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MINUTES OF O.A.M.E. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Oct 3 & 4, 2008, Holiday Inn Select, Toronto Airport

PRESENT:
Executive: Jacqueline Hill (Past President), Anna Jupp (President), Bev Farahani(President-Elect), Anne Yeager , Lynda Ferneyhough (Vice Presidents)
Chapter Representatives: Shaun Knowles(CHAMP), Pat Kehoe (COMA), Laura Tonin (GOLDEN), Diane Lang (ISOMA), Dale Mays (MAC2), Tom Boland (NWOAME), Sandra Price (PRMA), Robert Sherk (QSLMA), Debbie Drape (SAME), Laurissa Werhun (TEAMS), Ada Cartaginese (Y4MA)
Elected Directors Dwight Stead, Merilyn Fox, Anna D'Armento, Anna Dutfield, Laurie Moher, Cathy Hall, Connie Quadrini, Glynnis Fleming , Walter Whiteley, Paul Gautreau, Silvana Simone, Paul Alves, Jan Crofoot, Sue Melville
Others: Sue and Dave Hessey (Exec. Directors), Stewart Craven(Gazette Editor), Greg Clarke (Webmaster)
Guests: Fri: Cathy Lynch, Gina Micomanaco, Sat: John and Diane Kesley, Myrna Ingalls
Regrets:, Nicholas Chevalier (SWOAME), Bill Otto, Lynn Strangway, , Rob Gleeson (GVMA), Ann Michele Stenning (WOMA), Kathy Kubota-Zarivnij, Mary Lou Kestell (Abacus co- Editors), Dennis Caron, Carol Lemmon (NOMA), Trish Steele , Gord Cooke (VP), Duncan Leblanc
Fri night,: Stewart Craven, Sandra Jean Price Sat: Anna D'Armento, Anna Dutfield, Paul Alves, Sue Melville
Sat afternoon: Stewart Craven

FRI Oct 3, 2008

Annual Conference Chairs (9:30 am -3:30 pm)
The chairs of OAME 2008, 2009, and 2010 as well as the EDs met to share ideas and strategies. MCIS information was provided by Greg Clarke and Cathy Lynch.

Chapter Reps Meeting (2:00-6:30 pm)
1.a) **Welcome** : Greg Clarke welcomed all present and each introduced themselves.
b) **OAME Business**: Sue Hessey reported that

- Chapter updates are available anytime in Excel. Just ask! A copy of lapsed members from Aug 2008 was circulated to each rep for followup.
- OAME is willing to collect fees through their IATS credit card account through MCIS for chapter mini-conferences. Contact the Exec Directors for details. To setup a chapter conference with MCIS, contact Cathy Lynch – MCIS Administrator.
- Annual chapter reports are due by Nov 30. A hard copy of the form was circulated. Chapter rebates in February are dependant on receiving this report by Dec 31 at the latest. An electronic copy will be sent as well. **ACTION: All, EDs**
- names of OMO co-ordinators for OMO 2009 are needed by Nov 30. Names of OMO2008 co-ordinators were circulated as well as a job description. **ACTION: All**
- The report from OMO 2008 was received. For the first time an evaluation form was completed by coaches along with their teams. The positive feedback indicated a very successful event.
- Project Grants for 2009/10 are due by May 15 to the EDs. Examples of projects in the past include support for travel and accommodations for presenters for NWOAME. . An electronic copy will be sent as well. **ACTION: All, EDs**

- The Request for a promotion case was circulated. A sample case was shown, including door prizes. **ACTION: SAME and CHAMP to return their cases on the day following their event.**
- Two web newsletters have been sent out through custom email by Sue. Please forward any suggestions for the Fall one by Oct 15. GOLDEN, COMA, ISOMA, TEAMS, MAC2 will distribute themselves. **ACTION: Please advise if you prefer to send your chapter's yourself**
- Question - re: Custom Email – if you've used custom email and you get a bounce back message –what to do? Answer: Email Sue with the bounce back information (and the correct address if you know it) so she can fix or hunt down the correct information. Once she fixes it, it will be fixed on the system.
- The protocol for exhibitor requests was circulated and discussed by Diane Lang.

c) **Chapter round table**
MAC2 – successful miniconference despite original keynote canceling at the last minute
NWOAME – doing more little things / smaller events with members than large events
CHAMP – having miniconference Oct 21st – regn with MCIS going really well
ISOMA - Jeffery Rosenthanl lined up as keynote speaker for evening. Social event important for chapter events.
Y4MA – recuperating from provincial conference – looking at a spring conference with Marian Small
PRMA – focusing on OMO2009 (recovering from OMO2008) – working on fundraising. Putting miniconferences on hold – still doing newsletters
TEAMS – planning for miniconference - Nov 6th - includes dinner – keynote
GOLDEN – planning for OAME2010 – found game Math Scramble (like Scrabble) http://agmeplus.com
d) **Teacher Collaboration** – Guest Lyn Vause gave an excellent presentation on Teacher Collaboration – Models that Work. The powerpoint is available. Examples were given. Teacher Learning Project proposals can be made to the Ministry by Nov 14th for consideration.
e) **MCIS Administrator** – Cathy Lynch was introduced to the group. She's quite willing to help out any chapter get setup with MCIS for miniconference registration. Contact Cathy at MCIS@oame.on.ca

Board of Directors Meeting

A Garage Sale of NCTM and OAME material was held from 7-7:30. $702 was collected.
Call to Order: Time: 7:31 pm

Welcome and President's Remarks: Anna Jupp welcomed all and remarked how busy we all are already. She commented on hearing Bill Cosby speak about his math teacher, Mr Zoploski, about his passion for triangles and that he came all the way from Russia to "bother me". Bill said he had a tremendous influence on him even though Bill didn't dig math and dropped out in grade 10. Anna also commented on Jane Goodall as a great model (see her Sept President's message). We are moving forward to make connections and to provide excitement and meaning to mathematics.

Website Team: Greg Clarke thanked the board for hiring two assistants. Greg Rodrigo, a former Computer Science head from Dufferin-Peel CDSB and now a Georgian College prof will be his web assistant, doing day-to-day regular work. He introduced Cathy Lynch, MCIS administrator. Cathy lives in London, is active in WOMA and was co-chair of OAME2006. Cathy has already started helping chapters with MCIS (eg CHAMP). She is also available to assist with the annual conference. This will free Greg to add new features and do development.

