OAME Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

Hilton Garden Inn, 2648 Steeles Ave. East, Brampton, ON L6S 6J9

February 10 – 11, 2017

Friday, Feb. 10th, 2017

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm: Awards Deliberation Committee & Finance Committee

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm: Dinner for Finance Committee & Awards Deliberation Committee

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm: Chapter Reps meeting

Attendance: Judy Mendaglio, Christine Sasso (SWOAME), Greg Clarke, Corrine Russell-Pritoula (NWOAME), Amanda Luxton (CHAMP), Anne Yeager, Alvarine (TEAMS), Paulene Washington (MAC^2), Lissa Suurtamm (representing Golden), Bill Otto, Melissa Black (COMA), Jill Lazarus, Pat Kehoe, Bart Van Slack, Calvin Armstrong (ISOMA), Andrew Skelton (GVMA), Tim Sibbald, Sandra Jean Price, Jennifer Clarke (PRMA), Kathy Pilon (QSLMA), Katelynn Beecroft (WOMA), Bill Lundy, Jung Choi-Perkins, Freda Liu (SAME), Denise Filopovic (NOMA), Chi Hang (Y4MA), Fred and Lynda Ferneyhough.
Regrets: Todd Romiens, Pamela Chun, Amy Lin, Mary Lou Kestell, Kathy Kubota-Zarivnij.
Guests (Saturday): Wayne Erdman, Margaret Quinn, Henry Tam, Dwight Stead, Paul Alves

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm: President's Welcome and Remarks: Judy Mendaglio
Judy welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Ad Hoc committee will be reporting on their recommendations for the Annual Conference. The math knowledge network has approved the Fields Institute for their purpose.
In December, the three Presidents (Judy, Jill and Tim) met to discuss matters of interest to their roles and to the organization. They have looked at the roles and responsibilities of the Executive Directors and have concluded that it is now a full time job. The three individuals have initiated some active planning for the future. The Grade 9 applied project has started posting materials from the 2016 summer institutes, videos, resources and workshops from their work over the past two and a half years. Thanks particularly to Lynda for the tremendous amount of work that she did for the project.

Reports:
OAME 2017: Bill Lundy reported on the project with theme "And Now For Something Completely Different". The thought was that the organizing committee and presenters would do something different. However, many presenters offered the same shtick. They are close to 400 spots for registrations from different boards and they are now up to 613 registrations altogether. Over five hundred have signed up for Dan Meyer on Thursday evening. The conference fee includes an unlimited transit pass for the city of Kingston.
There are about 360 proposals for the conference for about 240 slots. There are no double sessions and initially, with no repeats. Four sessions are now full, so those people have been asked to repeat. Several parties have been informed that their sessions will not be accepted.
Three members of the committee have resigned for health reasons.

Leadership 2017: Jill Lazarus announced that Leadership 2017 will be held in Ottawa with the theme Leading Ideas to be held November 10. Venue is to be determined.

7:30 pm – 8:00 pm: GENERAL MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- **Approval of the Agenda** Moved by Bill Otto, seconded by Kathy Pilon that the agenda be approved. Carried.
- **Approval of Minutes October 14 - 15, 2016** Moved by Bill Lundy, seconded by Paulene Washington, that the minutes of October 14-15 be approved. Carried.
- **Financial Report:** Lynda Ferneyhough presented the most recent financial statement. The net income from Leadership was a pleasant surprise, with profit around $68 000. In general, we are on track for the budget.
- **Notices of Motion:** None at this time.
- **Board Nomination Report** Tim Sibbald reported on the following candidates for election. Tim has recused himself from executing anything further on the election matter since he is a candidate. Sandra Jean Price has agreed to take over this process.
    - **President - elect:** Candidates are Tim Sibbald and David Petro
    - **Vice-President:** Candidates are Melissa Black, Bill Otto and Tim Sibbald.
    - **Director 7-12:** Candidates are Melissa Black and Tim Sibbald.
    - **Director K-6:** Tom Boland is acclaimed.

8:00 pm – 9:30 pm: Board Committees met to consider matters important to them.

