

ATMNE
Association of Teachers of Mathematics in New England

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Dear MATHWEST Board members:

The ATMNE Executive Board collectively believes in the value of being a member of a large organization such as NCTM and ATMNE. As you know, NCTM addresses mathematics education issues at the national level, while ATMNE provides the opportunity to meet regional colleagues, to view what is occurring in other states with regard to mathematics education, and perhaps more importantly to help us to grow professionally.

As the Board sees it, we are all working for the same goals of helping and supporting each other, albeit in different ways. It could be by volunteering to work on committees, suggesting names to be speakers for our meetings, or actually presenting at conferences. The whole ATMNE philosophy is built upon the premise that all of us are working together for the common goal of improving mathematics education.

An additional advantage of being a member of a larger group is the amount of collegial support that is provided. For example, when Bill Masalski ran for the NCTM Board of Directors, it was ATMNE affiliates who helped publicize his accomplishments and encourage its membership to vote for Bill. This united effort allowed Bill a level playing field against candidates from larger states. It would have been very difficult for a small organization like MATHWEST to have carried Bill's election without the additional votes and help of ATMNE.

The ATMNE Board values its sense of community that represents the New England region's commitment to mathematics education. ATMNE Board members find MATHWEST's resignation to be an unfortunate situation but strongly believe that the door should always be open for you to rejoin our cohesive organization. Until then, good luck with your endeavors.

Best Wishes,



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