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MINUTES OF O.A.M.E. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OCT 4/5, 2002, Four Points Hotel, Hawthorn Room

PRESENT:

Executive: Marg Warren(President), Shirley Dalrymple(Past President), Stewart Craven(President-Elect), John Dallan (Vice President),

Chapter Representatives: Lindy Smith(CHAMP), Peter Lenczewski (COMA), Ed Haines (GOLDEN), Paul Fennell (GVMA), Brian Raaflaub (ISOMA), Greg Clarke (MAC2), Pauline Therrien (NOMA), Rona Doyle (NWOAME), Jacqueline Hill (PINE RIDGE), Robert Sherk (QSLMA), David Petro (SWOAME), Pat Margerm (TEAMS), John Ferguson (WOMA), Rosey Mastrofrancesco (Y4MA).

Elected Directors: Dan Charbonneau, Gord Cooke, Ron Gaudreau, Anna Jupp, John Kersley, Caroline Rosenbloom, Susan Stuart, Chris Suurtamm, Joanne Graham, Laurie Moher, John Rodger, Lynn Strangway, Kevin Maguire, Irene McEvoy, Bill Otto, Marilyn Hurrell, Mary Bourassa

Other: Frances Schatz (Abacus, NCTM Rep), Doug Evans (Website), Sue and Dave Hessey (Exec. Directors), Paul Shervill (Union Gas) on Saturday

Regrets: Louis Lim (Gazette Editor) , Judy Dussiaume(Vice President) , Dean Murray, Heather Boychuk, Kathy Kubota-Zarivnij (Vice President), Sumintra Koowar (SAME)

FRI, OCT 4 2002

VISION COMMITTEE MEETING:

Call to Order: Time: 5:20 p.m. Marg Warren outlined the four items in the agenda, revising the draft vision statement, striking a subcommittee for final revisions, discussing new Union Gas awards,and making brief committee reports. Suggestions were made on revisions by various committee members. The subcommittee is Chris Suurtamm, Ron Gaudreau and Kathy Kubota-Zarivnij.

ACTION: EDs to make revision and email to subcommittee. Final draft will be sent to EDs by Dec 15 for consideration at the Jan Exec meeting and motion of approval at Feb board meeting

Three awards sponsored by Union Gas will be presented at the OAME 2003 Conference. They will recognize an elementary teacher, a secondary teacher and a mathematics leader who exemplify OAME's vision. The criteria will be directly related to our vision statement . Nominations for recipients will b e sought through Directors of Education in late February

ACTION: EDs and Stewart Craven will refine criteria and send letters requesting nominations to directors of 72 boards

Each committee chair gave a brief report on progress to date on the project. Ron Gaudreau reported that the 11UC committee met on Oct 4 to refine the circle activity. Irene McEvoy reported that the 9/10 committee is developing 2 tasks, one for each grade. The grade 9 is similar to Barbie Bungee using various technologies. Dan Charbonneau reported that the 11C committee met during Oct 4 and are designing a summative assessment with 4 tasks on various strands, connecting to a career. Each part will be field tested separately. Caroline Rosenbloom reported that the 7/8 committee is working on a carousel of activities on Patterning and Algebra moving from activities to concrete to abstract. The second activity blends Patterning and Geometry using paper folding and GSP. Pat Margerm reported that the Jk-6 committee will now include Kindergarten. They are meeting on Nov 15/16 to further work on their tasks.

FORUM

Call to Order: Time: 6:55 p.m.

Welcome: Sue Hessey introduced new chapter reps Greg Clarke and Pauline Therrien.

Introduction: Marg Warren reviewed the draft of the vision statement . She introduced the Forum topic by stating that we have fewer members in the last few years, and that we need to communicate with a wider audience. In a large group format, the following questions were discussed:

1. What audiences do we communicate with now ?

• Ministry of Education • teachers • Field's Institute • Faculties of Education • some corporations
• OMCA , CAPE, OAJE • teacher federations • post secondary universities/colleges • EQAO • publishers
• STAO • NCTM

2. Are there additional audiences that OAME should be communicating with?

• media • parent councils • other subject associations • Ontario Early Years Centres • Directors of Education/SOs
• more teachers • more corporations/businesses • other math associations (eg OCMA- colleges, other provinces)
• French Language boards and teachers • board curriculum co-ordinators

