

SOCAMATYC Executive Board Meeting

10/25/13 – Greenville Technical College

- The meeting was called to order at 4:32pm by President Frank Monterisi (Trident Tech).
- Present at the meeting in addition to Frank; Vice-President Hala Nestberg (Greenville Tech), Secretary Pam Monterisi (Spartanburg Community), Treasurer Robert Walker (Greenville Tech), & Past-President Willie Bryant (Williamsburg Tech). No officers were absent, and no officers had a proxy.
- The date for the 2014 Annual Spring Conference will be Saturday, March 29th at the Belton Campus of Greenville Technical College. The cost will be \$10 per person, which will include lunch and one year membership extension/renewal.
- Frank opened the meeting explaining that one of the objectives of the meeting is to have a 'gathering of the minds' to discuss some noteworthy disparities on the results of his surveys conducted earlier in the semester. The main focus of those surveys was to get an understanding as to where each Community/Technical College in South Carolina stood on the teaching and assessment of the Minimum Exit Competencies for MAT 101/152 and MAT 102/153. Calculator usage was also asked.

Since Trident Tech, along with other community and technical colleges have either been exploring the idea or are in the process of redesigning those courses, all Executive Board members were in agreement that a collaboration with others from each of the SC community/technical colleges, would be a valuable resource.

The Spring Conference will be a MAT 101 & MAT 102 summit of sorts, discussing those two courses in great detail with focus on the following:

- Results of the Surveys
- Placement Test Scores
- Creating Fluidity from MAT 032 → MAT 101 → MAT 102
- Consistency in topics being taught and tested on Final Exams
- Prerequisite skills for MAT 120 & MAT 109/110
- Calculator usage
- Comparison of Course Outlines

Book reps from different companies will also be invited, and will be asked to set up booths, with a focus on those two courses. No presentation by book reps will be occurring.

Tentative timing of the conference will be from 9:00am – 2:00pm, but more details will follow in the coming weeks/months.

The goal is to have at least one representative from each community/technical college be present at the meeting.

- AMATYC is currently working on a task force that will help them develop a proposal to be discussed at the Convention in Anaheim, CA this year. Jane Tanner, the Northeast VP is chairing the task force. Four questions will be discussed at the meeting of this task force at the convention, and the executive board's (SOCAMATYC) responses to the questions are listed below.
 - If your state is adjacent to another region, how would it be to your advantage to be part of another region?
 - SOCAMATYC would like to remain autonomous rather than join with another region/organization. We are in the process of growing and becoming stronger in our own identity and need to focus on our own issues important to the 16 SC Technical Schools.
 - To what extent is your affiliate's meeting successfulness tied to meeting jointly or overlapping with any other meeting?
 - SOCAMATYC has moved away from meeting jointly with organizations such as SCCTM and the MAA because we felt that there is not enough reciprocation when working together. We feel that more can be accomplished for our own issues, just meeting on our own.
 - Is it important for an AMATYC representative be present at your affiliate meeting?
 - SOCAMATYC feels it very important to have an AMATYC representative attend an Annual Conference. We appreciated Annette attending ours earlier this year, and have already invited her to attend in 2014.
 - In any year a regional VP does not attend your affiliate meeting, what other service/resource could AMATYC provide that might be just as helpful?
 - If a representative is not able to attend, we would appreciate AMATYC sharing contact information and any state information with us. We would appreciate information and training to produce webinars.
- The meeting concluded at 6:27pm