

NCTM AFFILIATE ANNUAL REPORT 2006-2007

1. What were your Affiliate's most outstanding accomplishments this year?

Our affiliate hosted a statewide meeting of mathematics teachers. The Joint Meeting of The Tennessee Mathematics Teachers' Association and the Mathematics Teachers of Tennessee Northwest was held at The University of Tennessee at Martin on September 22 & 23, 2006. This conference was a huge success with over 300 teachers, pre-service teachers, students, and parents in attendance.

2. What are your Affiliate's greatest strengths in pursuing its missions and goals?

Because of the statewide conference, we increased our membership to over 175 and now serve more teachers. One of our goals was to increase teacher participation in our organization.

The members of our organization have been working toward improving education for our students by participating in events sponsored by the Tennessee Mathematics Teachers Association Northwest. Since the joint meeting of TMTA and MT²nw, we have held two events.

MathMeet is an annual event that is held in Brownsville, a town that is in the southernmost part of our service area, so that we can diversify teacher and student participation. Eddie Keel, our past president, has been the program chair for several years and does an excellent job in attracting students in grades 6-12 to participate in this math contest. However, Eddie would not be able to put on this event without the assistance of the students in his very active math club as well as some of the local educators.

As in other years, local merchants and individuals in the Haywood County area donated plenty of food for the event. The students enjoyed the day – particularly the Jeopardy Contest during which each school cheers on its team.

After the Jeopardy Contest, an awards ceremony is always held that recognizes the top ten students in each contest as well as the winning Jeopardy team. MT²nw was able to provide prizes for all the first place winners in the contests. Thanks to Texas Instruments' generous donation, we awarded some students with a graphing calculator. Other winners received checks for \$20 from the organization.

The student tessellation poster contest is always held at MathMeet as well.

The second event was the Spring Meeting that was held at Jackson Christian School in Jackson on February 24, 2007. Fifty-eight teachers attended the all day meeting; this number is up significantly from our attendance in 2006. The fourteen sessions were well received by the participants. In addition, we had two vendors that set up displays. Door prizes were provided by four vendors.

The board is in the process of developing a mini-grant teachings application which will fund teacher projects to enhance education. The grants will be awarded on February 23, 2008.

3. What are your Affiliate's greatest challenges in pursuing its missions and goals?

One of our greatest challenges is that we do not have the teacher participation that we desire. Because we are located in a rural area that is so widespread, we hold our events in various regions in order to serve our members more effectively and attract teacher participation at one least of our events.

Another challenge that we face is engaging elementary teachers in our organization. Because elementary teachers have so many organizations from which to choose, they may not choose to become active in our affiliate.

4. Please list any political advocacy activities in which your Affiliate was involved during the past year.

There were none.

5. (For Student Affiliates only)

6. Required Attachments:

- a. A Listing of your Affiliate's meetings and activities for the past year;

The Joint Meeting of The Tennessee Mathematics Teachers' Association and the Mathematics Teachers of Tennessee Northwest was held at The University of Tennessee at Martin on September 22 & 23, 2006.

MathMeet was held at Haywood County High School on November 18, 2006.

The Spring Meeting that was held at Jackson Christian School in Jackson on February 24, 2007.

- b. A Listing of your Affiliate officers:

NCTM Representative: Patty Flowers
President: Theresa Rushing
Treasurer: Stephanie Kolitsch
Executive Secretary: Laura Luna
President Elect: Desiree' McCullough

- c. A listing of any events (including board meetings) that are scheduled for the coming year. Include dates, location, and a brief description of the activities.

The Fall Mathematics Workshop for teachers in grades kindergarten through college will be held at UTM in Martin, Tennessee on September 15, 2007. This is a day long workshop for teachers in grades kindergarten through college.

MathMeet will be on November 10, 2007 at Haywood High School in Brownsville, Tennessee. This event features a math contest for students in grades 6 – 12. School teams also participate in a game of Jeopardy. A student poster contest will also be held as a part of this event.

The Spring Meeting will be on February 23, 2008 at Jackson Christian School in Jackson, Tennessee. This is a day long workshop for teachers in kindergarten through college.

The dates and locations for scheduled board meetings are September 15, 2007 at UTM in Martin, TN, November 10, 2007 at Haywood High School in Brownsville, TN, and February 23, 2008 at Jackson Christian School in Jackson, TN. At least one other board meeting will be called in the either spring or summer.

- d. The affiliate's constitution – if it has been revised.

The constitution was not revised during this year.

Submitted by Theresa Rushing