

**Minutes of the MATYCONN Meeting
November 2, 2001
Middlesex Community College**

President Rob Lynott called the meeting to order at 3:20.

Jill Zimmerman gave the Treasurer's Reports. The first Report, dated 5/3/01 was from Kunle Olumide, past treasurer. The report was accepted by the members present (Steve Krevisky, Elaine Dinto). Jill's report, dated 11/2/01 was also accepted (Alice Burstein, Steve Krevisky).

Elaine Dinto reported that she has not updated the web site except for last spring's newsletter. Slav Sharapov has been working with Mike Frame. Some of his work is on Mike's site. The next newsletter will be published next spring. Please send Elaine articles and information.

Kathy Bavelas, Alice G., and Steve Krevisky will be our delegates to AMATYC and will report back to us in the spring. Alice G. distributed copies of the two AMATYC position papers and asked members to send comments before the AMATYC conference.

The annual Math Contest will occur on Saturday, April 6, 2002. Send potential problems to Steve and recruit contestants. Steve will send information to contacts before the fall semester ends. Two items are in need of discussion: a tiebreaker and whether or not the 3:2:1 ration for first, second, and third prizes should be maintained. Let Steve know your feelings. Linda Musco asked what kind of question should be a tiebreaker. Slav asked what would happen if there is still a tie after considering answers to the tiebreaker. Kathy suggested the tiebreaker should be open-ended with a rubric for scoring. Miguel Garcia favors not having a tiebreaker. He suggested including one or more open-ended question on the test itself.

Miguel reported that the Math Issues Committee is alive and well. Members are looking at the question of how our numbering scheme can remain dynamic. Elaine indicated that names for the courses can have no more than 30 characters, and that they must be submitted by next week. Kathy said Pat Hirschy had mentioned some problems with transfer to UConn even with common numbers.

Kathy announced that the next articulation meeting with UConn is scheduled for April 5, 2002 at the West Hartford branch of UConn. She stated that Statistics, Math for Elementary Education, and Differential Equations will be discussed at that meeting. She urged representation from all colleges teaching those courses.

Steve said we need a membership update so we can apply to Jack Keating for a \$200 affiliate grant. Cora will publish a membership directory in the spring.

Rob called for nominations to a Nominating Committee. Elaine Dinto and Marian Egan will serve.

The spring meeting will be held on May 10, 2002 at Naugatuck Valley. Kathy will inquire about Dr. Flush as a possible speaker.

At the suggestion of Richard Patrick, Middlesex's Center For Teaching TLC (Teaching and Learning Consultant), today's dinner will be funded by Center For Teaching. Money paid by members for today will be donated to the MATYCONN Scholarship Fund.

Felipe Flores reported that his college cut funds that had paid for EA tutoring in the Math Lab and that faculty were asked to assume tutoring duties. Inadequate funding for tutors is a problem for several colleges.

Six community colleges will host gifted middle school students on May 17, 2002. The CAMPY program will include sessions for the students and their teachers.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Burstein (with assistance from Linda Musco)