NCTM feature: Laurie Moher introduced
- 4 new books for 9-12 on Problems, Math Connections, Measurement and Number
- Technology in Teaching and Learning (research). This is closely connected to our vision
- Teaching Children Mathematics Journal, Focus Issue, on Learning Environments that Support Math Understanding

OAME 2008 report: Connie Quadrini and Gina Micomonaco reported that their venue was the Sheraton Parkway Hotel. They has a committee of 28 and 25 volunteers. Their theme "The Path is made by Walking" was brought to life in their 8 paths, their lunch time keynotes, Marian Small and Marc Kielberger, their brown messenger bags, and in all their advertising. All the workshops were great and fell into the theme. They included lunch for the exhibitors, speakers and exhibitors. They hired a graphic designer to develop their theme. For the first time, they did not print a

hard copy of the program for mass distribution. They did supply posters for each classroom in Ontario. Wine and Cheese events and the OAME awards banquet were well attended. 28 Exhibitors attended. Space was tight,but exhibitors were generous with their sponsorships. Although they experienced many server and credit card problems, they had great support from the webmaster and EDs. They had over 100 walkins. York CDSB provided funds for over 80 teachers to attend, as well as supported the conference with AV needs. A cheque for $56 580.30 was given to OAME for their share of the profit. A complete report was submitted. Connie and Gina provided their top ten secrets to running a successful conference.

10. Feed your committee members well!
9. Consider aligning board professional learning plans to conference themes and/or paths (e.g. differentiated instruction)
8. Communication, Communication, Communication!!!
7. Canvas for sponsorship, donations in kind – start early and leverage your committee contacts
6. Enlist support from local boards of education for supply time, conference registration, AV & technology equipment, IT support, secretarial assistance, etc.
5. Closely track expenditures, and check alignment to budgets
4. Co-chairs, marry your conference timeline! (Consider a life-size poster version to use with committee members at meetings.) Closely monitor committee work. Provide committee members individual committee timelines.
3. Recruit committed and dedicated committee members
2. Acknowledge the generosity of volunteers, board personnel, family, community services, and math leaders often during the journey.
1. Work closely with Executive Directors by keeping them abreast of your progress!

Anna Jupp thanked Connie and Gina and remarked on the enormity of their contribution for a very successful conference. Success came because of them, their volunteers and their passion and enthusiasm. She thanked them for sharing their advice, telling us their challenges and solutions, and for giving 2 years of their time to plan and implement their vision. She congratulated them and presented them with plagues for their outstanding leadership.

Nominations: Jacqueline Hill thanked the board for sending on comments about John Kersley. She also asked board members to think of characteristics of people with whom they would like to share board meeting time . Please use the nomination form provided or the interactive one on the website to nominate people for positions of President-Elect, VP, directors and submit to Jacqueline by Jan 16, 2009. **ACTION: All**

Carousel continued: Board members visited the 3 remaining stations of a carousel of what OAME is about and plans for the future

Stations	Chair
1. GUM	Jacqueline Hill
2. Custom e-mail, new newsletter	Anna Jupp (powerpoint from Gord Cooke)
3. Website	Greg Clarke
4. Gazette	Lynda Ferneyhough
5. NCTM Garage Sale	Sue Hessey
6. GPS Resources	Anne Yeager
7. Conferences (Leadership & Annual)	Connie Quadrini
8. Equity	Sue Melville

Wrap Up: Anna Jupp concluded with an engaging video on "Do You Believe in Me?"

SOCIAL TIME: OAME Suite # 1111, 9:30-11:00 pm

Saturday Oct 4, 2008

Equity Committee Breakfast: Sue Melville reported the following highlights:

• Discussion of Equity Book Study #3: Differentiated Assessment in Middle and High School Classrooms, by Deborah Blaz. Committee members all agreed that this was an excellent resource, full of practical, easy-to-implement ideas for the classroom. We continue to see a need for more resources to guide teachers in creating grade books that reflect differentiated assessment. There was limited discussion about next steps, which could include setting up a sub-committee to develop sample differentiated assessments and/or a sample differentiated gradebook. **Action: Sue Melville to write a review of this book and forward it to the committee for feedback before submitting it to Stewart Craven.**

• OAME 2009 Equity speaker – Alternative Approaches to Education

Date: Friday, May 15, 2008

Time: Approx. 8am (to be confirmed by the Hospitality Chair)

Location: Carleton University, Ottawa

Speaker: This year's equity speaker is Kelly-Lee Assinewai, a Native Support Worker in the N'Swakamok Friendship Centre Alternative School in Sudbury, Ontario. She will speak about the N'Swakamok approach to education, their challenges, and successes. A follow-up panel discussion on alternative schools will follow in Session 1 on Friday, May 15th. We will limit the number of panelists to five.

ACTION: Sue Melville to email the OAME 2009 Hospitality Chair with specific details about the breakfast. Sue M. to submit a session description through MCIS for the panel discussion and equity speaker.

Potential Panelist	To be contacted by
Anthony Azzopardi	Anne Yeager
Curt McIntosh	Merilyn Fox
Barb Gugliami (sp?)	Dwight Stead
Jackie Robinson	Walter Whiteley
Tom Steinke (Panel Mediator)	Pat Kehoe
Kelly-Lee Assinewai	Sue Melville

ACTION: Committee members, please confirm panelists as soon as possible by email to Sue Melville at melvils@rainbowschools.ca.

Standing Committees

Publications: Robert Sherk reported the following:

1. Gazette: Stewart Craven reports that the September 2008 issue of the Gazette generated cost savings in postage and courier costs. Robert Sherk investigated the costs of copy editors and proofreaders and reports they range from $20/h up to about $60/h. Our costs are below industry standards. The use of a copy editor and proofreader proved beneficial and this practice will be continued. Stewart reported that he has already received four articles for the next issue. The deadline for submissions to the December issue is October 15, 2008. **Action: Sue Melville to submit a book review from the Equity Committee book study for the December issue by October 15th.**
2. OAME Web Site: Permission will be granted to third parties to post Gazette articles on their websites, provided requests are made to the editor. We will request that an acknowledgment of permission be included with articles posted on third-party websites. It was decided that archived issues will be made available to the public after 18 months through a PDF link on the OAME website. Issues will be available through the Members-Only section of the website following publication.
3. OAME has received a grant to improve communication, some of which will fund improvements to the website. Details will follow at a later date.
4. Greg Clarke reports Greg Rodrigo and Cathy Lynch are on board as Assistant Webmaster and MCIS Administrator, respectively. Plans are underway to review the OAME website.
5. Walter Whiteley recommends that OAME provide a one-time, no-cost membership to new graduates of faculties of education in the year following their graduation. It was suggested that each faculty of education graduating class be assigned an individual access number, good for a specific period (eg. 6 months or one year). Once the trial period expires anyone who logs in with an expired number would receive a message inviting him/her to purchase a personal membership. We could use the data to track the number of hits by graduation year and faculty of education, new OAME memberships, and first-time attendees to the annual

conference. **Action: Greg Clarke and EDs to implement. Walter Whiteley to provide a list of faculty name, location, and email to Greg.**

6. 40th Anniversary of OAME (2012): Money has been set aside for the publication of a 40th anniversary commemorative edition of the Gazette. The commemorative edition will go through the same copy editing and proofreading process as any other issue. It will be mailed out with a regular issue of the Gazette, so there will be a slight increase in publication costs.
7. *Abacus*: No report.
8. Web newsletter: Two issues have been sent out to date. In future, it will be routed to Chapter Reps, who will forward it in turn to OAME members within their chapters. Any submissions for the newsletter should be sent directly to Sue Hessey. There was some discussion as to how it could be improved, for example, by the addition of links to other web pages or documents.
9. NCTM contributions to the Gazette: Laurie Moher sought feedback on what would be useful to have on these pages.