3. What methods does OAME currently use to communicate with its audiences?

METHOD	AUDIENCE
Gazette	members, their schools/dept, University Libraries
Linking Assessment documents	elementary teachers
website	non-members, members
conferences	
•Leadership	math teacher-leaders, publishers
• annual	members, some non-members, publishers
• chapter mini-conferences	local teachers, members
MoE, OTF, EQAO meetings	ministry, federation members, etc
email	members, inquiries from website
Chapter reps	local chapters, boards
word of mouth	

4. Additional ways to consider:

• newspaper articles • editorial columns • visit local Fac of Ed and offer to do a workshop for preservice students
• summer AQ courses • ENOREO • through board curriculum co-ordinators • mass email

In small groups the following questions were considered:

5. What would we like our journal to look like/sound like/feel like? What specific features/format/structure?

• professional, polished, error-free
• something for ALL levels
• variety in types of articles (eg articles, activities, problems, puzzles, neat ideas)
• more hands-on, classroom ready activities for secondary as seen in Abacus
• stuff for KIDS
• link to website & other sites (eg blackline masters on website, members only part of site,specific help- Fathom sites, GSP, assessment, problems,etc)
• feature article on how to prepare for EQAO testing to attract elementary teachers
• activities with teacher dialogue to provide PD
• simple appealing cover
• article on teacher successes, things done well or differently
• articles from around the province to reflect various perspectives
• fewer issues of Gazette but also receive a package of activities geared to level of member yearly
• change of font to "grab" you
• a journal for everyone- teachers, students, parents, administrators
• reader reflections, tied to columns
• include different authors on columns (assessment, technology, etc)
• authors that are researchers
• contributions from faculties of education
•resources and reviews (books, websites, software)
• journal activities
• "look fors", strategies for administrators
• quick tips, tips for new teachers
• challenges for students
• archival on website (to do a search)
• look: better elementary focus, student work, visuals
• sound: reflect vision
• feel: colour on cover, highlight key features

• parent corner
• new teachers column
• literacy link
• once a year index to past articles
• continue to target teacher audience
• separate Gazette and Abacus
• forum for math ideas/philosophy

John Dallan showed a number of websites. He suggested that you could get a free class set of Career Posters by calling: 1 800 935 5555. He used websites from:
• www.stao.org • www.nctm.org • www.coolmath4kids.com • www.educ.queensu.ca/~fmc
• www.figurethis.org • www15.addr.com/~dscher/ • www.graphcala.com
6. What would we like our website to look like/sound like/feel like?
• home page (boring) needs to be updated and spruced up- hire students to jazz it up
• bright colours, interesting wallpaper, math symbols
• make links to other websites (eg- rubric building sites, sites shown above from J. Dallan, etc)- get suggestions from teachers
• links to specific sites such as GSP, Fathom, Calculus, specific courses, strands
• categorize the links into divisions (eg K-3, 4-6, etc)
• on-line membership
• eg of tasks, documents and ordering info
• interactive, dynamic features
• password protected parts for members
• user friendly, simple, useful information
• index of back issues of Gazette
• current Gazette table of contents and one key article
• puzzles, enrichment activities
• activities that go with Gazette articles
• monthly updates for members
• job postings

CHAPTER REPS MEETING:

Call to Order: Time: 8:1 5 p.m
Stewart Craven discussed the need for nominations for all awards. Union Gas nominations will be sought through Directors of Education **ACTION: EDs will send an electronic copy to all board members.**
Stewart Craven distributed OMO 2002 packages to Chapter s that were unable to attend (MAC2, NOMA, QSLMA,GVMA, SWOAME) . John Ferguson reported that the Union Gas/OAME OMO 2003 will be in London on June 13&14. A sample contest will be posted on our website in January. **ACTION: All Chapter reps let Tom Griffiths know how many teams you will be sending (tgriffit@uwo.ca)** Rosey Mastrofrancesco reported on the duties of a chapter rep. Sue Hessey reported that membership is up 200 compared to last year. She discussed the annual chapter report and financial statement due by Nov 30 in order for chapters to receive their rebate at the Feb board meeting.**ACTION: All chapter reps to complete and return annual report and financial statement by Nov 30 and return to EDs. EDs to send electronic copy.** Sue Hessey showed what was in a case and reps signed up for one. It MUST be returned the day after the event. Jacqueline Hill reported that OAME 2003 is progressing with its planning and gave T-shirts to Chapter reps. Sue Hessey inquired if boundaries for chapters in the GTA is a problem. **ACTION: EDs will bring a map to next meeting to see if any areas are not being served by a chapter.** Peter Lenczewski suggested that a two page "Chapter Reports", prepared by EDs from emailed copies was a much better way to give reports. **ACTION: Chapter reps will email their reports to EDS one week before board meetings. EDs will compile and make 45 copies. Chapter reps will no longer bring hard copies.**

