Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 4 - 5, 2021

Minutes of a meeting of the OAME board of directors held online, Friday, June 4, 2021 and Saturday, June 5, 2021.

Attendance:
Present: Judy Mendaglio, Paul Alves, Sandra Jean Price, Bill Otto, Alvarine Aldridge (TEAMS), Cal Armstrong (ISOMA), Melissa Black, Siobhain Broekhoven (QSLMA), Franco Genco (SAME), Jacqueline Hill (NCTM), Kassandra Kobelak (CHAMP), Hema Khodai, Glen McMillan (GVMA), Freda Liu, Gina Micomonaco (Y4MA), Jimmy Pai ($O_3$4ME), Elizabeth Pearsall (SWOAME), Corrine Russell-Pritoula (NWOAME), Jane Silva (TEAMS), Heather Theijsmeijer (NOMA), Bart Vanslack, Paulene Washington (MAC^2), Lori Yee (PRMA), Greg Clarke, Tim Sibbald, Lynda Ferneyhough, Fred Ferneyhough.
Regrets: None
Absent: Connie Quadrine, Mary Lou Kestell, Kathy Kubota-Zarivnij, Victoria Maystruk
Guest: Wayne Erdman

6:00 - 7:00 Social Hour
A number of members joined for a social time from 6-7 pm.

7:00 - 7:30 Reports

- OAME 2021 Report: Wayne Erdman spent a few minutes going over the recent conference.
    - Sessions will be available for participants until June 11 and this is restricted due to conditions set out by some of the featured speakers.
    - Sponsors were very pleased with the exposure that they had during the conference, and added $30 000 to the conference revenue.
    - The event reached 2 331 participants, including presenters, organizers and volunteers.
    - Many boards purchased group codes and 1 770 teachers attended via group codes. OAME waived the PD fee for the event and this allowed the organizers to offer registration for $175. Projected income is about $345 000.

    - Challenges: The organizers developed a presenter's training manual, which included land acknowledgement, copyright sign off and student image permissions.
    - Zoom training was a necessity for the team and the presenters.
    - MCIS login prevented Zoom bombing. Teachers who were not familiar with our conference procedures and MCIS had some difficulties.
    - Attendance dropped off during the week, but it is expected that they were planning to view sessions online later.
    - Greg indicated that there have been close to 32 000 views of sessions online.
    - Ministry sessions rescheduling: Judy indicated that two of the sessions on Friday of the conference were cancelled because the new grade 9 curriculum was not released. However, OAME will host sessions for those participants who were planning to attend. Details to come.
- Elementary Math Project: Lynda Ferneyhough reported that the team developed 208 lessons and assessment resources and 36 webinars. There is one more online session to be presented on the transition to grade 9. Greg Clarke showed some statistics on visits to the website.
- Mathies: Greg Clarke announced that we had received some money from the Ministry of Education to work on developing three of the mathies activities. Greg demonstrated a beta version of the colour tiles and a link was put into the chat so that Board Members could try out the revised version.
- Grade 9 Curriculum: Judy Mendaglio reported that we are moving ahead with the grade nine curriculum project. A meeting was held with the writers on May 29, 2021 and they wrote two lessons, one in English and one in French. The team is waiting for the final curriculum document to be released. The resources will be housed on the same website, OntarioMath.support.
- OTFCF: Judy Mendaglio sent out an email last week indicating that there will be a CBC Debaters show. The organization "People for Education" has contacted us looking for feedback.

7:30 - 9:00 General Meeting of the Board of Directors

- Approval of the Agenda: A change was requested for Committee Reports. Moved by Sandra Jean Price, seconded by Melissa Black, that the revised agenda be approved. Carried.
- Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of March 26, 2021. Moved by Bart Vanslack, seconded by Gina Micomonaco, that the minutes of March 26, 2021 be approved. Carried.

7:35 - 8:00 Financial Report. Lynda Ferneyhough reported that there is not much happening around our Finances right now, so there is no report available. We were operating in a deficit budget, but the conference results will assist with that situation.
8:00 - 8:10 Notice of Motions:

- Three changes to the Constitution to be added to the AGM agenda.

Moved by Lori Yee, seconded by Melissa Black, that we take the following motion to the Annual General Meeting. Carried.

Moved by Judy Mendaglio, seconded by Sandra Jean Price, that the following sub-Article 1.8 be inserted into to the Constitution:

1.8 “Voting member” shall mean that the member has the right to move or second a motion and cast a vote when motions are called.

Moved by Tim Sibbald, seconded by Siobain, that we take the following motion to the Annual General Meeting.

Moved by Judy Mendaglio, seconded by Sandra Jean Price, that the following new Article 8: Privacy be inserted into the Constitution and that subsequent Articles be renumbered accordingly:

Article 8: Privacy

1.1 The OAME/AOEM does not provide lists of members or their information to third parties.

1.2 There are portions of the public sections of the website that collect web analytics but the information is generic and does not identify individuals.

Moved by Tim Sibbald, seconded by Bart Vanslack, that we take the following motion to the Annual General Meeting. Carried.

Motion 3 fixing of spelling of the name of the organization in French.