Futures: Paul Gautreau reported the fiollowing:

Event Hosts		
Year	Math Olympics	Annual Conference
2008	PRMA	Y4MA (C. Quadrini and Gina M.)
2009	PRMA	COMA (P Gautreau and C Hall)
2010	MAC2	GOLDEN (E Haines and L Suurtamm and Elizabeth Pattison)
2011	TEAMS (W Erdmann and S Craven)	NOT CONFIRMED: SWOAME (trying to find a venue)
2012	CHAMP (application not received)	NOT CONFIRMED: QSLMA (R Sherk, and B. Farahani – intent to apply)

OMO SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT (Sandra Jean): - Draft planner was sent to Exec who commented on it. Eyes are still needed to look at the planner. Intent to finish by June, 2009 - Recommendation: The Futures Committee's role should involve reviewing each year's OMO report and recommend to exec. changes to the conference planner (once the planner has been finalized).

OAME ANNUAL CONFERENCE PLANNER REPORT (Connie): - 2 meetings were planned, but fell through due to various reasons. Current work involves aligning timeline and individual sub-committee responsibility lists. Updates from this year's conference and hyperlinks need to be added. Possibility of uploading the planner to Goggle Docs or another sharing forum. Format must be easy to use when posted. A full day of work is needed. Intent to set another date, perhaps attached to the next Board meeting - Recommendation: The Futures Committee's role should involve reviewing each year's annual conference report and recommend to exec. changes to the conference planner (once the planner has been finalized).

FEEDBACK FROM EXEC:

1. FROM EXEC: 2 year conference venue. FEEDBACK: A permanent venue with rotating hosts is a good idea. It must contain space for exhibitors, keynotes and all workshops with economical accommodations. The EDs suggest Georgian College in Barrie. A paid conference organizer in charge of the site, AV, meals, accommodations in a permanent venue should be considered. The conference committee would be in charge of the program. DISCUSSION: Barrie is vey central, but far for Eastern Ontario. There may be perks associated with sticking whith the same site. Possibly two GTA sites. Public transit to Barrie is a challenge. Mention to 2011. RECOMMENDATION: The Futures Committee create a short list of suitable sites.
2. FROM EXEC: Member Conference Fee: Exec suggested 2 rates for conferences, member and non-member (that would include membership fee above member rate and include 1 year membership) DISCUSSION: The conference planner formula specifies $35
3. FROM EXEC: Plaques for OMO Chairs will be added for 2009 and beyond. Plaques for conference chairs have been given since 2006

OTHER DISCUSSIONS:

i. Legal implications for OMO. DISCUSSION: The liability is probably the same as for any overnight trip. Board would be liable as for any excursion. Board permissions must be abided by. DISCSSION: Board approval must be secured. Suggest pre-approval fom the board. It gets more complicated if chapters are sending 'all star' teams. If teams don't get permission, is the OAME liable? RECOMMENDATION: Add liability section to planner. OMO organizers should require confirmation of board approval (Sign here to acknowledge that appropriate approval has been received).

ii. Hosts for OAME 2011 and 2012 are needed. SWOAME is having difficulty finding a venue for 2011. QSLMA felt they could not commit for 2011 but are considering 2012. A site for 2011 will be needed if an application isn't received by Dec 31, 2008. RECOMMENDATION: Start recruiting.

iii. Rethinking the Annual Conference: DISCUSSION: Consider sharing responsibility for the conference with one or two people from OAME to work with Chapter conference planners. What about sharing profits between all chapters. This format could still profile a chapter. This format could encourage smaller chapters as well. Consistent venue is more equitable. Possibly co-chapters could host. If a good profit is generated, it can feed back into sending members to future confernces. RECOMMENDATION: Clarify possible changes and ask Chapter reps: fixed site, or two fixed sites, and what about having central support, co-hosting, and profit sharing.

Promotions: Merilyn Fox reported the following:
Action items from last meeting:
1. We sometimes receive requests to be exhibitors at various functions. Some of them involve a fee. A protocol was designed to establish which requests to accept and under what conditions. Diane Lang edited the protocol and it was forwarded to the Executive. This was discussed and presented to the chapter reps.
2. The coupon we put in the delegate bags at the OAME conference is too specific. We are removing some details, including the chapter logo so that the coupon could be used at more than one venue or in more than one year. **Action: Merilyn will edit and send coupon to Sue.**
It was decided to put some promotional items in the delegates' bags at the leadership conference.
ACTION: Sue has been asked to determine the number of coupons for leadership conferences. Sue will print and store the coupons for us for leadership and OAME 2009.
At Leadership, delegates register as elementary or secondary teachers**. We have asked Sue to put pencils in every bag, and sticky note pads representing co-ordinate plane for secondary or hundreds charts or multiplication tables for elementary delegates.**
We are looking at the two promotional brochures and considering the purposes of each with a view to amalgamating the most important items in to one brochure. This will involve some redesigning. In the mean time, we will continue to use the current OAME brochure with membership application, which we still have in stock.

Action: Tom Boland will bring a new design to the next meeting for discussion.

3. Promotional items:

We have ordered approximately 640 window decals for $1000. These decals will consist of the OAME logo above the words OAME Member and the OAME website. Some of these will go to the chapters for their own self-promotion and some will be sold.

Action: We have asked Sue to order 250 Frisbees. These will be black on one side, silver on the other, and have the t-shirt design Math will Rock Your World in the centre, with the website rounded along one edge. They come in a plain sleeve, These will be offered for sale for about $2. There was a suggestion that they would make awesome decorations hanging above the OAME booth!

The water bottle is a no-go.

4. Items deferred to next meeting:

Rob will find cost for standard quarter-page ad in the gazette. This will be a discussion item at the next meeting. Do we want to advertise our promotional items?