STANDING COMMITTEES MEETING AND REPORTS:

Call to Order: Time: 8:15 p.m
Dave Hessey distributed new binders to each committee

Futures: nil report

Promotions: Gord Cooke reported that

• John Kersley will pursue the cost/desirability of promotional items such as pencils, post-it notes, stickers, label pins and whether members should get something with membership/renewal

• Dan Charbonneau and Mary Bourassa will look for designs for stickers and T-shirts

• Gord Cooke will develop a list/package for contact with Faculties of Education

Other follow-up ideas included: product placement within video, hire optimizer for website to ensure it appears in top 10 search engine results, develop regular email contact with members

Publications : Chris Suurtamm reported that

• Frances Schatz gave her Abacus editor report. Issues were discussed and suggestions were made as to how she can get input from elementary groups around ideas such as homework, suitable activities, and websites with resources for elementary divisions. She should make direct contact with elementary workgroups to be assured she is connecting with teachers in those grades.

• Louis Lim was absent but his written report was discussed. Main points such as the new Lynda Colgan's column for elementary teachers, the Sept. printing delay, and Louis' retirement as Gaz editor as of the June 2003 were discussed.

• Finding an editor was discussed, as well as an honorarium. The later will be determined when the job is clearly defined. Each publication committee member will try to contact a possible editor. Ways to make the job more manageable, such as delegating more tasks to others, were discussed. The job is difficult to define at the moment as we are working on creating new ideas around what the journal looks like and how it ties to our vision.

• The Forum ideas were summarized by 2 subgroups

• Doug Evans reported on the website by saying that most are looking for course outlines, other websites, and classroom materials. The committee concurred that more of these is what is needed on our website

ACTIONS:

• Chris Suurtamm will type up the summary of the new ideas and visions of publications

• Chris Suurtamm will contact the Publications Committee to continue creating clear directions for our publications

• All committee members will actively pursue finding a new editor

• Frances Schatz will touch base with the chairs of the elementary committees for material for the Abacus.

Equity: Lynn Strangway reported that Dr. Avis Glaze will be the Equity Speaker at OAME 2003. Laurie Moher will find out if she can introduce her, Lynn Strangway will thank. A possible gift, in addition to the honorarium, is books relating to equity for the new volunteer program in Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB. **ACTION: Laurie Moher will get writeup for the program booklet by Oct 8.** Susan Stuart will put together a list of books relating to equity and culture in Mathematics. Publishers will be asked if they can put together a special display for equity in math. Some issues still to be determined are: when is the equity breakfast, tickets and final details (see J. Hill), door prizes for participants (posters at 1 800 935 5555) , look for graduate students doing research on equity issues (EQAO data, etc)

Constitution:

ACTION: The Constitution Committee is forwarding the following three motions for the Executive to consider.

TERMS OF REFERENCE: Nominations/ Election Committee Terms of Reference

2. Function

Add new (g)

(i) Where the number of nominated candidates for a given position is less than or equal to the number of vacancies, those candidates nominated will be acclaimed to that/those position(s) on January 15th.

(ii) On January 15th, If there are still remaining vacant positions, then the Nominations/Elections Committee, with the approval of the Executive, will extend the nominations date in an attempt to find sufficient numbers of nominations for those vacant positions.

Renumber g to j, h to k

BYLAW 9 Terms of Office of Officers and Directors

Add new #2

In order to preserve continuity, the Executive may assign a term of office less than three years to open Vice President Positions. When elections are held for more than one Vice President position, and one or more of the positions are designated a term less than three years, the candidates for Vice President will be assigned these positions based on the number of votes received. That is, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes receives the position with the longest term and continuing in descending order to fill the remaining positions.

