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AMATYC Student Math League

The final national and regional results of the 2008-2009 Student Math League competition have been announced. A total of 2122 students from 188 colleges participated in at least one of the two exams during this academic year.

Arizona teams placed as follows in the Southwest Region:

2	Pima Community College	244.0
3	Glendale Community College	205.5
5	Mesa Community College	179.0
8	Arizona Western College	167.5
13	Phoenix College	113.0

Arizona students with the highest cumulative scores ranked in the Southwest Region as follows:

1	Dong Min Jang	Pima CC
2	Thank To	Glendale CC
3	Hai Nguyen	Arizona Western C
6	Hari Subedi	Pima CC
8 (tie)	Garrett Hawes	Pima CC
12(tie)	Lam Trinh	Arizona Western C
12(tie)	Alex Farrell	Glendale CC
17	Jefferey Hensel	Glendale CC

In addition, Dong Min Jang tied for 15th place nationally.

If your college does not currently participate, why not consider volunteering to moderate the Student Math League exams there? The college moderator makes some photocopies; advertises, proctors, and scores the exams; and reports the scores to the national moderator. Students who participate have fun and learn some math along the way! The cost to register your college in the 2009-2010 Student Math League competition is \$35; this fee is waived if your college is an institutional member of AMATYC. A registration form, rules for the competition, and more information is available at the AMATYC website (www.amatyc.org).

ArizMATYC Business Meeting
Paradise Valley Community College
Friday, February 20, 2009

Present: President Ken Hurley (CAC); Alicia Adamson (PCC); Barbara Armenta (PCC); Eli Blake (NPC); Anne Dudley (GCC); David Dudley (SCC); John Hagood (NAU); Sue Jensen (PCC); Kate Kozak (CCC); Joe Sueyoshi (PCC).

The meeting was called to order by President Hurley at 2:30pm.

The Fall 2008 business meeting minutes were shown on the screen. One typo was pointed out. Approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

Anne Dudley distributed the treasurer's report. It shows that we have \$8362.53 cash on hand. This represents a net decrease of \$388.83 from the fall, mainly due to the cost of sending two delegates to AMATYC. There was some discussion about what we will spend money on this year. Last year two of the four ArizMATYC delegates declined registration money from our treasury because their institutions supported their trip. This year it is likely that all four delegates will need the money. The AMATYC conference this year will be in Las Vegas.

There was also a discussion about helping those people whose institutions have frozen their travel benefits to attend the fall meeting in Flagstaff. The proposal was floated to allow the President to allocate up to \$500 to help people with their travel. After further discussion this was tabled but we may want to help them with their expenses for the spring meeting, to be held jointly with MAA in Mesa or Scottsdale. Terri Glaess is currently the section chair but will be replaced due to her illness.

The fall ArizMATYC meeting will be held in Flagstaff on October 2, 2009. There was some discussion about scheduling the business meeting; the consensus is to schedule it between 10:00 and 3:00, but there was some discussion about people not being able to attend talks due to the ATF and the business meeting, but it was also pointed out that not everyone there is a member of the ATF.

We need two new state delegates. Kate Kozak volunteered to be a delegate and David Dudley was nominated to be another. There was discussion of the fact that state delegates are required to write an article for the newsletter. Both Kate and David were elected to serve as state delegates.

The ArizMATYC webpage has been updated. Ken pointed out that the link to David Dudley does not work.

There was discussion about updating the Arizona Math Directory. Anne Dudley suggested that Kate Kozak and Dave Graser work together to update the directory this year. It was suggested that they color-code the entries to indicate ArizMATYC members.

There was discussion about whether or not we still need to have a newsletter. The suggestion was made to ask Dave Graser to show the first paragraph of various newsletter articles on the webpage as a way of attracting readers to the newsletter.

There was discussion about conducting a survey of placement mechanisms and how they are working.

ArizMATYC Business Meeting Minutes, continued

ArizMATYC was featured in the “Focus on Affiliates” section of a recent AMATYC newsletter. AMATYC is re-organizing their website, might look at having a ‘members only’ section, and their newsletter should be electronic.

After a brief discussion it was concluded that none of us include Math for Elementary Teachers in our AGECEC math component. The question was raised as to whether we could suggest that colleges include it as an option. ECE (Early Childhood Education) has suggested removing the math and putting it in the ‘optional’ category. It would remain in their degree, so it will stay in their degree options.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eli Blake, Secretary

Future ArizMATYC Meetings

Fall 2009: Coconino CC

Spring 2010: Scottsdale CC (joint meeting with MAA)

Fall 2010: Pima CC, Northwest Campus

Spring 2011: Arizona Western College



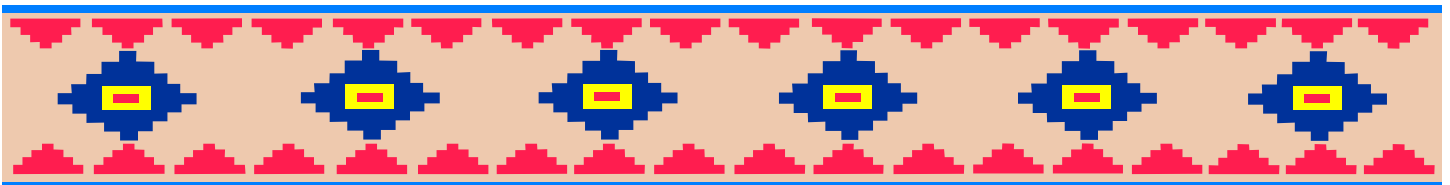
AMATYC Mini-Grants Available

All regular AMATYC members are eligible to apply for mini-grants in amounts up to \$750 each being offered through the AMATYC Foundation. Consideration for a grant will be given to projects or topics in the following areas:

- Creating technology-based instructional materials or tutorials for use in traditional or distance-learning classrooms.
- Working with industry and businesses to collaborate on training initiatives in mathematics.
- Creating training materials for faculty in how to use technology in innovative ways in the classroom.
- Pursuing grant opportunities that would have an effect on the instructional process.

Application for a mini-grant must be made by November 1, 2009, using the online submission form found at www.amatyc.org/documents/minigrant.html. On or before December 15, 2009, each applicant will receive notice of the result of his or her application. A successful applicant will receive half of the awarded amount by December 31, 2009, and the other half will be awarded at the successful conclusion of the project.

The award recipient's project must be completed by July 1, 2010. A final report, including a written summary of the project and its findings, must be submitted. AMATYC will publish this report in one of its publications or on its website. In addition, the award recipient will be encouraged to present at the annual AMATYC conference and/or at affiliate meetings. (For more details about MATYC mini-grants, see *AMATYC News*, May 2009, page 6.)



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