Minutes: MESA officers meeting  
2/28/05, 7:45-8:45

present: Zelha, Ginger, Amy, Natasha;  
absent: Angel; Erin C, Erin B, Jessica;  
visitor: Dennis Hembree

I. Celebration of our 25 years as an NCTM affiliate (Dennis is here for this purpose)  
a. Dr. Jim Wilson thinks that MESA did not exist prior to this, so it’s also the 25th anniversary of MESA as an organization  
b. Zelha: Pat Wilson has offered her house for a celebration. Dennis thinks we should do something else because undergraduates would not come, perhaps because it’s at a professor’s house. Dennis was envisioning hitting up Nicholas for money and try to not spend much MESA money for a party.  
c. When to have a party? End of this year or beginning of next year?  
d. Ginger: Mix this in with the end-of-the-year celebration?  
e. Natasha: Prizes? Andy’s band? (Dennis reports that they paid them $200.)  
f. Zelha: How do we do this in terms of the budget?  
g. Ginger: $2300 right now.  
i. $500 for TME  
ii. $ for colloquium—don’t know how much yet (not more $1000)  
iii. student travel (at least $100 for Natasha)  
iv. $500-600 at least for a party, perhaps  
v. But Nicholas hopefully be able to find some money  
h. Envisioning the celebration like the one at the end of the year (Dennis):  
i. Dennis liked last year’s party at Tasty World: $750 for everything at Tasty World last year. (Maybe $250 to rent out TW, says Ginger.)  
ii. Invite any previous MESA members to come?  
iii. T-shirts—Natasha will ask Tom about designing the shirt  
v. Money ($1200?) on  
  1. Dinner  
  2. Band or dj  
  3. Space (room—TW)  
  4. T-shirts  
  5. Prizes? Games?  

II. Colloquium: Beatriz is planning to come, but has not communicated with Natasha at this point, yet.  
a. She may come Wed-Fri, colloquium on Friday → 2 nights of hotel expense  
b. Possible luncheon or dinner with her talk, or not. Could do a potluck afterwards, as we have done with Jo and Kgethi, or we could have a dinner for those who want to join her afterwards.  
c. Zelha will talk to Beatriz about coming, and Natasha will contact GA Center about luncheon pricing and her stay at the hotel.  
d. Note that faculty came (faculty are invited).  

III. Elections for officers for next year?
a. Email needs to be sent about nominations for new officers—make link to website; Amy will do this. Send to Amy by March 25th. Elections will happen in late April (after April 15th). Amy will email.
b. Dennis: We went to undergrad classes to make an appeal for what MESA was, to get undergrad reps.

IV. NCTM gift certificates that Pat got:
a. Last year: Dennis said that they bought the Hooten award winners gift certificates—had to take out of the offshore account b/c can’t use university funds to buy gift certificates.
b. Could give these certificates to the Hooten award winners, since it’s free already.

V. Colloquia in general: Natasha is concerned that people don’t come; we talk about why.
a. Busy lives, busy working.
b. Not a lot of new students—first years are perhaps most likely to attend colloquia.

VI. Gift certificates—what do we do with them?
a. One to Hooten Award winner, perhaps.
b. The other could perhaps go toward a book for MESA library.

VII. $600 for ISSN #, which is now okay. So the money has not been used. Ginger is going to find out if we can use the money from the dept to buy a mini-Mac.

VIII. Angel’s travel to NCTM? What is it going to cost? We don’t know yet. She is trying to figure this out right now—she has made a lot of money from book sales, perhaps about $1000, maybe $1200 from what Holly had leftover last year, says Ginger. Ginger says she doesn’t think it’s going to be a problem.

IX. Dean’s meeting on Friday, March 11, at 10:30 am. Zelha will talk to Denise about the meeting’s structure and Zelha will attend the meeting.

X. Natasha: community service:
a. For our Tsunami relief we raised $205 in 3 hours, and that money went to Red Cross.
b. We also had a food & clothing drive for Athens and we did well, says Natasha. The boxes are now in Natasha’s office.
c. Natasha will send out an email about the community service efforts this year and when they might resume, etc.

XI. Amy emailed Mary Ferris to change MESA’s url to the correct one on the NCTM website.

XII. Zelha wants to ask undergrads about social events, intramural sports, etc., and Habitat events
   a. Natasha will ask Jessica and other representatives about it via email—let them know that they can be active in the end-of-year party/celebration

XIII. Proposed next MESA meeting: Monday, March 28