Renumber #2 to#7, #3 to# 8
BYLAW 9 Terms of Office of Officers and Directors
Revise old # 4, new #5
5. In the event of a resignation, termination or death of a Vice President, the Executive Committee shall be responsible for filling the vacancy, for the duration of that individual's term, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

Awards: See Chapter reps meeting report
ACTION: EDs and Stewart Craven will develop Union Gas criteria tied to vision statement

Housekeeping:
Details were on the agenda.
1. Expense forms were returned to Dave. Cheques issued for expenses related to this meeting should be cashed as soon as possible. **Action: All**
2. An address list was circulated. Corrections were noted and returned to Dave. EDs asked to be immediately advised of any change in email addresses since much of the communication of OAME is now carried out using that mode. A new list will be attached to the minutes. **Action: All**
3. The Gazette Board list in the December issue was circulated. Changes were returned to Dave.
4. Chapter Representatives completed requests for the Promotion Packages
5. Chairs of committees were reminded that the EDs should be informed of any additional meetings held under the direction of the committee and the name of any additional people involved in such meetings, particularly when bills may be forthcoming re expenses or supply teachers. **Action: Chairs**
6. Any reports which were to be included in the minutes of the meeting were to be submitted in writing to Sue or Dave before the close of the meeting.
7. All motions that are not routine were to be provided to Sue or Dave using the Motion Form sheets on the tables.
8. Any complaints about the hotel accommodation or service were directed to be made through Sue or Dave rather to the staff.
9. Time was reserved for curriculum committees to make a 5 to 10 minute report at 3:00 pm on Saturday. Other Committees wishing time to report were to notify Marg Warren or one of the Executive Directors before lunch that they wished to make a report.

SOCIAL HOUR: Chairman Suite, 9:30-11:00 pm

SATURDAY

Equity Breakfast: Chardonnay Grill.

PROJECT WORK GROUPS

Call to Order: Time: 9:05 am
Sue Hessey reported on some housekeeping items. Marg Warren reviewed where we are at in our new format. Many are reporting that they feel refreshed as we grow and change together. We are still changing the format to satisfy all needs. Developing a vision from K-12 is very important as teachers need support to see the vision of the new curriculum. Marg is starting to see writing and communication , choice in activities, and improved number sense in her own daughters in grades 4 and 7.
VIDEO: Stewart Craven reported that his subcommittee met all day Friday with the videographer. The video will be grades K to 11. The product can be packaged for different audiences. As an example of quality, the board was shown "10 Black Dots", a 20 minute video from a grade 1 class in TDSB. Our video will look vertically at grades K,1,5,8,9 and 11 and horizontally at the following themes: a 3 part lesson structure, a variety of modes of interactions between students and teachers and students and students, uses of resources and rich learning tasks. The challenge will be in selecting classes, getting a mix of teachers (age, sex, etc) and a mix of students (ESL, Special Ed, etc). The first draft of the storyboard will be ready in December, the classes will be selected in Jan/Feb, the filming will be Feb-May, a glimpse of the video will occur at OAME 2003, the video will be edited, and a companion guide written from June-Sept.
PD COMPONENT: Marg Warren reported that this part will start at the Feb board meeting. Please collect ideas now in a folder. This component will have flexible delivery (eg dept meetings, board co-ordinators), a variety of presenters for a variety of audiences.
TEACHER RESOURCE PACKAGE: John Dallan distributed a timeline and task format booklet, as well as a disc with a template for each chair. **ACTION: Drafts must be received by Dec 1, 2002.** By May 31, a hard copy, a

soft copy and separate tech files are required. Please edit for equity, math content and grammar /spelling. The template should include vision ideas. Committees worked for three hours on their tasks.

UNION GAS PRESENTATION:

Call to Order: Time: 12:15 pm
Union Gas will donate $40 000 to O.A.M.E. in 2002 and pending final approval, $52 000 in 2003. The first installment of $20 000 was presented to Marg Warren, President of O.A.M.E. by Paul Shervill, Director Channel Management, Union Gas . Union Gas, together with their parent corporation Duke Energy, has a mandate to focus on three areas to help build stronger communities. These areas are: building leadership capacity in not for profit organizations, encouraging employee volunteerism, and supporting Mathematics and Science Education. Union Gas realized that O.A.M.E. valued many of the same principles, that we were headed in the same direction to support Mathematics education, and that we understood that a strong foundation in Mathematics is required by Ontario's workforce. Union Gas is investing in math education today because it gives tomorrow's students an opportunity to succeed. At Union Gas, we recognize that a strong math foundation is essential for students looking to succeed in a global economy. Union Gas is excited about the activities that O.A.M.E. has planned for the next year and our up coming partnership. These donations will support the following activities over the next two years:

• Developing "A Vision for Learning Mathematics: JK to Grade 12"
- Articulating a vision of learning
- Developing classroom ready activities and teacher guides
- Production of a digital video
- Creating a Professional Development package and guide
- Promotion, printing and distribution of resources developed
• Supporting Union Gas/O.A.M.E. Ontario Math Olympics 2003
• Developing and presenting three provincial awards at O.A.M.E. 2003 in May:
- Union Gas Award for teaching excellence in Mathematics (elementary)
- Union Gas Award for teaching excellence in Mathematics (secondary)
- Union Gas Award for outstanding leadership in Mathematics Education

