

BAY OF PLENTY MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

4:30 P.M., THURSDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2018, TE PUKE HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENT

Adrian Kitson (Western Heights High School. President of BOPMA), Anne Marie Denny (Whakatane High School. Treasurer), Shelley Anne Kim (Bethlehem College), Evelyn Knights (Aquinas College), Sonia Deering (Te Puke High School), Dave Cleland (Mt Maunganui College), Katy Thorne (Papamoa College), Damien Galvan (Tauranga Boys' College), Lewis Hockings (Tauranga Girls' College), Stacey Andrews (Edgecumbe College), Shaun English (Rotorua Lakes High School), Lyn Brassington (Executive NZAMT) and Craig McFarlane (Secretary)

APOLOGIES

Tracey Webster (Trident High School), Matej Benes (Papamoa College) and Jason Ellwood (Otumoetai College)

MINUTES

“THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BOPMA COMMITTEE MEETING OF THURSDAY 14th JUNE 2018 ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.”

DENNY/DEERING

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Lyn: Funds for regions for professional learning have been established and carry the title 'Network of Expertise' (NOE)

- Bay of Plenty and Waikato will share \$70,000 for two years. A facilitator will need to be hired during this time, the role will be that of a facilitator to set up PL opportunities for teachers of Mathematics.
- Part of the \$70,000 will be used to cover the facilitator's expenses. (One facilitator or two facilitators... to be determined.)

CORRESPONDENCE

INWARD

NZAMT: request for a report on our regional competition.

NZAMT: Anthony Harradine and Dr Anita Ponsaing will present a three day residential workshop 'MathsCraft (problem solving) in Auckland, 1st – 3rd October this year, followed by a two-day course in Hamilton (5th and 6th October). Cost = \$300 per person. This pays for meals, accommodation, etc. . (It would cost BOPMA approximately \$1000 to send someone there. It might possible for the expenses to be paid out of the new NOE funding of \$70,000 which is to be shared between the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions. More information is required regarding funding.)

OUTWARD

NZAMT: MathsMind report, including photograph of the top school, as requested. (This report should result in a \$800 donation from the MoE via NZAMT).

FINANCE

Cheque account balance: \$7065.00

Savings account: 6506.25

Most schools in the BOPMA region have paid their subscriptions.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Vacancy: BOPMA President

President Adrian Kitson is planning to move to Northland at the end of the academic year. He will be greatly missed. Craig has advertised the vacancy in a bulk email, the closing date being 5:00 p.m. Wednesday 17th October 2018. If there is more than one nomination then an election will be held.

2018 MathsMind

The meeting acknowledged President Adrian's huge input and his calmness in overcoming some operational problems. Adrian said it was not easy setting up the competition in an unfamiliar environment.

There was agreement that whiteboards showing running totals for the teams are preferable to tear-off sheets. The felt tip pen must have, however, a wide 'point' so as to be visible anywhere in the auditorium.

The host school is expected to provide student helpers who keep the scores up to date.

It was agreed calculators are no longer appropriate prizes. Most students have their own scientific calculator already. Adrian managed to have watches, rather than calculators, presented as prizes.

There was a date clash with the Waikato Scholarship Day. The dates for the two Scholarship days are set in February. It is debateable if we can wait that long before striking a date for MathsMind.

It was agreed Friday after Maths Week is a good day for MathsMind.

There are no guidelines in the website for calculating points for prizes and trophies. Jason Ellwood has recommended we no longer require markers to record times. This has been a problem for years, with some markers under intense pressure to mark and record the time in 'an instant'. For 2019 we will look at trialling a tie-breaker question in the event of teams on the same score at the 45 minute finish. The rules to be firmed up at the March committee meeting.

MathsMind 2019: Eastern Bay of Plenty.

All trophies must be returned either before or at the June committee meeting. One of the trophies had not been returned for this year's competition.

BOPMA Website: Craig outlined his intentions to replace the ageing 1990s website with a more modern-looking one. Some parts of the current website requires the use of HTML whereas a free commercial package such as WordPress or Joomla are more user friendly and easily learned. Shaun English has kindly agreed to continue hosting the BOPMA website on his personal server. The transition is planned to start some time after this year's Mini Conference and the plan is to use Joomla.

2018 MINI CONFERENCE

Lewis Hockings presented his report. Lewis is the facilitator for this year's conference which will take place on Friday 23rd November at Toi Ohomai, Tauranga.

There are still five or six **workshop gaps**. Lewis needs suggestions for names of potential presenters. Double-ups, i.e., two presenters for one slot, are acceptable.

The **CEO of Toi Ohomai**, Tauranga, has been invited to present the welcome to attendees.

There will be a **long-ish lunch break**. This will provide an opportunity for attendees to view the displays and to meet up and share thoughts with colleagues in other schools.

There will be **three slots**, with about eight workshops per slot, each workshop averaging around 25 people.

There is **no AGM**. The AGM now forms part of the March committee meeting.

Fee per head: \$45

Craig is collecting the **names of attendees**. He will pass the spreadsheet to Lewis who will make up name tags. Craig to do a 'push' for names at the start of term 4.

Theme: do we need a theme? Why have one? It was agreed to have no theme.

Dr Nic from Christchurch is likely to present two workshops. BOPMA will pay half of her return air fare.

Shelley Ann has kindly agreed to organise the **displays**. She asked about organisations which might be interested. We already have Athletics, etc. Folk are urged to email Shelley Ann with suggestions.

Food: gluten free people **MUST** inform us if they have dietary requirements.

2019 conference: Rotorua. The first choice of dates is 22nd November, second choice 15th November. The new facilitator might be able to help out. Try to use Toi Ohomai (Rotorua) again if possible.

2019 DATES

March committee meeting (plus 'brief' AGM): Thursday 7th March

June committee meeting: Thursday 13th June

September committee meeting: Thursday 19th September

MathsMind: Friday 23rd August

The matter of having a PL afternoon and incorporating one of the committee meetings did not have the support of this meeting.

CALC-EX

Katy announced Calcex will be in Week10 on the Tuesday 25th September at 4:30pm at Papamoa College. Teams are of 4 and two from each school can be entered. Registration must be by the 19th.

LONG SERVICE AWARD

The original templates for the award have disappeared and there has been offers to help create a new award template.

There was discussion about the award. Should it be a certificate, a medal or a small sculpture?

Last year's awardee has still not received a proper award. She was presented with an interim version at the Mini Conference at Trident High School.

Craig to advertise for candidates later this term and early in term 4.

SUMMER WRITING CAMP

Lyn explained what the January summer writing camp was and invited people to give it a try. All expenses are paid for by NZAMT. The camp is a mixture of writing and having a cheerful time.

There have been few from the Bay of Plenty who have taken part in the past. Dates: 7th to 10th January 2019.

CLOSURE

President Adrian thanked everybody for attending this meeting, thanked Sonia of Te Puke High School for providing the venue and declared the meeting closed at 5:57 p.m.