9:30 pm – 10:00 pm: Committee of the Whole
SPaRC raised the matter of elections, and wanted to know what the board felt about a Past-President running for election as President Elect and if the board wanted to restrict the number of terms that one person served on the executive. It was decided to table the matter until the morning.

Outreach raised the gender issues they are struggling with for OMO. There are no longer just two genders recognized. How do we handle our gender specific teams requirement? OMO rules were established with gender equity in mind.

Saturday Feb. 11th, 2017

9:00 am – 9:30 am: Board Committees met to consider the two options from SPaRC.
They posed the following two questions for consideration.

1) Should the Past President be allowed to run for a position on the executive in the year immediately following their term as Past President?
2) Should we limit the number of consecutive terms a member can serve as a Vice President?

SPaRC appreciates the discussion that followed and will take this into consideration for future modifications.

9:30 am – 10:00 am: Ad-hoc Conference Committee Report (included below). Dwight Stead, Paul Alves and Jill Lazarus produced a report on their deliberations on the future of the Annual Conference. They conducted three polls to solicit opinions from the board members.

10:00 am – 12:00 pm: OAME2018 planning
Wayne Erdman announced that the contracts for Humber College have been signed and provided some information about facilities. He talked about promoting the conference at OAME 2017 in Kingston and listed some items for different committees, then broke us up into groups. After a half

hour of discussion, each committee made a presentation to the larger group.

12:30 pm – 3:00 pm: OAME2018 planning continued in committees.

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm: Any last minute business
It was suggested that the February board meeting be moved to late March. It was approved. We will begin that next year, if possible.

3:15 Adjournment

CHAPTER REPORTS

CHAMP hosted a fall mini-conference entitled Computational Thinking in Mathematics Education with Lisa Floyd and Brian Aspinall as guest speakers. A range of educators and student teachers were in attendance and plans for next year's mini conference are already underway.
The CHAMP executive is planning for OMO 2017 locally, and using this time to look ahead to OMO 2018 by consulting with past organizers and planners, and scouting possible venues. CHAMP hopes to use the local competition this year as small-scale planning for next year's big event.

COMA has been going strong with 173 members to date. We are happy to confirm hosting the Annual OAME conference in May 2019, chaired by Marian Small. We are holding our annual local Math Olympics for grade 7&8 students on Sat April 1st and adding for the second year in a row the ever so popular Junior Math Olympics on Sat April 8th for gr 5 & 6 students. On the 1st we will also be having our mini conference at the COMO site that teachers and coaches can attend. Finally, we are looking forward to attending OAME 2017 in our neighbouring Kingston!

GOLDEN: After a very successful Fall Social, we are looking forward to our Spring Mini-Conference to be held April 19 at Brock University. It will be an evening event that will include 2 workshops and an option for dinner.
Also in April, we will be hosting our OMO Math Olympiad will be held April 12 at Club Roma in St. Catharines. This has been a growing success, with more schools represented every year. Students have a great day, including lunch and great math problems. We hope that the number of schools who sign up will continue to grow.

ISOMA had their annual conference "Triangulation in Action" on Thursday, January 12th at Holy Trinity School in Richmond Hill. Twenty five sessions were given from amongst the nearly 100 participants (along with an excellent dinner capped by OAME swag door prizes).
ISOMA teacher Ruth Eichholtz from the York School presented her research at the Fields Institute's Mathematics Education Forum on Saturday, January 28th; she discussed the effect of an extracurricular geometry problem solving club on progress in Grade 10 mathematics achievement.
Schools are also gearing up for the ISOMA Math Olympics, to be held on Saturday, April 8th at the University of Toronto Schools.

MAC2 held its annual autumn miniconference which featured Dr Gianna Helling who discussed how we can use technology to enhance students' attitudes and understanding of math. This miniconference was electronically teleconferenced from three locations Barrie, Orillia and Bracebridge and was very well attended and enjoyed by all. We continue to experiment with different technologies for holding e-conferences and spent one meeting learning how to use "Google hangout." We have started our Book study, which is held, at our monthly meetings. Our study is on the book, "Number Sense Routines", written by Jessica F. Shumway. Also most recently we had a most edifying presentation by Dr. Ruth Beatty who shared her knowledge on indigenous ways of knowing and Western mathematics.