BUSINESS MEETING:

Call to Order: Time: 2:30 pm

Approval of the Agenda
Moved by Bill Otto , seconded by Jacqueline Hill "that the amended agenda be accepted." Carried

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes June 21/22, 2002
Moved by Bill Otto , seconded by Peter Lenczewski , "that the minutes of the June 21/22 Board Meeting be approved ." Carried

Financial Report
Dave Hessey presented the current financial picture and balance sheet
Moved by Peter Lenczewski , seconded by Dan Charbonneau that "the financial picture be approved". Carried

Operating Budget
Dave Hessey presented the proposed operating budget.
Moved by Gord Cooke , seconded by Rona Doyle that " the budget for 2002-2003 be approved" . Carried

Moved by Ed Haines , seconded by John Ferguson "that the Chapter rebate for 2002-2003 to Chapters be 30% of the annual fees paid by full members and retirees with no rebates for student members." Carried

Moved by Greg Clarke , seconded by Ron Gaudreau "that the Executive Directors fees of $18000 for 2002-2003 be approved." Carried

WRITTEN/ ORAL REPORTS

President's Report: nil report

Field's Institute/MoE Report: Shirley Dalrymple reported that
• This year's focus is on teacher in-service, especially for elementary teachers
• On-Line Task Force is preparing for a second symposium February 27, 28, March 1, 2003

• MDM4U Data Management Task Force is winding down. Two websites are now available for DM teachers:
http://www.brocku.ca/cmt/mdm4u provides a complete culminating project with both teacher and student perspectives
http://connect.edu.uwo.ca DM discussion group
• CMS Fora meetings: May 16 to 18, 2003 in Montreal ,Spring 2004 in Toronto through Fields
• OAME needs 6 Field's members to represent us at regular meetings at the Field's Institute: we need 4 volunteers!
Meeting Dates: October 19, November 23, January 18, February 15, March 22, April 19, May 17, June 14
ACTION: 4 OAME board members let Shirley Dalrymple know if you could attend some of these

MoE:OTF: nil report

Executive Directors' Report: Dave and Sue Hessey reported that the membership as of Sept 24/02 is 1215, up from 998 a year ago. New chapter reps are NOMA: Pauline Therrien, MAC2: Greg Clarke. Rosey Mastrofrancesco attended an Aug preservice teacher session at York. They took all materials sent in the Promotion case. She suggested we have a freebie handout next year (like STAO, and English teachers). Memopads were suggested . OAME has sold about 4500 LAIM documents in the past year. A complete publications report was distributed.Frances Schatz attended regional NCTM in Montreal as our rep. She sold 5 MS2000 documents, and brought back materials for Marg Warren. Louis Lim has received a cheque for $686.88 which represents his PD allowance for 2001-2003 and the amount owing from 1999-2001. OAME has received $51 900 from OAME 2002- a very successful conference! On August 10 the EDs met with Carolyn Robertson and Sharon McPhail. After discussion about renewing a contract for PR 3000, we agreed to a 30% CAPE/70% OAME split. CAPE has agreed to try to actively promote the document through their organization and we agreed to consult with them in the future with proposed changes (prices,etc). We are working with Doug Evans to update the website. To date the following changes have been made: removal of summer institutes, links to OMCA website for Grade 12 support materials and the Brock MDM4U materials, ad for our memopads, pictures from the 2002 conference, Leadership 2003 brochure and a link to OMO 2003. In the near future he will post a link to OAME 2003 and is happy to post up Chapter mini-conference brochures. The Sept Gazette was delayed because the printer interchanged two pages and had to reprint it. Lynda Colgan purchased 150 copies for Queen's preservice students. We have negotiated a substantial grant ($92 000) from Union Gas over two years to support our Vision project, OMO 2003, and 3 awards.

NCTM :
Frances Schatz reported that The December Gazette report includes an e-scavenger hunt like the one she needed to complete for Leadership in Montreal this past summer. Be sure to check it out – it will bring some interesting NCTM websites to your attention.Currently, NCTM e-resources are available to NCTM members. Individual members are able to take advantage of current journals, student math notes, mathematics education dialogues, archives, search, and contact information. If you are interested in a NCTM membership, please contact me for current price and how to get the 25% cap on the exchange rate. When your membership is processed you will receive a member login and password.

