

**MayDay Group Business Meeting
Colloquium XX - June 6, 2008**

Agenda (*Action on agenda items follow in italics*)

Old business and Announcements

1. During summer 2007, Terry Gates sent out an e-mail message requesting that MDG members submit recommendations to <<http://scientific.thomson.com/forms/isi/journalrec/>> in order that *ACT* might become listed with the Web of Science database. Such a listing would help to ensure that authors would receive tenure/promo credit for publishing in *ACT*. Wayne Bowman completed all the paperwork and *ACT* went to continuous pagination in order to conform to their criteria. Web of Science has not yet responded.

Note: Wayne Bowman has subsequently reported (on August 7, 2008) that ACT is in the process of entering into an agreement with EBSCO that will incorporate the journal into their database.

2. Wayne Bowman reported that *ACT* has been selected for abstracting & indexing in the ERIC database. He has asked to see a copy of the ERIC agreement to review and consider.

Note: Wayne has subsequently reported to the membership of ACT's inclusion in ERIC.

3. Patrick Jones has agreed to take on the job of MDG event/colloquium coordinator, following Scott Goble who has served in that role since late 2002.

4. Patrick Schmidt has agreed to head up the MDG e-columns. (Patrick S. will provide info on his ideas.)

5. Patrick Schmidt may experiment with videotaping parts of presentations as well as interviews of presenters (conducted by a panel of grad students) during Colloquium XX. (Patrick will provide explanation of what this is intended to accomplish and invite commentary on what, if any, impact it has on discussions.)

Current business / action items

1. Colloquium registration fee

Should local hosts charge or not charge a conference fee for presenters at future colloquia?

Should the MDG team (i.e., those who invest significant time & effort in, for instance, *ACT*) be given special consideration toward costs associated with attending MDG colloquia (e.g., waive costs of registration)?

It was determined by a vote (of all colloquium attendees who chose to attend the business meeting) that a maximum registration fee of \$100 could be charged to presenters and attendees by colloquium host(s) to cover the expenses of each future colloquium, at the discretion of the host(s). A reduction for ACT staff could be made, also at the discretion of the host(s).

2. Member dues

Should the MDG require annual dues from members?

If so, what process of collecting and accounting for them should be established?

It was determined by vote that the MDG should not require annual dues from members, but that contributions for operating expenses of ACT Journal would be solicited from attendees at future colloquia (by "passing a hat") for dispensation to ACT editors to meet administrative costs. ("Hat passing" at the Boston University colloquium Friday evening business meeting yielded \$400, precisely the amount needed for ACT's present needs.)

3. Leadership structure

Should leadership of the MDG continue in its present postmodern 'virtual', nomadic, de-centered form or should a different leadership structure be developed (i.e., with elections, officers, etc)?

After discussion, a decision on this question was postponed indefinitely.

Ongoing issues

1. Future colloquia

Regional/international MDG colloquia (any in process) and local colloquia (e.g., several regional ones every other summer, with a major one the alternate summer?).

No specific decisions were made about next year's colloquium.

2. The need for more volunteers for MDG and ACT

A discussion emphasized Wayne Bowman's need, as Editor of ACT, for assistance with editorial tasks and communications. The current staff includes Frank Abrahams, Associate Editor; David Lines, Book Review Editor; and Chris Trinidad, Kristen Myers, PJ Heckman, and Vince Bates, Production Team. Wayne agreed to prepare a description of duties of the editorial staff, as well as to propose a policy by which the Associate Editor is chosen and succeeds the Editor.

3. How the MDG can get more "traction" in higher education?

- a. What steps can the MDG take to have a greater impact on teachers and teaching?
- b. Given the recent decision of MENC to curtail their annual conferences, might MDG sponsor a summer conference for teachers?

A consensus was reached that the MDG should wait until MENC's changes are known with certainty before considering taking up the role of offering conferences for teachers during summers or at other times.

4. Suggestions for the MDG website?

No specific decisions were made or new practices adopted.

5. Where to from here? Brainstorming possibilities:

- New Ideals, new agenda, or expanded/improved ideals and agenda?
- Who is to take on whatever new directions are proposed?
- What about the creation of an on-line 'committee' (anyone welcome) to discuss and make proposals for change and implementation (that, at least, would engage more members in the process) or several different committees discussing results/reports/recommendations separately, to be presented for discussion and action in subsequent summers (or, possibly posted in advance, so feedback from general members could be added in, and those who will be in attendance will have had lead time to think about options, competing recommendations, etc.)?

Owing to the lateness of the hour (11:30pm), conclusive decisions were not made concerning items/questions 4 and 5 at the meeting. Members were encouraged to communicate ideas with Tom Regelski, Wayne Bowman, or Patrick Jones.

Prepared by Scott Goble, who chaired the business meeting.

Tom Regelski