

2024 AMTEA Annual Business Meeting

Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators of Alabama (AMTEA)

Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2024
Virtual 2:00pm – 4:30pm

I. Welcome

The AMTEA business meeting was called to order on May 7, 2024, via Zoom by Marilyn Strutchens, President.

II. Attendance

The following members were present:

- Marilyn Strutchens
- Sarah Dyess
- Nicolette Nalu
- Sheila Ingram
- Megan Burton
- W. Gary Martin
- Angela T. Barlow
- Kelly Byrd
- Karen Anderson
- Lizzy Harkey
- Cathy Jones
- Kathy Clark
- Christopher Parrish
- Carol Tarpley
- Taajah Witherspoon
- Martha Makowski
- Jim Gleason
- Jeremy Zelkowski
- Kyoko Johns
- Laura Erin Watley
- Calvin Briggs (Calvin's Fathom Notetaker)
- Taunya Nesin
- Leslie Richards
- Kaitlyn May

III. Approval of Agenda

- a. Cathy Jones moves. Nicolette Nalu seconds.
- b. All in favor of motion to approve agenda. Ayes carry.

IV. Minutes from the last meeting

- a. Nicolette Nalu moves. Gary Martin seconds.

- b. All in favor of motion to approve minutes. Ayes carry.

V. Report from Treasurer

- a. March 1, 2024 - \$569 balance
- b. Membership dues can be paid to Jeremy Zelkowski, jzelkowski@ua.edu.

VI. Discussion Topics for Today

- a. Numeracy Act Update (Dr. Karen Anderson & Dr. Megan Burton)
 - i. AMTEA Numeracy Act Overview (Slide deck will be emailed)
 - ii. Next steps
 - 1. Share standards and course content for coaching endorsement (May 9th working meeting)
 - 2. Possible RFP for vendor to create Foundations of Mathematics Assessment
 - iii. Questions/Comments
 - 1. Reminder to support K-5 teachers as they implement another assessment and to help them use the data in meaningful ways.
 - 2. Recommendation to consider AMTE's draft [*Guidelines for Preparing and Supporting Elementary Mathematics Specialists*](#).
 - 3. Clarified that the four courses for the mathematics specialist could be an endorsement or embedded into a master's degree.
 - 4. Voiced concern that AMTE standards were not utilized during the K-5 standards development and that representation from AMTEA is missing on the post-secondary task force.
 - 5. HBCUs would also like to be included in this committee work.
 - 6. Noted math department faculty were not included in post-secondary team due to law.
 - 7. Voiced curiosity in seeing the standards and thinking about how to enact those within our own specific context/institution.
 - 8. Need to collaborate with community colleges.
 - 9. Concerns regarding timeline and what students entering colleges/programs will need and time to enact the changes.
 - 10. An invitation will be sent out to the AMTEA email list for interested members who would like to join committee meetings as a guest.
- b. Taunya Nesin, Ed.D., Director of STEM Networking and Partnerships (WestEd) and Dr. Kaitlyn May from Accelerate Learning
 - i. Math Nation study
 - ii. [WestEd K-5 Math Program Study Intake Form](#)
 - iii. Contact information:
 - 1. Kaitlyn May, Accelerate Learning, kmay@acceleratelearning.com;
 - 2. Taunya Nesin, WestEd, tnesin@wested.org

VII. [AMTEA Annual Calendar](#)

- a. Proposed a Board of Directors meeting in August.

- i. Virtual meeting, August 13, 2024, at 10:00am
 - ii. Goal: Plan ACTM session (Lunch + hour before or after)
- b. Proposed dates for annual virtual professional learning from a guest speaker in May and/or August.
 - i. No August meeting.
 - ii. Maybe a Special Meeting focused on Numeracy Standards.
 - 1. Discussed timeline of the standards
 - 2. Volunteers plan to review and submit feedback from AMTEA.
- c. AMTE has a quarterly online publication which includes an Affiliate Corner. What would we like to communicate for AMTEA in each of these publications?
 - i. Winter 2023 (December - February)
 - ii. Spring 2024 (March - May)
 - iii. Summer 2024 (June - August)
 - iv. Fall 2024 (September - November)
 - 1. Connections Newsletter due May 15.
 - 2. Discussed submitting a brief summary with our Zoom photograph.

VIII. Council of Mathematical Sciences Organization in Alabama (CMSOA) Updates

- a. We need to make another push for organizations to join the Council.
- b. We will send out a message in the next couple of days.
- c. We have funding to hold a convening in September or October to move forward with the Council.
- d. We also have funding to create a website.

IX. AMSTI-ALSDE Updates

- a. Dennis Engle (AMSTI director) and Tod Beers (Math Coordinator) have retired. Interviews for the AMSTI Director are being held in the coming weeks, and a new Director is expected to be in place this summer.
- b. Keri Richburg has been promoted to the 6-12 Math Administrator position.
- c. Jennifer Harden has been hired as the 3-5 Math Specialist for AMSTI-ALSDE, and we will post the 6-8 specialist position in June.
- d. K-12 Math Train the Trainer sessions with 150 Math teachers from across the state
- e. We have several positions open across the state and are hiring additional specialists to continue supporting building-based Math Coaches.

X. MTEP 2.0 Updates

- a. Goal: To build a network of secondary mathematics teacher preparation programs (some groups work K-12 or math & science depending on their design)
- b. Based on Networked Improvement Community (NIC) Design
- c. Teams in Alabama
 - i. Central Alabama Mathematics Teacher Education Partnership (CAMTEP) includes Auburn University, Tuskegee University, Alabama State, Alabama A&M, and others.
 - ii. The University of Alabama

- iii. The University of Alabama in Huntsville (in preparation)
- d. Website — <https://mtep.info>
- e. Boot camp — <https://mtep.info/bootcamp>
- f. Newsletter — <https://mtep.info/newsletter>

XI. ACTM Announcements

- a. Other Announcements
 - i. Posting on different social media outlets (Facebook) and membership drawings.
 - ii. Encourage preservice scholarships since there were no spring applications.
 - iii. AMTEA meeting will be at ACTM.
- b. ACTM Teacher grants
- c. **2024 Fall Forum, November 14-15, Oxford, AL**
 - i. Proposals will undergo more of a peer review process this year.
 - ii. Encourage Future Teachers of Alabama students to attend.

XII. AMTEA Elections

- a. Megan Burton moves accept the slate of purposed officers. Nicolette Nalu seconds.
 - i. Treasurer - Jeremy Zelkowski, University of Alabama, 2024-2026
 - ii. Past-President – Nicolette Nalu, AMSTI-University of Montevallo, 2024-2025
 - iii. Member-at-Large – Johanna Massey, Alabama A&M University, 2024-2026
 - iv. Member-at-Large – Angela Barlow, University of South Alabama, 2024-2026
- b. All in favor of motion to approve slate of purposed officers. Ayes carry.

XIII. Announcements from Other Member/Organizations

- a. Sarah Dyess asked members to support her research by sharing her team's survey on beliefs about mathematics teaching and learning with educators (e.g., preservice, inservice, all subject, all grade level, teacher educators, administrators, coaches) - https://scu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_89bEcE0yhGh2Jg.
- b. Angela Barlow shared NCTM's MTLT journal needs manuscripts.

XIV. Adjourn promptly at 4:30