OAME Sale: NCTM Products and Publications
OAME now owns all the items that are on display for you at this meeting Saturday morning. At the June board meeting I provided the new information about NCTM's handling of this program. OAME (and all affiliates who want to have NCTM materials available for their members) must purchase a minimum of $400 USD to get a 30% discount. The problem is that Canadian affiliates are still required to pay the 12.5% Canadian handling fee. Since June 1, 2002 I have not ordered anything from NCTM directly. When I was at the Montreal Regional I purchased several copies of each of the new books at 25% discount, then I shipped them to my home address. The price on those copies is slightly below what you would pay if you ordered directly from NCTM. NCTM members who purchase materials from me will get the 20% member discount. NCTM has recommended that affiliates not give the member discount. I have a list of products/publications on hand with the Canadian price (at time of purchase). That price includes the 12.5% NCTM charges Canadian affiliates for GST and handling. If you would like to receive a copy of the sale list, refer to the one you received in June or ask me for a copy. This will be a great opportunity for teachers or schools or boards to add these treasures to their collections at old US dollars. Last year's sales of NCTM materials brought OAME $775.00 which includes rebates that are now no longer available and the difference between selling and cost price.

Leadership
Thank you for allowing me to attend this conference in Montreal. It is an enriching experience to meet mathematics leaders and NCTM representatives from across Canada and the Northeastern States. The Quebec Math Association folks were great hosts. Carolyn Kierans, a Canadian from Quebec who is on the NCTM board of directors, gave a presentation on what NCTM is about. She lamented the fact that there are so few Canadian math educators who are members of NCTM. She noted that the Canadian Regional Services representatives are from Alberta and Nova Scotia. She encouraged Ontario to get someone nominated to run for the Board of Directors or at least have representation on one of the many committees. We also had the pleasure of an

evening social with the president of NCTM, Johnny Lott. In response to the low number of NCTM members from Canada several suggestions were made:
1. Have a Canadian branch of NCTM so that mailings of magazines and conference materials would be mailed within Canada. For membership and product shipments we pay more than our US neighbours for postage.
2. Why can't NCTM do better than 30% discount on books and products to Canadian affiliates? Or better yet, cap the exchange rate at 1.4 for books and products.
3. NCTM was criticized by many of the Canadian delegates for not doing a better job of advertising that the individual membership rate is $107.50 for one year CAD. No wonder the number of Canadian members is so low; too many of us were paying full exchange instead of the 1.25 cap.
OAME, as an affiliate, can send in a resolution for the Delegate Assembly next April on any of the above or related issues. The resolution, signed by a board member and the NCTM representative, must be received at NCTM Reston headquarters by November 1, 2002. Dave and Sue and I have a copy of the resolution form.
Important Date to Mark on your Calendar:
The Regional Meeting, Regina, Saskatchewan, 17-19 October 2002, is "Making Mathematical Connections: 2002 and Beyond" to be held at the Delta Regina and Regina Inn.

OMCA :n il report

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING:

1. NOMINATIONS: Shirley Dalrymple reported that nominations are needed for all board positions. The nominations form is in the Gazette. We need elementary members to help us advise the Ministry on elementary initiatives. Board members should help promote the people they nominate and get the local chapter behind them.
2. FIELD'S FORUM: See report above. OAME needs 6 representatives.
ACTION: Any interested members, please contact Shirley Dalrymple.
3. OAME 2003: Jacqueline Hill reported that some sessions run on all 3 days. The conference is in Oshawa from May 8-10. The theme is "Primed for Math".
4. LEADERSHIP 2003: Marg Warren encouraged members to share their extra brochure with a friend
5. JOHN KERSLEY shared a folder of materials, including an article on Frances Schatz.
6. NOMA mini-conference: Dan Charbonneau shared the brochure for the NOMA conference on Oct 18&19
7. CHAMP conference: Oct 24. Description on our website

