

# **BAY OF PLENTY MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION**

## **MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**4:50 p.m. Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Te Puke High School**  
**(This meeting was preceded by the 2018 AGM)**

### **PRESENT**

Adrian Kitson (President. Western Height High School), Anne-Marie Denny (Treasurer. Whakatane High School), Heidi Cason & Shelley-Anne Kim (Bethlehem College), Stephen Tisch (Tauranga Boys' College), Lewis Hockings (Tauranga Girls' College), Sonia Deering (Te Puke High School), Stacey Andrews (Edgecumbe College), Shelley Thompson (Trident High School), Lynn Brassington (NZAMT Executive member) and Craig McFarlane (Secretary. Aquinas College)

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Jim Hogan (Auckland University), Helen Baldwin (Rotorua Boys High School), Matej Benes (Papamoa College) and Neil McDiamid (Otumoetai College)

### **MINUTES**

***"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 14 SEPTEMBER 2017 ARE A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD."***

***MCFARLANE/DENNY***

***CARRIED***

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

It was agreed a letter of thanks be sent to Helen Adams for her invaluable contribution to bopma over the years and to wish her well in her new job in Alexandra.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **INWARD**

NZAMT: Invoice \$50 for bopma membership with NZAMT.

NZAMT: request for all NZ mathematical associations to process a document relating to Networks of Expertise Funding.

Invoice: Domains4Less for the annual bopma domain name registration.

NZAMT: notification of the AGM of the NZAMT Council on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

## **OUTWARD**

To NZAMT: President (voting rights) and Secretary (observer) to attend the AGM.

***“THAT BOPMA WILL REIMBURSE THE PRESIDENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN ATTENDING THE AGM OF THE NZAMT COUNCIL IN APRIL”***

***HOCKINGS/DEERING***

***CARRIED***

## **FINANCE**

Current account: \$5675.72

Savings: in excess of \$6000

***“THAT THE FINANCIAL REPORT BE RECEIVED”***

***DENNY/DEERING***

***CARRIED***

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Term 3: Next committee meeting:** It was agreed this be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September at Te Puke High School. The reason for bringing the date forward from the traditional date of the third Thursday in September is the Secretary will be unavailable at that time. The venue was changed from Papamoa College to Te Puke High School in order to save travel time and distance for those from Rotorua and the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

**Mini Conference review:** It was agreed the 2017 Mini Conference at Trident High School was a successful event. Tracey Webster and her team are to be congratulated. The Treasurer noted the event was relatively inexpensive when compared with previous conferences.

**2018: MathsMind:** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September in Rotorua. Lara Cordoni (JPC) and Adrian Kitson (WHHS) are organising the event which is planned to take place at Rotorua Girls' High School on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August. It is understood there will be no fee this time. Adrian to be the MC.

After advertising for question-setters and checkers very few volunteers offered their services. It is acknowledged teachers are now under far more pressures than their counterparts in years gone by.

Adrian offered to donate a new shield for the year 9 competition. The current shield has no more room for miniature metal shields.

Casio has generously donated calculators as prizes to winning teams. Most, or all, students have calculators in this modern age and there was discussion about alternative prizes.

It was agreed the Year 10 event precede the Year 9 event. Year 9s are then able to watch and learn how the competition is run.

It was agreed students like receiving medals. Medals, rather than calculators, seems to be the preferably prize for the top teams.

### **MINI CONFERENCE 2018**

Co-ordinator: Lewis Hockings.

Venue: Toi Ohomai, Windermere Campus, Tauranga.

Lewis to liaise with Toi Ohomai regarding the date. (This has been confirmed as Friday 23 November 2018)

Secretary to alert Jim Hogan about the date. Jim is a key contact for recruiting workshop presenters.

### **END OF YEAR WITH JUNIORS**

There was discussion about what to do with junior students during the final weeks of term 4 each year. Many were becoming unmotivated and classroom teachers often felt the strain of keeping their classes on track. There was a variety of programs, e.g., examinations followed by sports and camps.

### **MCAT**

There was a range of views about the MCAT.

One large metropolitan school almost withdrew last year, another large school did not offer the MCAT.

Some thought the MCAT was becoming too difficult for those students in the left side of the normal curve.

There was a plea for the writers to adhere to the standards and exemplars and to look at the resources which teachers are using.

The meeting asked the Secretary to send a letter to the CEO of NZAMT regarding the Level 1 Geometry paper. Secretary to draft a letter and send to the President before sending on to the CEO.

### **Year 9**

There was a range of testing of students in February. Some schools use the PAT, some use ASTLE, others use their own internal testing and focus on numeracy and algebra skills. One large school uses cumulative internal test results to build up a picture for each student over a period of time.

NUMPA seems to be fading off the radar.

Lewis (TGC) said his school is building up resources for teachers who have Year 9 classes and welcomes any offer of assistance.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June at Rotorua Lakes High School. 4:30 p.m.

**CLOSURE:** The president thanked everybody for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 5:45 p.m.