

## VERMONT STATE MATHEMATICS COALITION

Minutes of the meeting of September 27, 2011

Present: Jean McKenny, Bob Chaffee, Harvie Porter, Dave Hathaway, Bob Kenney, John Devino, Jeff Dinitz, Barbara Unger, Dick Unger, Julie Conrad, Barbara Rippa, Marvin Glickstein, Tony Trono, Mary Calder, Laredo Sola.

- I The meeting was called to order at 5:13 PM by Jean McKenny.  
Bob Kenney was appointed Interim Secretary.
  
- II The minutes of December 7, 2010, were approved.
  
- III Bob Chaffee submitted the Financial Report which was approved with a correction of the date that the Citizens Bank CD will mature: 3/24/12.
  
- IV Bob Chaffee presented the Executive Director's Report.  
NASSMC has ceased operation, and no dues will be paid this year.  
The Triangle Coalition will be having a conference, and Bob Chaffee will forward information as it becomes available.  
Bob will be meeting with Jeff Dinitz, Shelia Weaver, and Karen Taylor-Mitchell to discuss how to respond to the increased interest in the Summer Institute. Ten applicants were turned away this summer for lack of space.  
Bob read a thank you note received from a brother of Ted Marsden.
  
- V Reports:
  1. Summer Institute. Jeff Dinitz reported that there were many returning participants. They strive to have equal representation of boys and girls, and missed by one this year.
  2. Talent Search. Barbara Unger reported that last year they tried to do everything on line, but then added mailings, which increased participation. It was difficult keeping up with changing email addresses.
  3. Expanding Horizons. John Devino reported that this is the 16th year. There were about 14 presentations last year, and eleven presenters have signed up for this year so far. By going on line with the information new presenters can be added at any time. Considerable discussion took place on ways to encourage more use of the program, including developing topics related to the Common Core.
  4. ARML. Bob Chaffee reported on information he had received from Jean Ohlson. Jean would like to continue as coach, but would like another adult to help. Harvie Porter indicated his interest. Vermont was next to last in Division A, and would have been near the middle of Division B.  
This year Vermont will be back in Division B.
  5. Other. Dave Hathaway reported that there was lots of space on the web site.

VI Old Business. A nominating committee for the 2012 Annual Meeting was named: Jean McKenny, Harvie Porter, and Bob Kenney. Positions to be filled: Secretary, and Fiscal Officer.

VII. New Business. Directors for next year's Summer Institute will be Jeff Dinitz and Sheila Weaver.

VIII. Calendar.

1. The date of Jan. 10 was set for the next meeting.
2. The date of May 1 was confirmed for the 2012 Annual Meeting.

IX. The meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Kenney, Interim Secretary.

VERMONT STATE MATHEMATICS COALITION

Minutes of the meeting of April 26, 2011

Present: Mary Calder, Bob Chaffee, Julie Conrad, John Devino, Ken Gross, Doug Harris, Dave Hathaway, Jean McKenny, Harvie Porter, Barbara Rippa, Loredo Sola, Tony Trono, and Sheila Weaver.

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Jean McKenny.

II. The minutes of the last meeting (May 6, 2011) were accepted.

III. Bob Chaffee submitted the financial reports, which were accepted.

IV. Webmaster Dave Hathaway reported that the website status is updated. Please let Dave know if there are additions to the web page. Perhaps the minutes could be posted.

V. John Devino is going to gather some information on what Expanding Horizons has done in the past year (e.g., number of presenters, number of presentations). It might be useful to have some review of content and instructors currently available. This could allow for better matching between presenters and schools, in terms of content and timing and travel time.

VI. GIV report. The program for the Summer Institute is nearly finalized; copies of the current version were circulated. The Math Coalition is giving 8 scholarships to boys, and 3.5 to girls (one girl got half covered by EPSCOR). For the remaining 20 openings, there were 44 applicants to the Governor's Institute organization -- 18 males and 26 females. Student who were turned away had the option to attend another GIV program (Engineering, Science and Technology, etc.)