NOMA is committed to supporting the principles outlined in the Ontario First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Lisa Lunney Borden will be our keynote speaker at our 2017 Leadership Day and Mini-Conference which will be hosted at Laurentian University in Sudbury on March 24th, and March 25th, 2017. This Leadership Day and Mini-Conference will focus on closing the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students in numeracy.

NWOAME has been busy organizing and hosting "Math Nights". We have invited all educators to the events with the hope of recruiting new members. We start each night with a brief OAME/NWOAME presentation, highlighting the benefits of membership.
Dr. Egan Chernoff visited Thunder Bay in October and discussed the political and media issues surrounding "new math". There were approximately 40 people in attendance. We had the everyone complete a short survey (offered prizes if they completed it) to determine if there was interest for more of these types of events. The response was

yes! So, we planned another evening on February 21st . This event is featuring Tom Boland (past NWOAME chapter rep), who will be speaking about mindset and mathematics.
The planning for our 2017 Math Olympics has also begun. We will be hosting our regional contest on April 22, 2017. We will again be including a non-competitive Grade 6 division.

QSLMA members have been busy preparing for the upcoming OAME annual conference. Although we were busy, we ran our mini-conference in Kingston. This year we were located at Loyalist Collegiate and Vocational Institute. Shelley Yearly, our keynote speaker, discussed current work on fraction learning pathways and developing mathematical thinkers. Following the keynote, chilli was available to eat during the different breakout sessions.

SAME is excited to once again offer two great opportunities for intermediate students. The Scarborough Individual Math Challenge (SIMC) will be held on Wednesday, March 1st, 2017 and the Scarborough Math Olympics will take place on Thursday, April 6th, 2017. Top performing students in all categories will be invited to train for the Ontario Math Olympics in June.

WOMA is in the planning stages for an upcoming spring mini conference.

OTHER REPORTS:

Ad-Hoc Conference Committee Report: Overall Trend & Recommendations

- For the most part, the conference works but there is room for improvement. We need to consider what is the OAME conference? It is the sum of unique parts where the sum is greater than the collection of the individual pieces. It creates an experience for the delegate and presenter that in its whole is unique (especially when comparing it to other conferences). But someone needs to organize all of these individual pieces and make sure that they all connect to create that unique experience. And so you get this tension - how do you balance the uniqueness of our conference (what makes OAME - OAME!) with the incredible amount of work needed to carry it off especially when some of those pieces don't seem to be as relevant today as they were in the past. We need to ask what things are those **key defining features of the conference** and what are those extra features that while adding to the overall experience would not diminish the OAME conference experience if they were absent. The ideal outcome for the organization (from the executive level to the individual member) is to know that the conference is designed in such a way to make the organization and execution as easy as it can possibly be and at the same time still provide an exceptional conference experience.
- Communication is key (between conferences; within conference planning committee; between organizers and delegates/presenters) Especially when not meeting as frequently face-to-face
- There needs to be MCIS Training & conference session for key committees such as program, exhibits and finance.
- Conference planning committee needs to look at the conference planner and understand that it is not set in stone - perhaps there is a better way to do things.
- We are good at passing on best practices but need to improve on dealing with perennial problems (MCIS training, planning session proposal form, MCIS duplicate numbers, . . .)
- The conference chairs meeting helps but for some committees it comes too late.
- Get PD alignment for OAME 2018 - someone to contact Ministry of Education (Trish)
- Sharing conference planner in Google Sheets was helpful.
- Shift from speaker gift to donating to charities
- Co-presenters: at most one co-presenter. We need to be clear about who gets free registration. We need one person who is familiar with everything to check for such things. We need to be consistent from year to year about who gets free registration.
- Issue around products at OAME: Tone set in 2014 - in order to present, exhibitors should have a table.

Big Questions - "Beyond 2018"

- Saturday sessions: Most delegates are not attending Saturday. Not a positive experience for presenters. Diminishes conference experience. How many days should the conference be?
- Location: Should we have a rotation of permanent sites? Would this address the issue of having a Chapter step up?
- Is a conference bag something that needs to be included year to year?
- Should sessions be open or registered?

