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Notes from the President

Bruce Wahl

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As I write this article, I am about to fly off for the weekend to my home state of Minnesota. The predicted high one day this week is -14°F. Yes, you read that right. So, at least you aren't in Minnesota! I think I will use this fact in one of my word problems for a MTH 154 class this spring...



Our four VMATYC Regional Conferences will be held this spring. See below in the newsletter for each of the initial plans for the regions.

Later this spring, we will be holding elections for the Executive Board of VMATYC. You will receive a couple of emails about that this spring. In order to vote, you must be a paid member. Many memberships expired as of January 1, so you can renew at www.vmatyc.org. You may check your membership status on the membership link in the Mathematics (VMATYC) and Computer Science Peer Group Blackboard site listed under your organizations in Blackboard. Please read more about the elections below. The new board members will start their duties after the General Business Meeting we hold in Fall 2019 at John Tyler (November 1-2).

Bruce Wahl

2019 VMATYC Conference Information

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**You are invited to the 2019 VMATYC Conference at
John Tyler's Midlothian Campus**

November 1-2, 2019



The Fall 2019 VMATYC Conference will be held on the Midlothian campus of John Tyler Community College on Friday, November 1 and Saturday, November 2, 2019. We are currently working on the details for the conference, so look for additional information in the spring including presentation proposals, registration, and hotel information. Please consider presenting, conducting a workshop, or hosting a roundtable. This is a great opportunity to engage and collaborate with colleagues from across the state and I look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

Remember that the 2019 fall conference will be hosted by VMATYC with no support from the VCCS. Please plan ahead to request travel funds from your college.

If you have any ideas for the conference, please share those with Wes Crumpler, the conference chair, at rcrumpler@tcc.edu, or Marian Swift, the host-site coordinator, at mswift@jtcc.edu.

Treasurer's Report

Sherry Vaughan

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As of January 11, 2019, VMATYC has total assets of \$41,669.71

\$18,865.64 in checking
\$9,388.32 in savings
\$13,415.75 in the Scholarship Fund.

Membership Report

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As of January 10, 2019 VMATYC has 40 members. By Region, the membership distribution is:

Central:	5 members
Eastern:	14 members
Northern:	16 members
Western:	3 members
Other:	1 members

2018 VCCS STEM Conference Report

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The VCCS hosted the first STEM Peer Group Conference on Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27 2018 in Glen Allen, VA at the Virginia Crossings Hotel and Conference Center. There were approximately 380 attendees and 92 were from mathematics. The presentations covered a variety of topics in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics including additional talks from the VCCS on Canvas, Navigate, and Pathways.

The conference began Friday afternoon with a delightful buffet lunch provided by the VCCS. This was followed by the Keynote from Tim Merrill titled, *The New VCCS General Education Outcomes: Meeting Our Objectives*. Tim is an Associate Vice President of Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness at JSRCC. In July 2017, SCHEV approved a new policy on general education assessment and the VCCS is reviewing and revising its policies to comply. Tim described the process and provided an update on the key initiative. Following the keynote, attendees had a range of presentations to choose over four concurrent sessions. The evening concluded with colleagues getting together for dinner.

On Saturday morning, the VCCS provided a delicious buffet breakfast followed by a presentation from Patricia Parker titled, *Transfer Virginia: Making Transfer Work for Everyone*. Transfer Virginia embraces the need for seamless transfer and can have an incredible impact on our students experience by addressing course transfers, timeliness of transfer, and efficiency in credits earned. Afterwards, there were talks over three concurrent sessions to attend. Over the two days, attendees were treated to 78 fabulous presentations, from all disciplines, by the VCCS and faculty across the state.

The conference concluded with the annual VMATYC general business meeting where lunch was provided. An important note from the meeting included an appeal to continue the Developmental Math and Transfer working groups previously managed by Patricia Parker. Two members volunteered to take on that role. Also, voting for the 2019 – 2021 VMATYC Executive Board will begin early in the spring semester. Details of the election are in the newsletter. You must be a VMATYC member to vote. Membership can be renewed on the VMATYC website, www.vmatyc.org.

We would like to thank Nancy Harris, VCCS Programs Manager, and her team, the conference chairs, and the presenters for their contribution in making the first STEM Peer Group a success.



VMATYC Elections

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The election of the 2019- 2021 Executive Board will take place electronically beginning on April 19th and ending on April 30th. All current members as of April 1, 2019 will be eligible to vote and will receive a ballot.

The following is a slate of nominations for the 2019 – 2021 Executive Board:

President-elect – Theresa Thomas, Blue Ridge
Central Region VP – Christy Lowery-Carter, Southside
Eastern Region VP – Brian Burns, Tidewater
Northern Region VP – Ioannis Gkigkitzis, Northern Virginia
Matthew Westerhoff, Northern Virginia
Western Region VP – Jason Lachniet, Wytheville
Treasurer – Sherry Vaughan, Thomas Nelson
Membership Secretary – Michael Filsinger, Thomas Nelson
Recording Secretary – Xavier Retnam, Central Virginia
Affiliate Delegate – Cheryl Brindle, Lord Fairfax



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Non-elected Executive Board positions:

President – Wes Crumpler, Tidewater
Past-president – Bruce Wahl, Northern Virginia
Webmaster – Libby Watts, Tidewater

2018 AMATYC Conference Report

Libby Watts

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The 2018 AMATYC conference in Orlando, FL was held at the beautiful Coronado Springs Resort on Disney property. AMATYC did a terrific job with the planning and set of the conference. Guests could easily check in and print their name tags at the kiosks and directional signs were placed around on the floors of the hotel. Finding where you wanted to go and what you wanted to see was easy with the Guidebook app. The conference offered a wide variety of topics with something for everyone. The after the talks attendees could catch the Disney bus to one of the parks at a discounted rate.