VII. Election of Officers: The Nominating Committee presented the slate:

David Hathaway for Business Co-Director (3 year term)  
Harvie Porter for Education Co-Director (3 year term)  
Sheila Weaver for Secretary filling in 1 year for Ted Marsden

All three were elected.

VIII. New Business - none

Tuesday, September 27, 2011, 5pm location to be determined.

8:06 adjourned.

# VERMONT STATE MATHEMATICS COALITION

Minutes of the meeting of Dec. 7, 2010

Present: Bob Chaffee, Jean McKenny, Harvie Porter, Dave Hathaway, Barbara Rippa, Barbara Unger, Dick Unger, Mary Calder, Sheila Weaver, Tony Trono, John Devino, Bob Kenney.

I The meeting was called to order at 5:28 Pm by Jean McKenny.

II The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

III Bob Chaffee submitted the financial reports, which were accepted.

IV Bob Chaffee presented the Executive Directors report. Texas Instruments has offered for Talent Search prizes software that will emulate a hand held calculator on a PC or a Mac computer.

## V Old Business

1. A total of \$615.00 has been sent to Norwich University as a gift from the Coalition for the Ted Marsden Memorial Scholarship. Bob Chaffee read three thank you notes from Norwich people.

2. 2011 ARML Meet. The tabled motion from the last meeting to not send a team in 2011 was brought off the table and discussed. If Vermont does send a team it will still be required to compete in Division A due to winning Division B two years ago. Barbara Unger noted that the experience was good, even though the team came in last in Division A. She said that the students appreciated going in spite of their poor showing, and seemed to be in better spirits on the trip home than she was. Sheila Weaver noted that many students participate in the Talent Search in hopes of being chosen to be on the Vermont ARML team. The motion to not send a team in 2011 was voted on and defeated, so Vermont will send a team.

## VI Reports.

1. Summer Institute. Sheila Weaver reported on plans for next summer, including Tony Trono's fund raising efforts.

2. Talent Search. Barbara Unger reported on the move to using the Math Net and emails to promulgate the tests, as well as solutions after the tests are returned. The top 25 performers are also posted.

3. Expanding Horizons. John Devino has sent information to all schools and has been emailing math contacts as well. He continues to update email addresses of contact people, as there have been many changes.

4. VMI. Sheila Weaver reported on plans for the next institute which are under way with Ken Gross.

## VII New Business.

1. New coach for the Vermont All Stars, the Vermont ARML team. Jean Ohlson of South Burlington High School has volunteered to coach the next team for the 2011 meet. She would like a couple of people to go with her.

## VIII Calendar

The next meeting of the coalition will be at the Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner, April 26, 2011.

## IX Other

John Devino reported that Wendy Pratt at Whitcomb High School in Bethel is looking for someone to present at a teacher in-service day, Feb. 28. Several suggestions were made.

X The meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Kenney, interim secretary

VERMONT STATE MATHEMATICS COALITION  
Minutes of the meeting of September 28, 2010

Present: Harvie Porter, Bob Chaffee, Ken Gross, Bob Kenney, Barbara Rippa, Tony Trono, Sheila Weaver, and John Devino.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Harvie Porter in the absence of Jean McKenny at 5:15 PM.
- II. Bob Kenney agreed to be the Interim Secretary.
- III. Bob Chaffee presented the Financial Report with the usual handouts. The Affiliation Dues and the Corporation Fee have been paid. Expenses for the Summer Enrichment Institute were somewhat more this year. The Financial Report was accepted.
- IV. Executive Director's Report: Bob Chaffee noted that Ken Gross had sent him information about an award at Norwich University named after Ted Marsden for the top freshman mathematics student and also a scholarship award named after Ted. A motion was made and accepted for the Coalition to send \$100 plus any further donations from Coalition members to Norwich for the Ted Marsden Scholarship Award. We were asked to send our checks to Bob Chaffee made out to Vermont State Mathematics Coalition for whatever we wished to contribute. Bob's address is: 7 Walnut Lane, Essex Junction, VT 05452.
- V. NASSMC Annual Meeting: After discussion regarding the costs and benefits of sending a delegate to this meeting it was moved and accepted not to send anyone this year.
- VI. Old Business: A Nominating Committee was named: Bob Kenney, Chair, Tony Trono and Bob Chaffee. The position to be filled at the 2011 Annual Meeting is that of Co-Director for Business. Dave Hathaway will be completing his fourth term (12 years), and there was discussion regarding a need to involve new people with the Coalition. Tony and Bob Chaffee mentioned some possibilities.
- VII. Reports:

