

SIGMAA QL
Minutes of Business Meeting
January 7, 2008, 5:45 p.m.
Joint Mathematics Meetings, San Diego, CA

In attendance were at least 25 members of the SIGMAA QL, including the following officers: Maura Mast, Chair; Kimberly Vincent, Chair-Elect; Semra Kilic-Bahi, Secretary-Treasurer; Aaron Montgomery, Webmaster.

1. Chair Maura Mast called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.
2. Maura Mast announced that as of Feb 1, 08 Kimberly Vincent would be the next Chair of SIGMAA QL. She then thanked outgoing Past Chair Caren Diefenderfer for her service to the SIGMAA.
3. Maura Mast reported that our online election went well in **October**. Cinnamon Hillyard is voted as Chair-Elect and Aaron Montgomery is re-elected to serve as Webmaster.
4. Semra Kilic-Bahi moved that the minutes of the January 6, 2007, business meeting be approved. After it was seconded, the minutes were approved.
5. Maura Mast mentioned about QL events at the Joint Meeting 2008. She reminded participants about Contributed Paper Session entitled "ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING IN UNDERGRADUATE MATHEMATICS, organized by William Martin, North Dakota University
Bernard Madison, University of Arkansas
Kimberly Vincent, Washington State University
Maura Mast, University of Massachusetts-Boston
6. Chair Maura Mast also gave a review of SIGMAA-QL activities in 2007. She mentioned that National Numeracy Network (NNN) /SIGMAA-QL/ American Sociological Association, with support from the National Science Foundation, worked together for over a year (18 months) to plan for and organize a special program on quantitative literacy at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Association and the North Central Sociological Association. This special event included:
 - Pre-conference workshop - "*Models and Strategies for Quantitative Literacy Across the Sociology Curriculum*"
 - Contributed Paper Session- "*Teaching QL: Examples from Across the Disciplines*"
 - Keynote Speakers: Joel Best and Bernie Madison on "*Democracy and QL*" followed by network reception
 - Invited session: "*Assessment of QL in Sociology Courses and Related Fields*"
 - Workshop: "*Visual Representation of Data*",
 - Panel: "*Teaching Statistics for the Social Sciences: A Conversation Between Mathematics and Sociology*"

Maura Mast gave a review of SIGMAA QL activities at the 2007 Joint Meetings and MathFest 2007.

JMM 2007

PANEL: CURRENT PRACTICES IN QUANTITATIVE LITERACY: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVE, organized by **Maura B. Mast**, University of Massachusetts Boston.

This event was sponsored by SIGMAA-QL.

MATH FESTS 2007:

PANEL: QUANTITATIVE LITERACY, MATHEMATICS, AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Organized by KIRA HAMMAN

Chair Mast also announced some of the upcoming QL related events for summer 2008.

- A QL workshop entitled Writing with Numbers and co-organized by Colby-Sawyer College, Carleton College, and National Numeracy Network will be held on May 14-16, 08 at Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH.
- Northeast Consortium on Quantitative Literacy Conference, May 17, 08 at Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH.

She encouraged the members to submit articles to National Numeracy Network online journal.

7. Semra Kilic-Bahi gave the Treasurer's Report. She presented the SIGMAA QL's financial information, as of September 30, 2007. She reported that we received \$1340 in dues.

Expenses were:

Postage: \$29

Travel/Catering: \$881

Total Expenses: \$910

Revenues: \$1340

Net Assets: \$430

Balance from the previous years: \$4332

Total assets: \$4762

8. Semra Kilic-Bahi gave the Membership Report. She said that we have 242 members as of September 30, 2007.

9. Maura Mast mentioned that there have been good discussions on the listserv. She thanked Aaron Montgomery for a great job with the QL website, which lists QL events, among other things. She also reminded everyone that we had a paper newsletter this year as well as a postcard mailing.

10. The participants at the meeting brainstormed about ways we can promote QL. Some suggestions were: We need to

- reach K-12 educators, Community Colleges
- invite speakers to JMM from local businesses
- reach the local media where JMM is held
- organize meetings with other disciplines (such as environmental science and political science)
- write FOCUS articles

10. Maura Mast said that we are always looking for people to help us out – to help with sessions, to write for the newsletter, or to be an officer.
If anybody has any updated information to be included in the TIMELINE poster, they should send it Caren Diefenderfer, Hollins University.
12. The meeting was moved to adjourn, and it was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Semra Kilic-Bahi, Secretary-Treasurer