Motion #4: Moved by Sandra Jean Price, seconded by Judy Mendaglio, that we change Terms of Reference 1.1.9 to read as follows:

Co-Chair the Annual General Meeting with the Executive Director(s). In the absence of the Executive Director(s), the President would co-chair with the Emeritus Executive Member.

Carried.

Motion #5: Moved by Judy Mendaglio, seconded by Sandra Jean Price, that we add an item, Terms of Reference 3.4, to read as follows:

All members of a Standing or Ad-Hoc Committee shall be voting members for that committee, subject to the usual conflict of interest considerations. Voting members will have the right to move and second motions, and cast a vote in decisions.

Carried.

From the March Board Meeting, there was a direction from the Board to define a quorum. The committee deliberated on this matter and suggested that we table this matter until post-Covid. The Executive agreed with this direction.

8:10 - 8:40 Committee Reports

- Election results Paul Alves reported that Sandra Jean Price was successful as President-Elect, Melissa Black as Vice President, Lori Yee as director (K-6) and Jimmy Pai as director (7-12).
    - Vacancy: Bill Otto discussed the vacancies that have arisen due to the results of the recent election. Sandra Jean Price had a year remaining on her term. The Executive will deal with this matter before its summer session. Due to a new job, Liisa Suurtamm, one of our 7-12 Directors, had to resign from the Board, and has a year remaining on her term. By-Law 10-2 directs the Board to deal with this matter and we are seeking advice on how to proceed. Before using breakout rooms for discussions, we ran a poll seeking the advice of the Board on how to proceed for the remainder of the night.
    - From the breakout rooms, it was suggested that:
        - We approach candidates who were not successful in the order of their finish
        - Form a board committee to look at candidates
        - Post the open positions for VP, director 7-12 and director University to find any interested candidates. Names for VP would go to the Executive and the other two to the board committee.
        - Reach out to chapters for nominations, particularly the smaller chapters
        - Reach out to former board members
        - Approach Chapter Representatives to see if one of the current representatives would be interested.
    - Moved by Tim Sibbald, seconded by Bart Vanslack, that we strike a subcommittee of the Board to deal with these vacancies, and decide on appropriate candidates to recommend to the Executive. Carried.
    - Members of the committee: Lori Yee, Tim Sibbald, Paul Alves.
    - Judy will contact other candidates and report to the committee.
- Ad Hoc Conference Committee: Supporters' Summit: Sandra Jean Price discussed the steps taken to date on the Supporter's Summit. So far, 12 outside parties have expressed interest. The meeting will take place on June 10.

8:40 - 9:10 Standing Committee of the Whole (Breakout rooms for discussions)

- Communications: Heather Theijsmeijer took notes on the discussions pertaining to the following questions.
    - TOPIC 1:
      As a subcommittee, we are looking at the Association's usage of various social media accounts, and wondering how we can best leverage social media to benefit the organization. To that end, we would like feedback on the following questions:

1) We currently have the following "official" accounts, each run independently: @OAMEcounts, @OAMElearns, @OAMEwrites, @OAMEtalks (all on Twitter), and a Facebook page. **Should we consolidate some or all of these accounts? Why or why not?**

2) Overall, **how can we strengthen our social media presence?**

- TOPIC 2:
  Since the announcement of the retirement of the EDUgains website, members of the OAME board, and the wider Ontario math community, have been asking for a way to save some or all of this material for future reference. There has been an official/unofficial understanding that we will archive the material on the OAME web server so that it will not be lost, just as we have done for the original mathies and MathCLIPS websites. As a subcommittee, and especially the webmaster, we are looking for feedback on the following questions:

  1) **Which resources on EDUgains should we archive and make available**, and which ones to not archive?

  2) For the resources that ARE made available, **what type of messaging should there be to indicate this is an archive and not an actively updated site?** (e.g. banner at the top of each page / custom URL / etc..)

  Note: In June, the webmaster will be transferring the entirety of the current EDUgains site to the OAME server for safekeeping, so that no matter what decisions are made, the files will be available to share when/if those decisions are finalized.

- Outreach (Melissa)
  Outreach is proposing the addition of a post-secondary teaching award and would like feedback:
  "OAME/AOEM Award for Exceptional and Creative Teaching in Post-Secondary Mathematics recognizes an exceptional and creative post-secondary educator or team of educators who demonstrates excellence in mathematics education, contributes to the overall development of students, and demonstrates leadership in the mathematics education community." Consensus was that this was an idea whose time has come.
- SPaRC matters were taken care of earlier.
- Exec Committee

- What can we do as an organization to be more inclusive? The Executive would like to add this to their summer discussions. Judy will set up a Google Doc for input.

9:10 - 9:30 Report back to Standing Committees - done.

9:30 Motion to Adjourn. Moved by Sandra Jean Price, seconded by Bart Vanslack, that we adjourn.

Saturday 10:00 - 11:30, if required

Board of Directors 10:00 - 11:30
10:00 - 10:45 Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole - as needed
10:45 - 11:15 Standing Committee of the Whole - as needed
11:15 - 11:30 Other Business
11:30 Motion to Adjourn