Increasing membership:) consider suggestion from Walter Whitely for free electronic memberships for Faculty of Ed Math students. The exec suggested they consider i) getting a 6 month membership for website access only with one membership number per faculty class ii) this would be contingent on an OAME rep speaking to class about benefits of membership and providing a few sample copies of the Gazette

Diane will investigate smaller t-shirt sizes as an idea for student prizes.

Constitution: Dave Hessey has a copy of all current files discussed. Jacqueline Hill reported the following highlights:

1. For February we may need to bring back the model to the whole board.
   a) address their <u>three</u> main concerns;
      1: preserving an equitable Elementary/Secondary balance (a possible solution could be to get **<u>at least</u>** one from each region)
      2: Achieving a fair method of representation by population
      3: electing the "right people" as directors
   b) have the board of directors finish working out the duties of the 15 directors (are their portfolios correctly assigned? Do we need them all? Have we missed any?
   c) Have the board consider the framework for the "Board of Directors Flowchart"
   d) Turn over rate could be a third of the directors re-elected every year.
2. Walter Whitely's concerns were addressed.
   a) The rep from Fields was discussed and has been brought forward in the redesigning of the board as one of the duties of one of the directors.
   a) We are waiting for direction from the promotions and publications committees with regard to the 'free' one year memberships for faculty of ed students.

Awards: Anne Yeager reported the following highlights:

- A discussion of the request of the OAME Past Presidents to have a member of the PP on the Awards Committee. This was discussed at the Sept Executive meeting and the executive agreed that under the present nomination process the profile of the candidates should be complete and clear and the present committee structure is acceptable. Agreement on the letter, and t to send letter to the representatives of the PP to state our position.
- As per conference call, agreement to the changes to the Terms of Reference of the awards, as worded in the Oct 4 motion
- Question: how to give the awards ceremony greater highlight at the OAME conference**? Action: Anne to contact OAME 2009 with suggestions.**
- Question: how to get more nominees for awards? Presently the information is on the OAME website, and will be in the gazette. **Action: Anne to do "activity" to encourage Board members to consider nominating someone. Anne to ask Sue to include this information on the next OAME newsletter and to have the nomination form linked to the Home page of the OAME website.**
- Binder update. Shredding of out of date nominations. Shredding of out of date information.
- **ACTIONS: 1. review rubric, amend if necessary 2. review award nominees and make decisions**

General Meeting of Board of Directors

Approval of agenda
moved by Lynda Ferneyhough, seconded by Sandra Price that "the agenda be approved". Carried

Approval of Minutes
moved by Greg Clarke, seconded by Tom Boland that "the minutes of the June 6 & 7 , 2008 board meeting be approved". Carried **ACTION: EDs to post on the website.**

OMO2008 report: Sandra Price and Jacqueline Hill reported that the event was very successful. They provided an evaluation summary and a financial report. They included their whole chapter in the event planning. The draft OMO planner was used and they followed up to ensure that all jobs were done. They also hired a fundraiser who suggested branding. They creted a logo and theme (Eat, Sleep Math) that was included on all literature. They also created a souvenir program that included ads from all sponsors. They will use it in looking for OMO 2009 sponsors to show how they will be recognized. They also suggested that all community organizations be asked to donate something- they were surprised at who helped them! They would like to suggest that ALL names (chaperones, team members, etc) as previously requested be sent ahead to speed up registration.

Financial Picture Aug 31 /08: Dave Hessey presented the financial picture and balance sheet for Aug 31, 2008.
moved by Connie Quadrini, seconded by Dwight Stead that " the financial picture be approved". Carried

Proposed Budget: Dave Hessey presented the proposed budget for 2008/09

Motions:
1. moved by Tom Boland , seconded by Lynda Ferneyhough that "the Chapter rebate for 2007-2008 to Chapters be 30% of the annual fees paid by full members and retirees with no rebates for student members." Carried.
2. moved by Bev Farahani, seconded by Jacqueline Hill that "the Executive Directors fees of $25 000 for 2008-2009 be approved." Carried
3. moved by Anne Yeager, seconded by Jacqueline Hill that " the board direct the executive to investigate ways to recognize the executive directors' monitary difference between their $25 000 honorarium and their current remuneration." carried
4. moved by Bev Farahani, seconded by Jacqueline Hill that "the budget for 2008/09 be approved". Carried.
5. moved by Lynda Ferneyhough, seconded by Pat Kehoe that "the Terms of Reference, Publications Committee, 2f) be revised to :

2 f) Participate in the selection of Editor of the Ontario Mathematics Gazette, the Editor of the Abacus, the Advertising Manager and the Coordinator of the OAME/AOEM Web Site as follows:

i) The Chair of the Publications Committee shall be responsible for:
   A. directing the Executive Directors to advertise the vacant position(s).
   B. leading the Publications Committee in creating an application format which outlines the qualifications required for the position(s) to be filled
   C. encouraging applications from qualified OAME members with the help of members of both the Executive Committee and the Publications Committee
   D. leading the Publications Committee in reviewing applications received and forwarding the names of all applicants meeting the qualifications to a Selection Committee (Chaired by the President and composed of the Executive Committee and the Chair of the Publications Committee).

Ii) The Selection Committee shall be responsible for selecting the candidate(s) to fill the vacant position.

iii) The President shall bring a motion to the board of directors for final approval of the selected candidate.

iv) The executive director then notifies all candidates of the outcome of the selection process." Carried.

6. moved by Glynnis Fleming, seconded b Cathy Hall that **"t**he Terms of Reference, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Representative, be amended to add:

3c) The cost of the annual membership fee for the NCTM (with one journal) be paid by OAME/AOEM on behalf of the NCTM Representative. " Carried.

7. moved by Sandra Price, seconded by Anne Yeager that "the Terms of Reference, Awards, be revised and combined as follows:

Terms of Reference

1. Nominators for the above awards shall be members in good standing of OAME/AOEM, however nominees need not necessarily be members of OAME/AOEM.
2. Nominations received after Jan 31 will be considered for awards to be presented during the next three calendar years. After that time the nomination must be renewed.
3. There need not be a recipient for every award each year.
4. LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD:
   i) A maximum of one Life Membership may be awarded in any one year.
   ii) A candidate for this award shall have demonstrated outstanding leadership in mathematics education locally and provincially, and/or have contributed in a significant way to mathematics education in general, and OAME/AOEM in particular.
5. Recipients of the AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL AND CREATIVE TEACHING IN ELEMENTARY MATHEMATICS, the AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL AND CREATIVE TEACHING IN SECONDARY MATHEMATICS and the AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP IN MATHEMATICS EDUCATION will receive a one year paid membership to OAME. "
6. When the nomination documentation for a candidate is received by the Executive Directors, the EDs will provide feedback to the nominator to state:
   i) All documentation has been received, *or*
   ii) What documentation is missing and inform them it must be submitted by Jan 31 for consideration for an award in the current year.
7. The Awards Committee shall notify the Executive Directors of the winners of each award by the February board meeting; the Executive Directors will then notify in writing the winners and the other nominees of their status, within 7 days. The Board will be notified of the award winners the following week. The award winners will be announced at the OAME Annual General Meeting." Carried