1. Summer Institute. Sheila Weaver reported that the participants enjoyed the various activities, and the Institute went very well. She also noted that there were complications regarding budget issues between the Coalition and the Governor's Institute that were still under negotiation.
2. Talent Search. Bob Chaffee provided a report from Barbara Unger which noted that some 200 students participated from 23 schools. About 30 students scored 4 or better on one or more tests. Students in general improved on their documentation of work. Eleven students were honored at our Annual Dinner. There was discussion regarding the level of difficulty of the problems. Tony Trono noted that some years ago he and Ted Marsden had decided to include a few easier problems, and that participation had improved.
  - 2 a. ARML meet. Barbara Unger reported that we only had 13 instead of 15 students on the Vermont team for the June meet, and they had to compete in Division A due to their winning Division B two years ago. They used two alternates to fill out their team, and ended in last place in Division A. She recommended forming a team in October and providing coaching and practice before going to the ARML competition. She noted that the students enjoyed the competition, but that she would like them to come away with some sense of accomplishment. After some discussion a motion was made to not send a team to the ARML meet in 2011. This motion was tabled for further discussion at our next meeting.
3. Expanding Horizons. John Devino noted that putting the information out over the internet had eliminated printing costs without much change in participation. He hoped to improve the dissemination of this year's information, but noted that many schools' websites were difficult to use.
4. VMI (Ken Gross). No Report

VIII. New Business: Coaches and Practice Sessions for Vermont All Stars. Discussed under Talent Search, above.

IX. Calendar.

1. The next Board meeting was scheduled for Dec. 7, at 5:00 PM, at the home of Barbara Rippa.
2. The Annual Meeting will be held on April 26 at the Comfort Inn and Suites in South Burlington.

The meeting was adjourned, and many thanks were expressed for the hospitality and fine cuisine provided by Barbara Rippa.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Kenney

VERMONT STATE MATHEMATICS COALITION  
Minutes of Annual Meeting of May 6, 2010  
Sunset Ballroom of the Comfort Suites, South Burlington, VT

**Call to Order:** The VSMC meeting was called to order at approximately 7 p.m. by Harvie Porter, Coalition Director. Attending the meeting were members Tony Trono, Ken Gross, David Hathaway, Harvie Porter, Bob Chaffee, Jean McKenny, Doug Harris, Barbara Rippa, Sheila Weaver, Barbara Unger, Dick Unger, Mary Calder, and Ted Marsden.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the Annual Meeting of April 28, 2009 were approved.

**Financial Report:** Bob Chaffee presented the Financial Report. The dinner for tonight's meeting will cost \$852.75 plus \$50 for a screen. Checkbook balance is \$20,833.81 with CD adding another \$8668.81 for an overall balance of \$29,502.62

The financial report was approved.

A report of plans for the Summer Governor's Institute was given by Sheila Weaver.

A discussion concerning publicity of the Talent Search winners took place. Bob Chaffee will provide local newspapers with appropriate information.

There was some discussion about the Einstein Fellows Summit. Nancy Pejouhy is a former Einstein Fellow from Vermont.

**Election of Officers:** The Nominating Committee presented the slate of Jean McKenny for Director and Harvie Porter for Co-Director, Education to fill Jean McKenny's unexpired term. Jean was elected for a three year term and Harvie for a one year term.

**Calendar:** The next meeting of the Coalition was scheduled for 5 pm on September 28, 2010 at the home of Barbara Rippa.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8 pm.

Submitted by Bob Chaffee, Executive Director, in remembrance of Ted Marsden.