Date: 14 May 2026
Time: 17:30 – 19:45
Location: Lino's on E STATE STREET
Presiding Officer: Peter Beke
Secretary: Viktoriia Dobriak

I. Attendance: Peter Beke, Rohini Gupta, Christine Regan, Becky Reynolds, Patty McHugh, Viktoriia Dobriak, Murray Fordyce, Paul McCombs, Rodger Hergert, Filiz Dik, Mehmet Dik

II. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 17:35 by Peter Beke.

III. Reports

- **Secretary vacancy**. Co-President Patty McHugh moved to appoint Viktoriia Dobriak to the NIATM Secretary vacancy. The motion was seconded by Peter Beke and officially approved by the board.

- **2026/2027 Schedule.** Patty McHugh led a discussion regarding the schedule for the upcoming academic year. It was agreed that the meeting structure remains unchanged: Dinner will be held from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm, followed by the Business Meeting from 6:15 pm to 7:00 pm.

  The board established the following primary and alternative dates for speakers:

First meeting:	Sep 23, 26 – Primary day	Sep 30, 26 – Alternative day
Second meeting:	Nov 19, 26 – Primary day	Nov 12, 26 – Alternative day
Third meeting:	Feb 24, 27 – Primary day	Feb 17, 27 – Alternative day
Fourth meeting:	Apr 15, 27 – Primary day	Apr 22, 27 – Alternative day

- **Upcoming speakers**. Peter Beke presented notes and recommendations for upcoming meeting speakers. Following a committee discussion, the following speakers and topics were officially approved:
  - AI Section: Marti Shirley will present *"Smarter, Faster Lesson Planning with AI: Supporting Math Instruction Without Sacrificing Quality."*
  - Algebra Section: The committee voted to invite speakers from the Belvidere regional schools to present on the topic of Financial Algebra.
  - Annie Forest was selected to present *"Math Routines are Magical! Until They Are Not."*
  - Scott Galson was chosen for the final section with the presentation *"Engaging Openers and Activities for Statistics Classes."* Scott Knapp has been designated as the alternative speaker with the topic *"Building Connections in the Trigonometry Classroom."*

- **Membership fee**. The board reviewed and updated the membership fee structure for the upcoming year. The following motions were presented and approved:
  - **Regular Membership Dues:** Peter Beke proposed a regular membership fee of $10 for one semester and $20 for two semesters.

    - Moved by: Patty McHugh, Seconded by: Rodger Hergert, Status: Approved
- **Student Membership:** Patty McHugh proposed that the student membership fee be set at $10 for two semesters. Furthermore, this fee will be reclassified in the official requirements as a donation toward the scholarship fund.
    - Moved by: Peter Beke, Seconded by: Murray Fordyce, Status: Approved

- **Honorarium rates**. Becky Reynolds led a discussion regarding the current honorarium rates for guest speakers. After review, the board decided to maintain the existing compensation structure without changes:

  Rockford Area Speakers: $75 honorarium
  Non-Rockford Area Speakers: $100 honorarium
  Status: Existing rates reaffirmed; no motion required.

- **Finance**. Becky Reynolds provided an update on the association's current finances, including the collection of membership dues from committee members.
  Current Balance: $5,639.21
  Meeting Expenses: The total cost for the meal was $318.02.
  Dues Collection: Several committee members submitted their annual membership dues during the meeting.

- **Scholarship**. Patty McHugh presented the initial draft of the scholarship proposal. Following a detailed discussion, the board implemented several revisions to the requirements and guidelines:
  The scholarship amount was officially set at $750.
    - Moved by: Becky Reynolds, Seconded by: Filiz Dik, Status: Approved

  Scholarship Application Requirements:
    - Essay: A formal essay was added as a mandatory component of the application.
    - Guideline Point 3 was simplified to only require a "Statement of the intention to pursue a career in mathematics teaching."
    - Applicants must disclose whether they have participated in ICTM mathematics competitions.
    - A clause will be added requiring applicants to consent to the committee's use of sensitive data, including names, addresses, and academic grades, for the purpose of evaluation.
    - A formal acknowledgement phrase will be added to the application regarding the student's intent to become a math teacher.

- **NIATM Math Competition Planning.** Christine Regan led a discussion regarding the upcoming NIATM Math Competition. The board finalized the coordination and volunteer assignments for the event:

  Date: October 15, 2026

  Location: Rockford University, STARR Building

  Volunteer Assignments. The following members were assigned to key coordinating roles:

  STARR Building Coordinators: Mehmet Dik and Viktoriia Dobriak

  Spreadsheet Manager: Murray Fordyce

  Roster Manager: Peter Beke

  Awards Manager: Becky Reynolds

- **NIATM positions.** The committee reviewed the current list of official titles and leadership positions.

  Becky Reynolds performed a full review of the leadership list, verifying all current positions and titles for accuracy.

  No further changes or amendments to the board directory were proposed.

IV Announcements

- The year-end Board Meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2027, at 5:15 pm.
  The meeting will be held at Lino's Mercato (Riverside location)

- Presidential Transition: Peter Beke will step down from the position of President following the first meeting of the 2026–2027 academic year. Until his departure, Mr. Beke will continue to lead efforts in recruiting and approaching potential speakers for future sessions. An election to fill the upcoming vacancy will be held during the dinner hour (5:00 pm) at the next scheduled meeting.

V. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 19:45.

Minutes Submitted By: Viktoriia Dobriak
Date: 14 May 2026