Questions from Members to Authors of Written Reports: none

Ministry of Education Reports

Myrna Ingalls reported that in a nutshell she is working on:

1. Continuing with the Math GAINS 07-08 instructional approaches
    1. Instructional Approaches
        a. A balanced approach
        b. Criteria in Board Action Planning Template
        c. Guide for Administrators and Other Facilitators of Teachers' Learning for Mathematics Instruction
    2. Criteria in Board Action Planning Template
        a. Focusing on important mathematics
        b. Teaching for conceptual understanding (in depth learning, attention to developmental continua)
        c. Teaching through the Mathematical Processes
        d. Effective use of manipulatives and technologies
        e. Establishing math-talk learning communities
        f. Application of scaffolded and differentiated instruction for gains in mathematics learning for all students
        g. Formative assessment practice: ongoing assessment of mathematical needs and consequent adjustments of learning goals, instruction and assessment
        h. Consistency and alignment of assessments of learning

3. The 'Guide'. A research framework for the foreseeable future. To date, we have samples of evidence for:
    a. 4 indicators of Math Talk Learning Community
    b. Effective uses of teaching and learning tools (IWB)
    c. www.edugains.ca

2. Continuing with the Math GAINS 07-08 leadership model
    1. Leadership Model
        a. Acting on *The Six Secrets of Change* by Fullan
        b. Monthly monitoring and cross-pollinating projects
        c. Developing records of practice and sharing those provincially
    2. *The Six Secrets of Change*
        a. Love your employees
        b. Connect peers with purpose
        c. Capacity building prevails
        d. Learning is the work
        e. Transparency rules
        f. *Systems learn*
    3. *Monthly Monitoring*
        a. The day before the monthly OMCA meeting
        b. *Connected to the professional learning supports being hosted by OAME/OMCA PLMLP (Professional Learning for Mathematics Leaders Project]*

3. Leveraging gains made in 2007-08: GAINS in 2007-08
    - Grade 9 Academic EQAO Math score leapt up from 71% to 75%
    - In PCAP 2007, English Ontario rose above Alberta for the first time

4. Giving explicit nudges to teachers to shift their instructional practice
    - Fearless listening and speaking
    - Questioning to expose thinking
    - Responding to provide appropriate scaffolding and challenge

5. Sharing resources to help teachers add more precision and personalization to their practice and support
    - TIPS 2.0 lessons
    - More CLIPS
    - Grade 9 classroom video
    - Framework for Effective Mathematics Teaching and Learning Using the Interactive Whiteboard
    - System-level how to's – coaching, demonstration classrooms
    - Research: CLIPS, Lesson Study, CIIM Case Studies
    - Math CAMPPP session outlines

Myrna's requested that If the organization has firm beliefs about something to do with mathematics education in Ontario, develop a position paper. **ACTION GPS committee**

Appreciation

Jacqueline Hill thanked John Kersley for his 5 years as NCTM rep and his more than 20 years as a board member. Biill Otto remembered him as his roommate for more than 2 decades and wished him well. Jacqueline reminded the board of John's mater of fact approach, his many jokes, and his comics so freely given. She concluded her presentation with a powerpoiint of comments gathered from board members. John thanked OAME, stating he enjoyed meeting so many educators over the years.. As he was in an independent school, he appreciated the PD and sharing with others at OAME.

Lunch

Curriculum and GPS Committees

Introduction: Anne Yeager reported that the PLMLP is a joint project between OAME, OMCA and the MoE. The latter provided the vision and money. The Steering Committee grew the vision and developed a needs assessment

and learning profile of math leads. The PLMLP will provide PD to math leaders in Ontario.(Note: OAME board members are math leaders!) It will also make connections to GAINS work. A study was developed over the summer, with 75 out of 250 completed. It was founded on the 4 principles of the PRIME leadership Framework and was an extensive study looking at levels of leadership of self, others and the community. Study participants were given the opportunity to choose their first 5 learning choices. The results led to the following plans (some tentative)

- Effective Use of Interactive Whiteboards, Oct. 16,
- Question structure with a DI focus, Nov. 6, facilitator Marian Small
- Teaching through Problem Solving (combine with MP), tentative Dec. 11
- Harnessing web 2.0, Feb. 5
- Collaborative Assessment Task Development, March 4

Other suggested face-to-face not yet scheduled are:

- Differentiated Instruction based on student readiness, profile, interest
- Assessment for Learning to Inform Instruction
- Connecting Conceptual Understanding and Procedural Knowledge
- Facilitator Training
- Disaggregating Data

Book studies or small group/learning community, to be scheduled regionally by facilitator, pre-approved expenses to be covered by PLMLP

- Facilitator training
- Co-Teaching Facilitator Training
- Collaborative Assessment Task Development as follow up to face to face, whereby local groups would use their new learning to collaboratively develop assessment tasks IWB user group as follow-up to face to face in-service

Questions:
1. How many of original respondents actually signed up for Oct 16? About ¼
2. Would PLMLP consider Sat sessions?
3. Will IWB be offered again to provide opportunity for the ¾ who could not attend on Oct 16?

Anna Jupp introduced the PRIME leadership framework . She requested that the curriculum groups consider the 4 principles and report on

a) what are we doing to address the gaps
b) what resources are available to address the gaps
c) what are the challenges

ACTION: The summary will be circulated to board members.

JK-6:. Anna Jupp reported that they will work on resources for posting on the website as follows:

Resource	Who	Deadline
OAME resource list	Anna J	Oct 10
LNS Monographs	Laurie	Oct 10
e-workshop link	Laurie	Oct 10
Rekenrek ppt (pdf)	Anna J	Oct10
links to Guides to Effective Instruction - K-6 - Strand K-3 - Strand 4-6	Jacqueline Hill	Oct 5th
LNS webcasts	Laurie	Oct 10
Professional Resource Bibliography	Anna and Anna to start and solicit entries from committee members	
Math Literature lists Early math/junior math	Anna J	Oct.10
OAME recommended manips list	Anna J	

links to articles/resources in the public site of NCTM	Committee members	

ACTIONS: Anna D'Armento and Anna Dutfield to
• address items that need action and committee members to be assigned to.
• add to the list and encourage the committee member who were absent for their ideas and input.
• receive the links/resources to you by the deadline dates indicated.