*** Program (key)**

- MCIS issues* (e.g., session speaker proposal form in 2015): make sure the form is correct the first time (e.g., duration of session is indicated, single or double) and duplicate MCIS numbers. Delegates should use email rather than MCIS #. If we stay with MCIS, it is time to get rid of MCIS numbers.

- What are the pros and cons of registering for sessions in advance of open enrolment? This would make registration easier for attendees & organizers. For presenters: advantage knowing how many people are attending and the experience of getting to know the audience - sending emails in advance and afterward. Advantage for attendees knowing that they are registered in the sessions they want. Delegates need to book early.

eConference

- Is the eConference going to be continued?
  - Pros: Opens it up to people who are unable to attend (equity)
  - Cons:challenge / unanticipated financial commitments
- Recommendations:
  - We should continue, perhaps with a Board Committee in charge of eConference, knowing technical demands.
  - Perhaps get rid of the exclusion zone. Open to people outside 100 km first and then to those inside.
  - We need to be clear about who the audience is with a clear registration process.
  - Attendance to how it is streamed.
  - Perhaps we could increase the cost to accommodate. Some people may attend simply because it is cheaper.
  - Use text messaging to allow remote sites to communicate technical issues (2016)

Conference website, MCIS & Mobile Apps

- Should be a way to integrate MCIS with the conference app (e.g., issue with presenters cancelling sessions and changes not being made to the app)
- Create how to MCIS videos (2016

Registration

- Incentive for registering early.
- Should be credit card only (no cheques).
- Overlap with MCIS issues above: registering under different numbers
- Use one printer only
- Looping lanyard over the bag
- Handling the Day 1 crush is critical - come up with creative ways to handle registration as quickly as possible (encourage early pickup of packages; pick up bags in separate location; problems issues or walk ins in separate area)

Finance

- Look at the registration rate we are charging - amended budget for a minimum of 1000 (more likely 1200) people

Facilities

- Using iPads for Facilities
- Continue with bag of resources (e.g., tape, phone numbers) for committee members
- Issue dealing with parking on first day - delegates not bringing parking pass
- Need to have a great relationship with Humber
- Post one committee member at registration/command center to communicate requests
- Have a retired person on the committee - this is key
- Free wifi
- We need to be firm that presenters should bring their own materials (e.g., post-it notes)
- Facilities get tech requests - should there be a sub-committee “Technology Committee” to troubleshoot technology issues or is this a service we contract with the venue? It may be better to have a cell number for on-site people to deal with Technology issues.
- BIG area for exhibitors - ideally one large spot with overnight storage available
- Orientation maps FOR EVERYONE!

Hospitality

- Banquet: Moving attendance to Thursday - attendance was better than past years but the venue may have influenced this. Blending past-president lunch.
- Wine and cheese: Vendors like this but is this really worth it? It is really important for exhibitors. In 2016, everyone could come to the wine and cheese.
  - Recommendation: Make it easier on Hospitality by removing registration piece.
- Do we need to plan social events?

Exhibits:

- Keep major exhibitors (John Kearns) happy
- Have a security guard to protect exhibits over night
- When should they have lunch if they can’t leave their booths?

Student Volunteers

- Conference planner needs to be amended: We need a clear protocol for how many volunteers are needed and what they need to do in advance. The conference planner should indicate how many volunteers are needed (e.g., Facilities

needs 20 volunteers Day for parking). This should be tasked to past Co-Chair. We can use text (Remind app; What's App app).
- Problem with getting the right volunteers.
- Having one group for the entire conference helps.
  - Teacher candidates are better than students but they are less reliable, changing their minds close to the conference date
  - It is better to have one high school do two days than two high schools, one day each. We also need a teacher on site with student volunteers.

Promotions
- Regular use of social media communications
- Do we need delegate bags?
  - Pros: it becomes a souvenir
  - Cons: a lot of work, revenue generator, slows registration
- Recommendation: Instead of giving out bags at the registration desk, exhibitors can give out bags (or give out bags at Exhibitors) and swag in the Exhibitors area. This gives delegates a reason to visit Exhibits. This allows participants an opportunity to choose what they will use in their classrooms.
- Plan "Special Projects" (e.g., Math Mystery Tour, KenKen Tournament, Flash Mob around Keynote Feature) to promote conference

Finance
- Need to have frequent communication between chairs - registration, exhibits, facilities and co-chairs
- Need to have minimum of 2 people.
- Like what 2016 did with receipts - scanning and posting copies of receipts for each committee in a Google folder to help track spending

NCTM:

" . . . another issue drawing attention from NCTM is homework. Matt Larson, the NCTM president, wrote an article on the NCTM's position on homework and I included much of it in my column."
You can read the full NCTM report in the March 2017 *Ontario Mathematics Gazette*.

