

National Numeracy Network
Notes for NNN board meeting 6/18/05 to 6/19/05

Present: Bernie Madison, Len Vacher, Kim Rheinlander, and Dorothy Wallace
Absent: Rebecca Hartzler

Review of progress this year:

NNN created a mission statement, vision statement and set of bylaws this year. We elected a board of directors, president and vice-president/treasurer. We then incorporated and received status as a 501(c)(3) organization. We obtained a bank account. We have a small number of members (approximately 40 now – 30 individual and 10 institutional). We published the first NNN newsletter, held two board meetings (6/04 and 8/04), and had our first annual meeting at Macalester College (6/18/05-6/19/05).

New board members:

We agreed to expand the board. Kim Rheinlander's term has ended. William (Bill) Frey (U. Michigan and Brookings, Sociology), Corrine (Corri) Taylor (Wellesley, Math Center Director, Economics) and Richard (Dick) Scheaffer (University of Florida, Statistician) have agreed to join the board. We also agreed to ask two others to join (Beth Haynes, Psychology, Lawrence U., and Jack Dangermond, ESRI, Bernie will contact the latter two about joining the Board.

Fund raising:

The board agreed to pursue the following:

1. Revenue generating lab manual for QL (Len (chair), Corri, Kim and others as they see fit). Ideally this would be funded through an NSF-CCLI grant for about 25K. Len and Corri will make initial contact with McGraw-Hill to propose publication.
2. Grant to create signage for national parks using math to communicate "how we know" geological facts. This proposal to NSF would be in collaboration with NCKRI, NNN, and the national parks. (Len)
3. Request startup NSF-DUE funds for second annual meeting 2006 from director's discretionary fund. Meet with Lee Zia 7/6 in DC (Len and Dorothy)
4. Grant to create a curricular materials about communicating with patients about risk. These materials would be for medical and nursing education as well as public awareness. We would want collaboration between NNN and a large medical school, possibly through NIH or Howard Hughes. (Kim and Dorothy will see if Dartmouth is interested.)

Membership fees, renewal, and drive:

The board decided to extend current and charter membership to June 2006, beginning a June-June calendar year membership cycle. Individual membership will rise to \$50 and institutional membership to \$150 on 6/1/06. Those joining between January and June of 200N would gain membership for up to 1.5 years until the following June of 200(N+1).

In future versions of the membership form we will ask permission to share individual members in some kind of directory as well.

The board plans a membership drive for this year some time. We will do a mailing consisting of a brochure (Bernie will prepare) and a newsletter (Kim and Dorothy will prepare- various suggestions were made by the board as to contents of the next one), a membership form and (possibly) a directory of members. We will place advertisements (Beth will prepare an ad) in journals of sociology, statistics, math, geosciences, physics education, AAC&U and AMATYC. Newsletters of such organizations were also suggested, and also ALA (library association). (Membership drive committee: Bernie, Corri, and Rebecca)

Meeting possibilities:

The board felt that it would be good for NNN to hold annual meetings in conjunction with a series of existing national organizations. Proposed possibilities included the big ASA (sociology) meeting, the big ASA (statistics) meeting, the big AMA (medical) meeting and Len's workshop on Spreadsheets (WA 2006, summer). We are going to work on the AS(ociology)A possibility. (Meeting program committee: Bernie, Bill, and others they invite to help).

Website: We agreed to post institutional members on the website. We will link to projects at Macalester (Prep workshop), WA (Mac³), and SSDAN. (Kim and Dorothy)

Publications:

In addition to the ongoing newsletter (Kim and Dorothy) and the lab manual described in the section above on fund raising (Len and Corri), the board also agreed to pursue an invitation from USF to produce an E-journal. The journal will need a well-defined focus, an editorial board, editor-in-chief and memo of understanding with USF. (E-journal committee: Len, Dorothy, Caren Diefenderfer, and David Bressoud)