7-9: Bev Farahani reported the following:

1. OMO

Discussion occurred in the Futures Committee this morning so may not need to discuss here. The issue was liability – we now believe that the Board liability insurance will cover if board permission is obtained. This will be more difficult for chapters bringing All Star teams. Acknowledgement will be required that the chapter does, in fact, have board permission so we have shown due diligence

2. Flight project

Greg brought scanner to record student work. Silvana, Greg and Marilyn sorted through the student work to decide which pieces should be scanned for the grade 7 portion. We will defer the rest of the flight project until next time when we hope to have the notes from Charlotte. The template that Silvana has drafted will be used to look at the work. A question about using the student work came up. Do we need parental permission? Probably not as long as we use first names only.

3. Prime Framework

The rest of the group looked at the Prime framework. Lots of good discussion occurred during this time.

10-12: Dwight Stead reported the following:

Item	Discussion	**Action**
PRIME Leadership Framework	The committee completed the framework template for each. Thanks to Laurissa Werhun for typing the feedback	**Dwight to submit the summary to Sue** **The summary is posted in the collaborative workspace**
Teacher Survival Kit	Dwight demonstrated how to logon to the Collaborative Area for the committee A quick tour of the Shared Documents and General Discussion areas was given. Thanks to Ann-Michele Stenning for compiling the resources. Protocols were discussed about file types and posting a discussion item whenever you change a file	**Dwight has e-mailed instructions on how to logon.** **For the February meeting: logon the collaborative space and review the resources posted in the shared documents area.** **Make notes of the resources that are very useful to teachers. Add yourself to the list of contacts.** **Think about what the final product would look like.**

GPS: Anne Yeager reported the following discussion:

- A short discussion on the articles relating to e-learning courses
- Consideration of the role of the committee "Guiding Principles of Success" and if we should be looking at the curriculum to prepare for the next curriculum review, or if we should have a shorter term/interim project
- A discussion of the "Guide for Administrator and other Facilitators of Teachers Learning for Mathematics Instruction" that was introduced by Myrna during her M of Ed update today

- The decision to develop an OAME Position Paper on e-learning. Consideration was given to making use of the PRIME leadership framework and/or the "Guide for Administrator and other Facilitators of Teachers Learning for Mathematics Instruction" and the vision of OAME as a possible framework from which to develop our Position paper
- A search of other related position papers to assist in our understanding of what a position paper is and might include (but don't necessarily reflect our position on this topic)
- **ACTION: Anne to send articles to all members of the GPS committee to prepare for the next meeting**

Announcements

OAME 2009: Cathy Hall thanked those that have put in session proposals. They need PJ sessions. The deadline is Oct 15. Details are included in her written report below. They are also hoping to use the new residence now under construction. Residence reservations will be online directly with Carleton. They will not create posters or a hard copy of the program. They will provide an 11X17 flyer for all schools. Ads will be in the Gazette and Professionally Speaking. Their website **www.oame2009.ca** is up and running. Rather than keynotes (they have no large rooms), they will have several featured speakers daily in rooms that will hold 400. They can accommodate 100 tables for exhibitors who will start registration in November .

OMO 2009: Sandra Price reported they will include a new team builder activity (eg poem) that will be due by May 25. The event occurs May 29 & 30 at Trent University. They are requesting police checks for all chaperones. Details will be provided to all chapter reps in Feb.

Leadership 2009: Anna Jupp reported that Paul Rosen, one of the keynotes was on CTV on Sat Oct 4 at 7 pm. Ten have registered to date. **ACTION: Please share your extra brochure with a colleague**.

Awards: Anne Yeager reported that award nominations are due to the EDs by Jan 31. A nomination stands for 3 years. Members were encouraged to think of and submit a nomination for a person who has influenced them in math education. Questions? Contact Anne. **ACTION: All**

Curriculum Review Committee: Jacqueline Hill reported that they recently had their 11th meeting. Next steps include gathering input from teachers.

Nominations: Jacqueline Hill reported that the current EDs have submitted a written letter to the executive of their intention to retire on Aug 31, 2010. A three person committee has been struck and will place an ad in the December Gazette to solicit applications. Anna Jupp congratulated and thanked the EDs for providing time to receive applications, interview candidates and job-shadow
ACTION: Nominations for board positions are due to Jacqueline by Jan 16.

Reports

Standing Committees: Committee chairs shared the following highlights:
Promotions: Merilyn Fox reported they are following up on June ideas, have ordered decals and are developing a brochure.
Awards: Anne Yeager reported they are updating their binder.
Constitution: Dave Hessey reported they have summarized the June comments , are addressing concerns and will make another presentation in Feb.
Chapter Reps: Greg Clarke reported they had a great PD session with Lyn Vause on Teacher Collaboration. Her powerpoint is available on request.

Curriculum Committees: Committee chairs shared the following highlights:
JK-6: Anna Jupp reported they will upload links to the website
7-9: Bev Farahani reported they worked on the student flight project and PRIME

10-12: Dwight Stead reported they had a lively discussion on the PRIME template.
GPS: Anne Yeager reported that they are developing a position paper on e-learning.

Adjournment:3:28 pm

Written Reports Oct 2008

Education for All Forum: Lynn Strangway, the OAME rep, reported that at the Education for All Symposium in June there was a representative from each subject council across the province along with the Ministry representatives.The Ministry took us through a process with a newer electronic technology (not a Smart Board) where we could vote on different topics related to the existing Education For All document (a familiarization warm up).In table groups we were assigned different sections of the Education For All document with focus topics. Essentially we looked at the existing information in the sections assigned to our groups and decided if it were applicable for K to 12, if not, we provided feedback for revisions, additions, deletions, etc.The majority of the representatives at the meeting were secondary educators so the majority of the discussion was secondary focussed.I do not recall if the timelines for roll out of the revised documents were shared (I don't have the notes with me but Jacqueline might know because she was at my table).

OAME2009: Chairs Paul Gautreau and Cathy Hall report that conference preparations are progressing smoothly for the May 14-16 event. Committees are all hard at work. The Facilities Committee has been especially busy, ensuring that the site at Carleton University in Ottawa is set up to our optimum advantage. The Program Committee is now concentrating on session proposals -- an open invitation went out in July for workshop presenters. We will also be having several "Featured Speakers", rather than Keynotes. These presentations will take place daily and will accommodate larger audiences than the regular workshops. Featured speakers are: Will Richardson (Wikis, blogs & podcasts), Cathy Fosnot (differentiated instruction), Chris Suurtamm, Khoi Trinh (SMART Technologies), Brett Stevens (from Carleton U. - does math segments on CBC radio), Siobhan Roberts (author of book on geometer: Coxeter), Don Fraser, Marian Small. Even before the invitation to participate was extended, we had several exhibitors come on board. We're anticipating that we will have a full complement of exhibitors very early on. Our OAME 2009 website is up and running -- http://oame2009.ca Right now, speaker proposals can be submitted via this website. New information items are being added, along with links to relevant external websites e.g., MCIS. You will be able to check this website for details regarding registration, accommodations, and hospitality events. Lastly, we are thrilled with the fact that, thanks to Greg and Tasso, OAME's online credit card function is working again. This will make things so much easier for both conference organizers and participants!