PROJECT COMMITTEE REPORTS

JK-6: This committee has 4 tasks, 2 for Kindergarten (number sense based on a picture book, patterning task), 2 for grade 5 (geometry activity with literature and technology connections, a patterning and algebra activity). Some tasks have been field tested already. They are working on Nov 15&16. They are bringing material to this meeting to try.
7&8: This committee has two tasks. The first is a carousel of 4 activities from patterning to models. The second is about the angle sums in a polygon. It uses paper folding , GSP and generalizations. The tasks are almost done and ready to pilot.
9/10: This committee has 2 grade 9 tasks. The first is a popcorn challenge, finding dimensions to maximize volume, using 3 ways (concrete- build it, spreadsheet, GSP). The second is a bungie jump. The later is a good video opportunity. They are ready to field test this semester and video next semester.
11U/C: The first task uses hoola hoops to introduce trig, using CBRs and TI83+s. It is ready to field test in November and is an investigation, learning task. The second is an assessment task involving pendulums. It is in the early stages but will be ready for December and will be piloted in Jan in non-semestered schools. They plan to meet during the day of Feb 7.
11C: this committee has designed a summative assessment task with 4 components (careers, transportation, accommodations, looking at a budget, what if questions, refining budget) that would take 4 days. Piloting of each component will occur in December
Steering Committee: John Dallan reminded all that the deadline for draft tasks is Dec 1. Marg Warren reported that the executive is considering issues around marketing, audience, costs and will add another executive meeting in late November to discuss these issues further. Gord Cooke will attend as Promotions chair.

CHAPTER REPORTS

CHAMP-Rep- Lindy Smith. CHAMP is looking forward to its Fall Evening of Workshops - Math 4U on October 24 at Applewood Secondary School, featuring workshops at a the Primary, Junior, Intermediate and High School levels. Math 4U also features a publisher's display and dinner. From November 4 - 8, the CHAMP Mathematics Contests for Grades 7 thru 11 will take place.

COMA - Rep- Peter Lenczewski. COMA will host their fall mini-conference on Sat. Nov. 9, 2002 at Ottawa University in their new computer studies building. The sessions will cover topics from the double cohort to Math Mayhem. This is the second year that COMA has joined with the University to host this conference and we expect it to be just as successful as last year. COMA will continue its popular series of Forums with at least two more this school year. Plans are being formulated for an Elementary Forum in the last week of Jan. 2003 with a Secondary Forum planned for the second week of April, 2003. Details will be made available as the planning progresses. The Carleton-Ottawa Math Olympics (COMO) committee is in full swing organizing the 2003 event. This will take place on Sat. April 26, 2003 and is expected to be a sold out event again. More details to come.

GOLDEN - Rep- Ed Haines. Nil report

GVMA - Rep: Paul Fennell. Upcoming Conferences are on Thursday, November 7, 2002, 4:00 - 8:30 at Eastwood CI, Kitchener, Thursday, April 10, 2003, 4:00 - 8:30, and Thursday, November 6, 2003, 4:00 - 8:30. OAME 2004 planning is underway. Co-chairs are Dean Murray, Paul Fennell.The dates are Wednesday, April 28 to Saturday, May 1 and the place is the University of Waterloo. Residences have been booked.

ISOMA - Rep. Brian Raaflaub (braaflaub@appleby.on.ca). On Wed Nov. 6, Appleby College will host the Fall 2002 ISOMA Conference. Best Practices will be shared in round table discussions for Primary, Junior, Middle schools and senior level courses. The conference starts with registration at 4-4:30pm, with one session before dinner and one after dinner. ISOMA is continuing to update its email communication system with key representatives at each of the Independent schools. Executive would like to encourage all members to consider running for office or becoming an active member on a committee (Contest prep, Math Olympics, conference, Newsletter, etc.).

MAC^2 - Rep- Greg Clarke. MAC^2 have taken the time since May 2002 to wind down from a busy but successful OAME 2002 mathematics conference. Many thanks to all the volunteers and organizing committee members that made this year's conference such a huge success. The whole event has happily led to a re-invigoration of our local chapter, and we are now in the planning stages for a number of upcoming events. On October 28th we were planning a mini-conference -from 5pm to 9:30pm with workshops at all levels: Senior/Intermediate - Fathom (Greg Clarke), Junior - Polydron (Trevor Brown) , Primary - Learning Carpets (Wendy Hill). Because of job actions we are postponing the Fall Conference to '03-04-10. This means that we will move the MAC2 South Junior Math Olympics to '03-03-26. We are planning it to be an Olympic style event. We would appreciate any advice and resources from other chapters who have done this for Junior Division. If this goes well, we plan to expand it to all MAC2 next year.

We are sending a team from MAC2 North to the OMO in London and are exploring the possibility of entering a team from MAC2 South but still need to find someone to organize it.Not all of the bills from OAME2002 are in yet but we are discussing what to do with our share of the profits. We are considering using them as an endowment and draw interest only but are leaning more towards short-term investments and gradually using the capital. Other events are in the planning stages including a Junior Mathematics competition in the spring.

