from her college regarding Pre-Calc CLEP exam. Several schools accept CLEP scores.

- d. WisMATYC was last weekend. Many IMACC members attended/presented. Next year will be 10/7/17 at Blackhawk Tech College in Janesville. There is a one day conference.
- e. Our next board meeting, April 6 Parkland room X219 at 1pm.
- f. We always have great discussions as this group. We should meet more often. Maybe regional meeting. We need to address the issue of membership. How can we do this? Is there an open meetings act? Can 4 of us get together and discuss but not pass anything? Will there be hard feelings? People feeling excluded? Should we have a subcommittee on just this one issue? We like the idea of the summer retreats. Should we include the people who originally wrote the constitution? Let's just try having an electronic meeting in regards to the membership issue. Google hangouts. Adobe Connect. Can we have more regional social networking opportunities?

VI. Adjournment

**Dan Kernler moved to adjourn the meeting, Donna seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kyra Rider  
Secretary, IMACC