Executive Directors Report: Dave and Sue Hessey reported that membership on Sept 26, 2008 was 1358. Memberships have increased dramatically with the return to online credit card transactions, with more than 100 new ones since mid-August.
Chapters: Many chapters are holding fall mini-conferences. Visit the website for details.
Publications/Promotional Materials. More Secondary sticky graph pads and Rock Your world T-shirts were ordered over the summer. A complete inventory report was circulated.
Website: Greg and Tasso finally conquered the credit card problem and reactivated it in August. There are some minor problems with coding but it is very workable now. Cathy Lynch has received training from Greg as the MCIS co-ordinator and has set-up several chapter mini-conferences . Greg met with Greg Rodrigo to train him as his assistant (to replace Kevin Maguire). Greg R has posted several items for us. We used the “send a custom email” function to distribute the summer OAME newsletter to all members, by chapter.
OAME2008: We have received the interim financial report, indicating a total profit of $90 000-$100 000. The chairs should be commended for their frugality and for searching out free resources through the York CDSB.
OAME2011: David Petro and Frank di Pietro both expressed interest in hosting this. The details about formally applying were emailed to them in June. They were asked to apply by Aug 31. No application has been received to date but they advise they are still seeking a venue.
OMO 2008: A financial report was received in July, indicating a profit of $4780.52. Rather than return the profit to OAME as required, we asked PRMA to keep this profit and apply it to their OAME sponsorship grant for OMO2009.

We also compiled the evaluation sheets that were initiated this year. They indicated a very successful event! A report and pictures are included in the Sept Gazette.
L2009: The brochure was printed and distributed with the Sept Gazette. The contract with Paul Rosen was signed and the full honorarium paid. 200 delegate bags were ordered and received. Exhibitors have been mailed letters and registration forms. Keynotes, workshop leaders , and facilitators have been emailed registration forms that include requests for AV equipment. Brochures were circulated at the Sept OMCA meeting.
Union Gas: Union Gas requested other areas to support OAME rather than OMO (which is not being held in their service areas in Ontario). They showed interest in the rewrite of GUM, After submitting a proposal as requested, they sent a donation for $7500 for this purpose.
Accountant: Our accountant has approved our 07/08 books with year endling Aug 31, 2008. He recommended a slight change in the charitable donation process involving chapter donations.
Insurance: Our liability insurance, was renewed in July and a special Employers' Liability Endorsement included for the PLMLP.
OAME/OMCA/M0E Project**:** The steering committee hired Anne and Rod Yeager as Project Managers. The PLMLP study was unveiled at the Sept OMCA meeting. A contract between OAME and the MoE was signed in July to fund this project. Sue is the Project administrator/banker.

CHAPTER REPORTS, Oct 2008

CHAMP- Rep: Shaun Knowles: shaun.knowles@peelsb.com. On October 21, 2008, at our Fall Event we look forward to Trevor Brown as our keynote speaker. The evening will be filled with interesting breakout sessions. There is a wide variety and great mixture of sessions for all grade levels. During dinner there will be a chance to socialize and then be prepared to be swept away by one of maths most exciting individuals - Trevor Brown. Registration is being done via MCIS. As well CHAMP is preparing for an exciting year of math contests and awards night.
COMA - Rep: Pat Kehoe: patricia.kehoe@ottawacatholicschools.ca. As COMA is hosting the 2009 provincial math conference, we kicked off this exciting year with a fall social held Sept.25th. Marian Small was our guest speaker and participants were treated to drinks and dinner while we heard Marian speak on piquing the curiosity of students who are disengaged. We will also be hosting our annual Ron C. Bender Memorial Mini-Conference on Saturday November 22nd at University of Ottawa. Participants will be able to attend two workshops, visit a publisher's display and enjoy lunch and door prizes. COMA invites all OAME members to consider attending the provincial conference on May 14th-16th, 2009 in our beautiful nation's capital! The theme for the conference is Balance: Finding the right MIXX. Details available at http://oame.on.ca/OAME2009/
GOLDEN - Rep:Laura Tonin: lmtonin@yahoo.ca : We are currently in the beginning phases of organizing OAME 2010. Our committee chairs are planning the speakers, sponsors, themes and social events. We will be having a contest to decide our logo that students can enter. We are hoping that students will bring their talents and enthusiasm towards the contest and that we'll have many excellent entries to choose from.
GVMA - Rep: Rob Gleeson: rob_gleeson@bwdsb.on.ca We have been working on our fall conference entitled Mathematical Tricks and Treats. It will be held on October 23rd from 3:45 - 8:30. Workshops will include discussions of some of the newer revised courses. They will also include topics ofa mathematical flavour. The keynote will be Jeanette Gascho who willbe talking on sleep deprivation. For more info go to the GVMA website at www.gvma.ca.
ISOMA - Rep: Diane Lang: dilang@uts.utoronto.ca. Last year's format of Fall conference, Spring Workshop and Jr. Math Olympics was well-supported by a mathematics teachers from both elementary and secondary programs in Independent Schools close to the Metro Toronto region, and so we plan to follow the same format this year. These formal programs complement the work of Charlotte Danard who organizes frequent informal meetings of Math Leaders at the Granite Brewery. If you would like to learn more about these, Charlotte's address is cdanard@branksome.on.ca. Please reserve Thursday, Nov. 20, 2008 for ISOMA's Fall Math Conference. Branksome Hall is hosting the event, which will run from 4 pm to 8:30 pm. The program incorporates time for participants to attend two sessions, talk to publishers, have dinner, and enjoy our keynote speaker Professor Jeffrey Rosenthal, author of Struck by Lightning: The Curious World of Probabilities. More details about the conference and registration is through the Branksome Hall website, www.branksome.on.ca ; and ISOMA Chapter members will receive email reminders. Edith Louie is coordinating this event, so anyone who wishes to help can

contact her by email elouie@branksome.on.ca. Last spring students from UCC, Havergal, BSS and Crescent teamed up to participate in the Ontario Math Olympics at Trent University. It was a well organized event, and our students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. OMO 2009 will be held again at Trent University. ISOMA Chapter's Jr. Math Olympics will be hosted this year in the spring by Bishop Strachan School. Carly Ziniuk at BSS is the contact person, and her address is cziniuk@bss.on.ca.