Report from the Fields Institute (Judy Mendaglio)
There have been several changes to the ongoing work and structure of the mathematics education groups at the Fields Institute.

MathEd Forum, still going after all these years

The MathEd Forum has been meeting for about 20 years. The MathEd Forum holds monthly meetings during the academic year, usually at the Fields Institute in Toronto. The Forum brings together participants from elementary schools, high schools, school boards, faculties of education, mathematics departments in universities and colleges, the Ministry of Education, and the private sector to discuss current research, new ideas methodologies, and diverse perspectives about issues of mathematics education at all levels. The emphasis is on education in the province of Ontario. The meetings are open to the public. Preregistration is required to ensure there is adequate refreshment and that funding reporting is accurate.
The MathEd Forum meetings are live streamed at http://www.fields.utoronto.ca/live. The live streaming is intended to provide an opportunity for those who are interested in the talks but unable to attend the meetings to view the speakers' presentations. Recordings of many of the talks are archived at http://www.fields.utoronto.ca/video-archive.
Fields Live should be considered as an opportunity for Chapters to offer professional learning opportunities in their regions to groups of interested individuals.

Centre for Mathematics Education (CME)

In response to a restructuring of the Fields Institute, the MathEd Forum is now one activity within a newly formed Centre for Mathematics Education. There are no regularly scheduled meetings for the CME.
The CME is devoted to transformative research in mathematics education and, by extension, STEM education. Membership is composed of international faculty and researchers, teachers and school board members, representatives from the Ministry of Education, industry, media and the general public.

Math Knowledge Network (MKN)

The Math Knowledge Network , which is a group within the CME umbrella, has just been established through MoE/KNAER funding. The MKN will provide opportunities for collaboration, particularly around Ministry directions such as the Renewed Math Strategy (RMS) and evidence- and practice-based knowledge, largely through the establishment of communities of practice (CoP). http://mkn-rcm.ca/

COMMITTEE MINUTES:

CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES

Present: Lynda Ferneyhough, ED; Greg Clarke, OAME Webmaster; Amanda Laxton,CHAMP; Melissa Black, COMA; Liisa Suurtamm, GOLDEN; Andrew Skelton, GVMA; Cal Armstrong, ISOMA; Paulene Washington, MAC2; Denise Filipovic NOMA; Corrine Russell-Pritoula, NWOAME; Jennifer Clark, PRMA; Kathy Pilon, QSLMA; Freda Liu, SAME; Christine Sasso, SWOAME; Bart van Slack / Alvarine Aldridge, TEAMS; Katelyn Beecroft, WOMA

Absent/Regrets: Chi Hang, Y4MA

1. Admin Notes - Lynda

   - Math4theNines.ca project is pretty much completed. Gr 9 applied math collaborative research project – two years – in conjunction with CODE / OMCA / Min of Ed. Summer Institute held in 2016. Seven workshops in a bag created, and available on website – including video. Free for use! As an added bonus, each chapter can request ONE of these workshops to be delivered free of charge to your chapter members, and a presenter will be provided for you. Deadline will likely be August 2018. Could be a mini-conference, chapter meeting, whatever is requested.
   - Adobe connect 3 part series coming up (March 30th /April/May) on the 5 practices – available for any OAME members (free)

2. Chapter Notes – updates and sharing

CHAMP – had fall miniconf –Lisa Floyd & Brian Aspinall – Computational Thinking for Math Educator. Prepping for OMO, hoping it will be a template for hosting OMO 2018

COMA – instead of traditional miniconf, rolling a forum into local OMO event – for teachers who are "sitting around" anyways. Also doing a Junior math Olympics on a separate weekend for gr 5 and 6 students. Linda Lofaro running this (former OMO2015 co-chair). Asking for volunteers to run another provincial OMO. Doing a spring miniconf. Good number of members …Looking forward to OAME2019 – Marian Small chair / Melissa Black assistant chair - Ottawa U – theme: "All In!"