NOMA - Rep- Pauline Therrien. We are working very hard to organize our speakers for our annual fall conference to be held in Sudbury, October 18 and 19, 2002 at LasalleSecondary School.

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We presently have Stewart Craven (District-Wide Coordinator Mathematics/Numeracy Toronto DSB), as our Keynote Address "Math-e-motion - Learning Mathematics Through Inquiry". Our focus, as always, is to balance our sessions to include speakers from Primary, Junior, Intermediate to Secondary (both specific grades and general). We are also attempting to invite french speaking presentations as feasible.Future plans include to encourage more elementary and french-speaking members, to create a better communication system for the entire Chapter Region, to assemble mini-workshops to help with the implementation of the new curriculum, to have high schools in the region hold 'feeder school' tournaments in preparation for the Ontario Math Olympics in combination with the Gauss Mathematics Competition.

NWOAME- Rep- Rona Doyle- Lakehead University in conjunction with mathematics teachers from Thunder Bay is planning a Mathematics Contest for high school students. This contest idea was brought forth by a graduate of one of our Catholic High Schools in Thunder Bay and it will consist of two contests—one for Grade 9 and 10, and the other for Grade 11 and 12. Each contest will consist of two parts—an individual test and a team component. Tentative date is set for mid May 2003.

PRMA- Rep- Jacqueline Hill. PRMA is hard at work planning the OAME 2003 annual conference" Primed for Math" , May 8-10, at Durham College, Oshawa. Teachers are preparing Grade 7 and 8 students for OMO 2003 with meaningful investigations and problem solving.

QSLMA - Rep- Robert Sherk. This past year saw the revival of the QSLMA. A group of interested people met in September 2001 and formed a new executive. Our first task was to organize a Fall Mini Conference. A successful Fall

Conference was planned and took place at Queen's University on December 6th, 2001 with approximately 120 people attending. The executive meet after the mini conference and again in February 2002, to organize a Spring Mini Conference. This was held on April 25th with about 60 people attending.The executive met again on June 6th to begin planning for the next Fall Mini Conference. In addition to the conferences, QSLMA has developed an extensive email contact list of OAME members and other interested people in our area.This has been used for information sharing among people in our area. The executive would like to thank the following local people for thei r support in organizing and/or providing programming for our mini conferences and helping to revive our Chapter: Geoff Roulet, Queen's University, Pat Grew, Frontenac S.S, Bev Farahani, Kingston C.V.I. and also Doug Evans, OAME webmaster and Wendy Gallant, former QSLMA Chapter

SAME- Rep- Sumintra Koowar. SAME is planning a Fall Conference called "Hats Off to Mathematics" on Tuesday Nov 5 from 3:45 to 8 p.m. at A. Campbell CI. Sessions are planned for Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Senior teachers . As well there will be a publishers display.

SWOAME- Rep- David Petro. We are slowly rebuilding our membership this fall. We are planning a mini conference or possibly a set of workshops(date to be announced). We plan to undertake a local math Olympics next spring. We also plan to sponsor one SWOAME member to attend next year's OAME leadership conference.

TEAMS-Rep-Pat Margerm. Nil report

WOMA - Rep- John Ferguson. Things are progressing nicely for the Union Gas/OAME OMO 2003 under the direction of Tom Griffiths. It is scheduled for June 13 and 14, 2003. He is requesting that each chapter contact him and indicate how many teams the chapter is sending. He is planning to have sample questions, similar to the actual competition, ready by January in order to help coaches in training their teams. In order to encourage people to submit items to The Sine Post (WOMA's newsletter), we are planning to offer a limited number of $200 subsidies for those interested in attending the OAME Leadership Conference. In spite of the successful delivery of The Sine Post via email, the feeling was that we should return to paper mailing. Special thanks to Vince Chicoine for his efforts. We are planning a spring conference again this year, similar in format to those in the recent years. Preliminary discussions were also held regarding the possibility of hosting some smaller event(s) in the fall. Our last meeting was September 19, 2002. The next scheduled meeting is November 6, 2002.

Y4MA - Rep- Rosey Mastrofrancesco. The Y4MA website continues to run, and winners are picked monthly for a small prize from a pool of new or renewing members for that month. The Chapter Rep attended the orientation day at York University in August to hand out OAME flyers to teacher candidates. Soliciting new members continues to be on our agenda. Future activities planned are a Fall Conference on Oct 17 at Earl Haig Secondary School in North York. All efforts are now being devoted to the registration and organization of this conference.

Adjournment: 3:45 pm