

V²CTM Program for September 22 Meeting

- 4:30 - 5:00 **Registration**
Refreshments provided by Thomas Harrison Middle School
- 5:00 – 8:00 Textbooks on exhibit
- 5:00 - 5:30 **Session #1** for publishers to present their texts (schedule available after Sept. 8)
- 5:30 – 6:00 **Session #2** for publishers to present their texts
- 6:00 - 6:45 **Dinner**
- 6:45 - 7:00 **Business Meeting**
LouAnn Lovin, President
- 7:00 - 7:30 **Session #3** for publishers to present their texts
- 7:30 – 8:00 **Session #4** for publishers to present their texts

Virginia Textbook Adoption Process and the V²CTM Fair

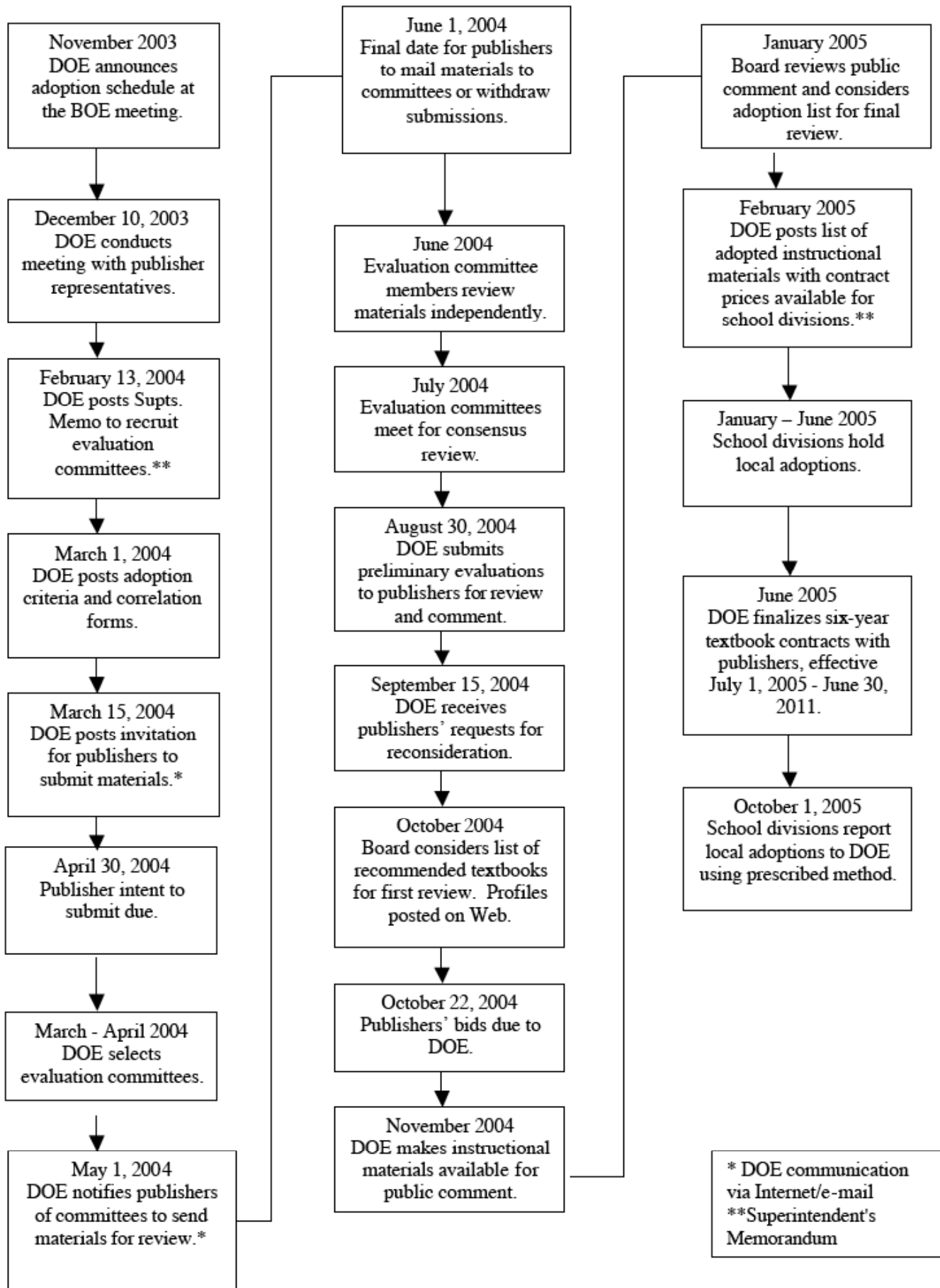
As detailed on the timeline on the next page, Virginia actually began the math textbook process a long time ago. Currently, state committee evaluations of textbooks which have been submitted to the Department of Education are being sent to publishers. Not until February 2005 will the actual list of state approved texts be published. School divisions will choose their texts by June 2005. In scheduling the fall textbook fair, the V²CTM Board decided that teachers should not wait until spring, 2005, to begin evaluating texts. Thus, publishers were invited to exhibit the books they have submitted to D.O.E.