GOLDEN – fall social. Planning miniconf at Brock (Apr 19th). OMO playdowns Apr 12th Have one of two boards still on work to rule – might be an issue! Not a board-run event, might be able to get around it

GVMA – Fall min conf – Nov 3rd – well attended over 100 people – is looking into trying to get organized to participate in OMO hopefully next year

ISOMA – miniconf in January, Richmond Hill, planning for local OMO – UTS schools won in past few years (mixed gender)

MAC2 – fall miniconf – 3 locations – using Google Hangouts or Adobe Connect – Book Study: "Number Sense Routines" by Jessica F. Shumway – will carry through next few meetings. Ruth Beatty spoke about "Indigenous ways of knowing mathematics". Also host a Junior Math Olympics, as well as Gr 7/8

NOMA – leadership and miniconf in March @ Laurentian – invited Lisa Lunney Borden, Friday night presentation and wshops on Saturday.

NWOAME – did math night in fall, did survey after – wanted more of this – Tom Boland special guest speaker for Feb mtg. Math Olympics running!

PRMA – Still in re-building phase. (Does gr 3&4, 5&6 and 7&8 math contests.) Fall social with Kyle Pearce! Hoping for 15 got 33 – recruited some who are willing to help with 2020

QSLMA – Fall mini despite running OAME 2017 (Shelley Yearley). Some 2017 sessions are already full!

SAME – planning local OMO playdowns. Also do individual contests – for students who want to participate, but don't have a school team. Done via moodle. Looking at dates for teacher PD, considering wshop in a bag.

QUESTION: Why is SAME (meaning the OMO) gendered, why is there not a non-binary gendered option? Much discussion about this – understand the importance of this issue – will pass this question onto the Outreach committee

SWOAME – Kyle Pearce very helpful – spreading the good news, encouraging memberships. Some communications difficulties with local leadership.
TEAMS – miniconf in fall, well attended. Hosting OMO 2017 – Earl Totten & Bart van Slack co-chairs. Forms will be sent to chapter reps. May 26 & 27 @ Humber College Lakeshore campus – Constructing Mathematical Understanding. Stay tuned. Costs are going up – sponsorship issues!
WOMA – planning spring mini
3. Reminder Requests
* Greg needs to remember that HE is supposed to come up with an agenda AND to send it out to chapter reps IN ADVANCE of said chapter rep meetings
* Kathy has requested a reminder about sending in chapter reports in advance of meetings (so they have a better chance of getting it in on time!)
* PLEASE check the OAME website to confirm your chapter's OMO Coordinators are accurate (on a regular basis – but especially now before OMO2017 team sends out their initial invites and packages)

COMMUNICATION

- Amy Lin will look at placing copyright information in the Gazette outlining usage of materials.
- Jack Lesage has offered to be Obituary Editor for future editions
- All future Obituaries will be forwarded to Executive Directors by the Editor to verify information or add any information needed

Web Master Report

- Updates are on going. Any links that you find are missing, please pass the information on to Greg.
- Adding link for Faculty of Ed members so that they are aware of faculty student log ins.
- Purchased New Server dedicated server to help alleviate any downtime that has been experienced due to the current shared server.
- Markus Wolski (assistant Web Master) is working with Greg to update and transfer OAME website to new server. This involves a great deal of work and time to complete.

- TVO (mPower) query - forwarding this query for non-GTA consultants to OMCA

CURRICULUM

In attendance (Sat. am):Jill Lazarus, Pauline Washington, Denise Filipovic, Corrine Russell-Pritoula,, Andrew Skelton, Katelyn Beecroft, Anne Yeager, Jung Choi-Perkins, Chi Hang, Judy Mendaglio, Liisa Suurtamm
Assessment Abby:
The committee considered the following ideas and drafted two new columns (moderated marking & using samples of student work):

- Lots of interest in linking to the assessment piece from the Math4theNines project.
- Discussed linking the column to resources available (ie. Math4thenines, eqao, ministry etc)
- Discussed destreaming in Grade 9 academic vs applied (a big focus right now in some schools) but decided that this may not be best for a column piece (e.g., politically, assessment focus)
- How do you mark a truly open response question or task?
- Moderated marking:
    - Our school/board is looking at teacher moderated marking. How could I benefit from this? Or, we are doing moderated marking. What is it? Why do we do it? Now what? What do we do with all of this data and how does it improve our teaching? Importance of it
    - Discussion about the value of the discrepancies of grading, looking critically at the questions we ask students (does the question elicit the mathematics we intended it to?)