The 2017 Delegate Assembly endorsed the philosophy and spirit of AMATYC IMPACT: Improving Mathematical Prowess and College Teaching and at this conference each attendee was given a copy of it. The [IMPACT document](#) can be downloaded from the AMATYC website. Additionally, the delegate assembly voted on their position statements for "fostering learning," "Addressing Factors Critical to Student Success," and "Best Practices in Employment of Adjunct Faculty." More information on these can all be found at <https://amatyc.site-ym.com/page/2018ConfProc>.

2019 AMATYC Conference Information

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The [2019 AMATYC conference](#) will be held in Milwaukee, WI at the Wisconsin Center. Applications to present are still being accepted until February, 1 2019. A block of rooms has been set aside for attendees and are available to reserve.



VMATYC Glenn Fox Scholarship Update

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The VMATYC Glen Fox Scholarship committee is pleased to announce that it has awarded the Spring 2019 scholarship to Jedidiah Keplinger from Blue Ridge Community College. Jedidiah is a current sophomore Computer Science major who plans to graduate this spring and transfer to James Madison University. At JMU, Jedidiah, intends to major in Computer Science and upon graduating work in the computer field.

However, Jedidiah, has found the love of teaching and tutoring his fellow students and intends to pursue a collegiate teaching career after working in the field and obtaining his Master's degree. Jedidiah was recommended for the scholarship by VMATYC member, Theresa Thomas. Theresa is an Assistant Professor at BRCC and currently serves as the Associate Dean and Math Department chair. Theresa writes,

“Jedidiah is still one of my most dedicated students. When he was in my courses he came prepared to class, had good questions, and participated in all class discussions and activities. Many Precalculus students are not straightforward, and it was evident that Jedidiah put a great deal of effort and time into learning the material. He is still one of my hardest working students. Even though Jed is not currently enrolled in any of my courses, he continues to sit outside my office and help students that are seeking help, on his own time. Therefore, my current students still benefit from his inquisitive style. In addition to being my future work-study, Jed is interested in becoming an embedded math tutor in all of BRCC's MTE courses once he transfers to JMU next fall.”

Jedidiah is an excellent representative of the VCCS students we serve. He entered his math curriculum in the MTE courses and found success as a Precalculus student.

Congratulations to Jedidiah, the VMATYC Executive Board wish him continued success as he strives towards his educational goals.

The Fox Scholarship fund relies on donations from generous members like you. Donations are made through the VMATYC website at <http://vmatyc.org/fox-scholarship/donate/>

Spring

Fall Regional Meetings

Since the VMATYC statewide conference now takes place in the fall, the regional meetings are being held in the spring. Please contact your regional Vice President if you have any questions or want to help with the spring meetings.

<u>Western</u>	<u>Northern</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Eastern</u>
Mountain Empire	Blue Ridge	Central Virginia	Eastern Shore
New River	Germananna	Dabney S Lancaster	J Sargent Reynolds
Southwest Virginia	Lord Fairfax	Danville	John Tyler
Virginia Highlands	Northern Virginia	Patrick Henry	Paul D Camp
Wytheville	Piedmont Virginia	Southside Virginia	Tidewater
		Virginia Western	Thomas Nelson
			Rappahannock

Western Region Spring Meeting – March 22, 2019

Vice President Jason Lachniet

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The Western Region meeting will be held at New River Community College in Dublin on Friday, March 22. Registration begins at 11:30 and the meeting and program will be from 12:00 to 3:00. Lunch will be provided and there is no cost to attend. Please consider giving a brief presentation or volunteering to lead a discussion. A registration form is available on the VMATYC website under the VMATYC Regions tab. If you have any questions, please contact Jason Lachniet at jlachniet@wcc.vccs.edu.

Northern Region Spring Meeting – March 30, 2019

Vice President Victoria Vetrano

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The northern regional meeting this spring will be hosted at Lord Fairfax Community College - Middletown Campus on March 30th, 2019, Saturday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please register at vmatyc.org. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Central Region Spring Meeting -- March 22, 2019

Vice President Christy Lowery-Carter

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The central region VMATYC meeting will be held Friday, March 22 from 9-1 at the Keysville Campus of Southside Virginia Community College in room 55.

Eastern Region Spring Meeting – March 29, 2019

Vice President Brian Burns

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The eastern region VMATYC meeting will be held Friday March 29 from 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM at the Chesapeake campus of Tidewater Community College. If you would like to make a presentation, please contact Dr. Brian Burns at burnsb@tncc.edu.

VMATYC Campus Contacts

In order to help facilitate communication, the following people have agreed to be the local contact for VMATYC at their school/campus. Please contact Matthew Watts at mwatts@tcc.edu if there are any corrections to this list.

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