The state review committees were directed to “compare all submitted materials to the Virginia Standards of Learning and develop a "profile sheet" indicating the degree of correlation of an instructional item to the relevant Virginia Standards of Learning and to the design and organization of the instructional item.” Profile sheets on each instructional item will be available to school divisions to assist in the local textbook and instructional materials adoption process

All publishers having basal materials in K-12 mathematics were invited to submit textbook and instructional materials that meet the following criteria:

- a. textbook and instructional materials that are highly correlated the appropriate Virginia Standards of Learning;
- b. textbook and instructional materials that present content in an accurate manner and that are challenging to the learner;
- c. print materials (textbooks) that are bound in hardcover format only. Exceptions may be granted for non-consumable softcover formats that meet the Manufacturing Standards and Specifications for Textbooks the Advisory Commission on Textbook Specifications;
- d. textbook and instructional materials in electronic format that represent the core program.
- e. materials that are not considered supplemental and/or ancillary to a full basal instructional program. Virginia review committees only reviewed textbook and instructional materials that were considered to be stand-alone and the "core" of K-12 mathematics courses.

Virginia Textbook Adoption Timeline



State/Federal Funding for Calculators

The following information is from Superintendent's Memo #166 dated August 13, 2004. This memorandum is available at <http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/suptsmemos/2004/inf166.html>

Several years ago, the Department of Education was able to provide school divisions with graphing calculators using funding provided by the General Assembly. These calculators were purchased through a state contract and were shipped to divisions for instructional and assessment use in mathematics and science. Calculators were provided for 9th and 10th graders and for some 8th grade students. Since that time, replacement calculators, repairs, and batteries have been the responsibility of divisions.

Federal funds have recently become available to help school divisions implement the statewide Standards of Learning assessment system. These funds can be used to purchase new scientific and graphing calculators, repair non-functioning calculators, or to purchase calculator batteries. To afford maximum flexibility and accommodate the time available, the department is providing direct grants to school divisions for the calculators. An attachment to the memorandum provides a grant distribution listing based upon a proportion of each division's enrollment in middle school (6th, 7th and 8th grades) mathematics and science, Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry in 8th, 9th, and 10th grades. Because these are 2002 grant year federal funds, divisions must encumber the funds by September 30, 2004, and seek reimbursement prior to December 31, 2004. Purchases made between July 1, 2002 and September 30, 2004, are also eligible for grant reimbursement.

Speakers Sought for VCTM Meeting

The following information is from Pat Gabriel, Co-Executive Secretary of VCTM. The VCTM Spring Conference, Make Teaching Math "A Revolutionary Experience," will be held at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, March 11 - 12, 2005. Plan now to apply to present your wonderful ideas and teaching strategies. You can contact Brenda Barrow at her email address, themathlady@cox.net if you have questions. We look forward to having you be a part of the conference to help Make Teaching Math "A Revolutionary Experience".

Upcoming Meetings

Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics (VCTM)

Make Math Teaching "A Revolutionary Experience"

March 11-12, 2005

College of William and Mary

Williamsburg, Virginia

Contact: <http://www.vctm.org>

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)

83rd Annual Meeting: "Embracing Mathematical Diversity"

April 6 - 9, 2005

Anaheim, California

Contact: <http://www.nctm.org>

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V²CTM Fall 2005 Meeting Registration

Return this registration form to Joe Hill, Rockingham County Public Schools,
Suite B County Office Building, Harrisonburg VA 22801. Better yet, register on the web at
<http://www.rockingham.k12.va.us/v2ctm/register.html>

You may also pay this registration fee at the door on September 22.

Name _____

Circle one: New Member Renewal

School _____ Fall Meeting Registration \$5.00 _____

School Address _____ Dinner Fee \$6.00 _____

Home Address _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

E-mail Address _____

See you at THMS on Sept. 22!

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