

ASSOCIATION OF MATHEMATICS TEACHER EDUCATORS OF ALABAMA
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2009
MINUTES

The annual Business Meeting of the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators of Alabama was held on October 16, 2009 during the Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics Fall Forum at Auburn University Montgomery. The meeting was called to order by Gary Martin, President.

Jeremy Zelkowski presented a report from the Nominations Committee for officers for 2009-2011. These included:

President-elect: Jim Gleason, University of Alabama
(This position to be filled during the second election.)

Secretary: Sarah Patrick, Troy University, Dothan Campus
(This position was filled for one year at the first election. Eligible to be re-elected for a full two year term during the second election.)

Members-at-Large: John Boncek, Troy University, Montgomery Campus
(This position was filled for one year at the first election. Eligible to be re-elected for a full two year term during the second election.)

Tommy Smith, University of Alabama Birmingham
(This position was filled for one year at the first election. Eligible to be re-elected for a full two year term during the second election.)

Calli Holaway, University of Alabama
(This position was filled for one year at the first election. The incumbent was nominated for another position, so this was open for a new member-at-large for a full two year term.)

Dues of \$5 each were collected from those at the meeting in order to pay affiliate dues to AMTEA.

Tommy Smith and Jeremy Zelkowski brought to the group's attention the need to stand up for quality in our mathematics teacher educator programs, given current efforts by the State Department of Education to seemingly water down the requirements. These efforts include allowing Praxis scores to substitute for coursework, and allowing new routes to alternative certification. Apparently decisions were made by the SDE without consulting experts in the field of mathematics teacher education. After much discussion, it was suggested that AMTEA send a letter to the SDE indicating that we are available and would like to take part in discussions regarding issues affecting education of mathematics teachers. These concerns would be addressed to the SDE through Tod Beers. The meeting was adjourned.