Your ISOMA Executive still needs suggestions and offers of a location for a Spring Workshop. So, let us know what you are interested in, and also consider if your school can host one of these events. We are always looking for new blood to join the Executive or simply help with the planning of events. It's easy, and it's fun, as much of the work is done via conference call and through email. If you would like to get more involved, contact our President, Bob Perrier at Bob.Perrier@sac.on.ca.

MAC2 - Rep: Michele Walma: michele.walma@gmail.com. MAC2 was scheduled to have Trevor Brown be our keynote speaker at our fall mini-conference on October 2nd. However, we have received word that he is not able to attend. We thank Kathy Kubota for taking on the role of keynote speaker to provide us with a background around the instructional strategy called Bansho. Three breakout sessions (primary, junior and intermediate/senior) will occur allowing time to focus on Bansho in more depth and how it might look within each division. MAC2 will continue to support educating parents in mathematics via a Roadshow that has been developed. Our goal is to make the presentation available to parents through school council and/or math nights. Greg Clarke, our newly appointed Technology and Website Coordinator has taken us through using Adobe Connect to encourage members from farther distances to be able to participate in our meetings. We have seconded a volunteer (who is willing to miss out on accessing the treats provided at our regular meetings) to stay at home and test the waters on this endeavor.

NOMA - Rep: Carol Lemmon: lemmonc@scdsb.edu.on.ca NO REPORT

NWOAME- Rep: Tom Boland: taboland@shaw.ca NWOAME is very busy planning events for the new school year. On October 30th, we are hosting a social evening for all members, with guest speaker Dr. Walter Whitely from York. He was apparently an integral part of the development of the new secondary curriculum. The evening social event will also feature a NWOAME / OAME information session / introduction, as we have many new members in our chapter. We are also in the planning stages of several other events, including the celebration of Pi Day, (Pi "week", in our case), in March.

PRMA- Rep: Sandra Jean Price: price_sandra@durham.edu.on.ca We are very excited to welcome some new members to our executive this year, and are looking forward to their input in our endeavours. We are currently re-establishing our committees for the hosting of OMO 2009. This event will be held once again at Trent University on May 29th and 30th, 2009. Our hope is that our sponsorship campaign will be as successful as the one we ran last year.

QSLMA -Rep: Robert Sherk: sherkr@limestone.on.ca The QSLMA executive met last June to begin planning for our annual fall conference. Unfortunately, the mini conference will have to be postponed until the new year to allow for more time to arrange for speakers and workshop leaders. Anyone who would like to present a session at our conference is welcome to contact Robert Sherk. The event will probably take place on a Saturday morning in late January. In the meantime, executive members plan to meet with local leaders in math education to seek support in planning and attending QSLMA sponsored events and also for planning the provincial conference in the next few years.

SAME- Rep: Debbie Drape: debbie.drape@tel.tdsb.on.ca SAME is busily planning for the mini-conference to be held on October 9th. We were able to have the same venue, Agincourt C.I., which is great as it easily accommodates the parking and number of people that attend. Publishers are invited, speakers are organized, an electronic version of our programme booklet went out and registrations are coming in quickly. We have started the planning for our local OMO, as well. It is to be held at Henry Kelsey SPS with the proposed date being the last Saturday in April. Volunteers to help us with the writing of questions have been confirmed, well before the event. We have been in discussion with various math-minded educators at the Board level (i.e. in positions of responsibility) with respect to our liability for the overnight provincial competition, in particular. We have also made some initial contacts with respect to getting some sponsorship for this competition. Over the last two years one of our goals was to increase membership and to try to get more members on the executive. We have had some success in recruiting new executive members. As for general membership, we have encouraged participants to become members and have sent out the membership registration form with our conference information. We will continue to promote membership at the conference.

SWOAME- Rep: Nicholas Cevalier: nicholas_chevalier@wecdsb.on.ca. SWOAME reports that they are still in the process of submitting a proposal to host OAME 2011.
TEAMS- Rep: Laurissa Werhun: laurissa.werhun@tel.tdsb.on.ca . The TEAMS executive have been busy preparing for our Mini Conference on November 6,2008, at Dante Alighieri Academy Beatrice Campus & Bathurst Heights Learning Centre. This September we have sent out a welcome back webnote to all our members. This web newsletter is sent to all current TEAMS members with information about upcoming events as well as some recommended resources such as weblinks. TEAMS is also working on a new webpage, www.mathteams.ca, to better serve the needs of our members.The TEAMS Math Olympics will be held April 18, 2009 at the Catholic Education Centre. Students from grades seven and eight from both the Catholic and Public School Systems can compete for places on the TEAMS OMO team. For more information please contact TDSB: Anthony.Meli@tdsb.on.ca or TCDSB: michele.goveia@tcdsb.org The TEAMS executive has currently started planning for hosting the Ontario Mathematics Olympics in 2011. If you are interested in helping plan this exciting event please contact wayne.erdman@tel.tdsb.on.ca or Laurissa.Werhun@tdsb.on.ca The TEAMS executive is looking forward to encouraging elementary teachers to become more involved in our chapter as well as Instructional Leaders from each board. The possible collaboration with other chapters such as SAME, Y4MA and investigating partnerships with faculties of education.
WOMA - Rep: Ann Michele Stenning: a.stenning@tvdsb.on.ca . WOMA will be hosting their fall mini-conference in November this year. Plans have not been finalized but past organizers are willing to help run the event again. The next WOMA meeting will feature topics discussed at the recent OAME board meeting and a decision on the theme and date of the fall mini-conference.
Y4MA - Rep: Ada Cartaginese: ada.cartaginese@ycdsb.ca The Math Olympics were held at Newtonbrook SS on Thursday, April 17th, 2008. Don Mills Middle School placed first, with Parkview Public School placing second. Both teams went to the OMO held in Peterborough this year. The teams showed their enthusiasm and abilities around mathematics the entire weekend. The OAME 2008 Conference committee work is in its final stages. Sub-committees have submitted their feedback to the conference co-chairs. This information will be shared at the Futures Co-Chairs meeting on October 3rd. Many thanks to the contributions of speakers, committee members and volunteers. Their dedication and committee contributed to a very successful conference! Connie Quadrini and Gina Micomonaco, co-chairs, anxiously await the upcoming board meeting to share their conference report and profit! Stay tuned for more information! Y4MA is planning to host a Spring Conference. Dr. Marian Small has been invited to present on Differentiated Instruction. The proposed format will be a plenary with hands-on opportunities within division groupings. The tentatively scheduled date is April 30th, 2009 at St. Elizabeth CHS in Thornhill.