

**Minutes of the National Numeracy Network (NNN) Board Meeting  
August 5 & 6, 2006, in conjunction with the American Sociological Association Meetings  
Chicago, IL**

**In Attendance**

Bernie Madison – President – University of Arkansas  
Cori Taylor – President-Elect – Wellesley College  
Milo Sheild – New Vice-President – Augsburg College  
Cinnamon Hillyard – New Treasurer – University of Washington  
Rebecca Hartzler – Secretary – Seattle Central Community College  
John Jungck – Board Member – Beloit College  
Neil Lutsky – Board Member – Carleton College  
David Bressoud – Board Member – Macalester College  
Dorothy Wallace – *NUMERACY* Co-Editor & Emeritus Board Member– Dartmouth College  
Len Vacher – *NUMERACY* Co-Editor & Emeritus Board Member– University of South Florida  
Kim Rheinlander – NNN Webmaster & Emeritus Board Member– Dartmouth College  
Eric Gaze – Alfred University  
Semra Kilic-Bahi – Colby-Sawyer College  
Judith Moran – Trinity College

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**Secretary's Report**

Rebecca provided attendees with minutes from the August 5, 2006 meeting. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Rebecca reported that the membership fund consisted of \$3,173. NNN originally had 42 individual members and 17 institutional members. Renewals were 2 Institutional and 11 individuals. Bernie requested need for reminder. Rebecca will send out a reminder.

**Membership Promotion Suggestions**

- Len – Reminded the board of the need to post institutions and what they are doing as advertisement
- Neil suggested that memberships lists should be provided to board members to use as a recruiting tool.
- Bernie & Dorothy suggested that formal invoices should be sent to institutions to renew.
- Discussion followed for determining the benefits for having an institutional membership

**NNN-SIGMAA-QL NSF Grant**

Cinnamon gave the financial report for the NSF grant that supported the MSS/NCSA meeting. She estimated the grant had approximated \$2000 left. Discussion continued about how to use the funds – suggestions to pay Carla Howery an honorarium for her help, to pay the session organizers, to support a session at the 2008 joint math meeting, etc.

### **Future NNN Meetings**

Neil brought up the idea of NNN meeting independently for example to support schools trying to make QR/QL as general education requirement.

Milo considered that Carleton could take up the responsibility of hosting such a meeting.

### **NUMERACY**

Len reported that we now have 25 associate editors. He also reported the progress in making the journal live which is going well. Articles for the first issue were presented. Call for papers – April, 2007 – First copies in June, 2007. June – Dec – review and rewrite. 1<sup>st</sup> journal January, 2008. The journal will publish bi-yearly – January & June.

Len also reported that *NUMERACY* has been warmly received at the MSS/NCSA meeting with five folks offering papers including one who has an article ready.

Len reported that an e-survey was posted to the web by Vicki May at Dartmouth to a variety of memberships to determine user preferences for *NUMERACY* and the report follows:

77 respondents

1. Is your institution a member of NNN? - 13% - yes, 35% - no, 52% - don't know.
2. How would you classify your institution? TYC – 17%, Liberal Arts College – 37%, 4-year – 16%, 4-year research – 27%, other 8%.
3. Does your institution have a QL/QR program? – 37%, a QL/QR requirement – 50%, a QL/QR center 20%.
4. When asked what type of articles the respondents would like to see in the journal on a likert scale from 1-5(“5” being highly positive) the following means were determined:
  - a. Research Article 4.05
  - b. Review of Research 4.09
  - c. Industry Applications 3.82
  - d. Classroom Practice 4.59
  - e. **Assessment Strategies 4.47**
  - f. **Curriculum Development 4.45**
  - g. Faculty Development 4.21
  - h. Administrative Policy Issues 3.18
  - i. Public Policy Issues 3.75
  - j. Book Reviews 3.69
  - k. Reviews of Educational Materials 3.95

Cinnamon suggested that presenters at the MSS/NCSA quantitative literacy sessions could write articles for *NUMERACY*. Len & Dorothy will send out the call.

### **Corri's Growth Report**

What are the activities that we need to do? Who's going to do what?

WEBSITE:

- Improve the Website and maintain it
  - Regular Newsletter
  - Modules
  - Speaker's Bureau – use as an incentive to join the NNN
  - etc

## **MEETINGS**

- Suggestion to continue to have joint meetings, (AACU – suggestion from John)

## **FUNDING**

- CORPORATIONS Funding
  - Bernie is planning to write a history of NNN that would create talking points for us to go out and get funding
  - Corri had researched the Foundation database and found several possible foundations
  - Host K-12 and Two-year college workshops and use industry funding to support them. NCTM, NSTA
  - David has experience with working with K-12 – Social Science teachers and had success in providing teachers with small modules to use in the classroom
- NSF Funding:
  - Dorothy suggested a National Dissemination CCLI
- Bernie suggested personal connections could also be pursued

Rebecca can send out email for the Wellesley Development Fall Meeting.

## **OFFICERS & NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Motion was made, seconded and carried a 3-year term for Rebecca to remain secretary

Motion was made, seconded and carried for Milo to become a member of the board.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to separate secretary/treasurer into two positions.

Motion was made, seconded and carried for Rebecca to become Secretary.

Motion was made, seconded and carried for Cinnamon to become Treasurer.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to nominate a VP

Motion was made, seconded and carried for Milo to become VP

## **PROTOCOL FOR NNN ENDORSEMENTS**

Len provided as a model the NAGT webpages detailing their process.

Motion to develop the protocol as outlined by Len was made, seconded and carried. The development process was put on the

## **PARTNERSHIPS with SERC**

Len explained the role of SERC in hosting Spreadsheets curriculum. SERC has offered to partner with NNN and even continue on with a CCLI phase II.

*Meeting Adjourned until Thursday Morning:*

## **NUMERACY**

Motion was made, seconded and carried for Len & Dorothy to seek funding for page fee for the journal.

## **WINGSPREAD**

Bernie reported on the Wingspread conference to be held in WI June 22-24. Motion was made, seconded and carried for NNN to endorse the Wingspread conference. Bernie will advertise NNN at the conference.

## **NNN Strategic Planning Meeting**

- Bernie, Len, Neil, Cori, Milo & Dick will be at Wingspread and will work to plan the Fall NNN strategic planning meeting.
- Rebecca will find out board member schedules to plan the meeting date and forward those options to Cori.

## **K-12 Workshops**

Cori will pursue additional funding opportunities centered around K-12 faculty development. She will work with David, Kim and Cinnamon on this initiative.

## **NEWSLETTER (Submissions by 4/20)**

Kim and Rebecca will work to assure the publication of the newsletter. Kim received a copy of events from Maura's handout. David will write up his K-12 Workshop for QL and Immigration. Cinnamon will write-up a piece about the MSS/NCSA meeting.

## **VENDOR DISPLAY**

Len suggested that NNN utilize vendor booths at meetings to promote membership. Milo and Rebecca will send out photos of their examples.

## **BROCHURE**

Cori will update the brochure to include new board members and NUMERACY. Kim or Dorothy will send Cori the original.

## **FUNDING**

Len advised the board to be mindful of their funding possibilities no matter how small and to promote NNN everywhere. Thank you, Len.