- Using student solutions:
  - How do I foster valuable discussions with my students while looking at student work samples?
  - How can we use sample solutions (e.g., EQAO exemplars)?

Upcoming Assessment Abby Deadlines:
April 10th for the June issue
July 10th for the Fall issue

OUTREACH
Nominations for Awards:
Nominations were received for four categories. In two categories (Lifetime and Teacher - Elementary), only one nomination was submitted. Following deliberations, it was decided to give awards to Secondary Staff (2 individuals) and Secondary Teacher (1 person).
Two nominations were the exact same submissions as last year (same dates on letters, etc). Although this is an acceptable practice, we need to make it clear to nominees that re-submissions should be updated with more current information. In the case of the elementary teacher, specific things were recommended to her nominee in last year's letter that were not addressed when the nomination was re-submitted for this year. This process needs to be cleared up for future years.
A subcommittee was struck to re-format the nomination forms, designing them as "fillable PDF" forms based on the criteria as well as the rubrics. These will be completed by the June meeting and shared at that time.
Awards Promotions:
The 2017 award winners will be recognized and receive their awards at the Thursday evening session for OAME 2017. The 2017 team will be including pictures and bios of the award winners, as well as general promo info about the awards, in a "PowerPoint" show preceding the beginning of the Thursday evening talk by Dan Meyer.
It was suggested that the OAME table in the exhibit area have information about the awards for handout; possibly even a poster of this year's award winners accompanied by a list of previous award winners. No one on the committee stepped up to offer to make this, so its production is in limbo.
OAME events calendar:
OMO - 2017 = TEAMS, 2018 = CHAMP; 2019 = COMA (yet to be ratified by COMA)
OAME Annual Conference: 2017 = QSLMA, 2018 = (Board), 2019 = COMA; 2020 = PRME/SAME

SPaRC

A) Critical Paths

- As a follow-up to our conference call, Tim standardized the format for storing the critical paths
- Fred is updating these files from information he has
- Next step: Exec reads the path for their role at Exec meeting (April)
- Any edits from the exec are received before June meeting
- At the June meeting committees peruse and give edits for their paths
- Final CP documents ready for the end of the OAME year and in place for October Board meeting

B) Do Nominators for Board positions need to be a member of OAME?

- Discussion by committee
- Motion below submitted to board on Friday night. Both changes in yellow were passed by the board.
- For this year Tim will modify the nominations form and pass on to next past president
- Committee of the Whole was asked to think about the second bullet below and report back to SPaRC.

- Many issues were raised during feedback

MOTION presented and Yellow changes passed

Moved by Bill Otto, seconded by Tim Sibbald that the wording for Terms of Reference section 4.6.2 be modified as shown in yellow.

Function

- Solicit nominations for candidates for the positions of President-Elect, Vice Presidents and Directors through the last two issues of the Gazette in the calendar year. Nominees and Nominators must be members in good standing of OAME/AOEM.
- Except for the President-Elect and President whose time expired at the end of the current OAME/AOEM year, members of the Board who wish to run in the next election may do so without nomination by signifying to the chair their intentions by the January Executive Meeting and by submitting a completed form including appropriate vitae.
- Receive nominations from OAME/AOEM members for all elected positions up to the January Executive Meeting, on which date nominations shall be closed.

C) Redirect from SPaRC to Committee of the Whole

Saturday morning SPaRC redirected the discussion by asking groups to consider two questions:

- Should the Past President be allowed to run for a position on the executive in the year immediately following their term as Past President?
- Should we limit the number of consecutive terms a member can serve as Vice President?

Feedback on these items was inconclusive. A variety of scenarios were presented and discussed. SPaRC will revisit these points at their next meeting to establish next steps.