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President's Message

It does not seem possible that we are well into the Fall semester. Our summer break is now only a fleeting memory. It is my hope that you had an enjoyable and somewhat restful break and that you are comfortable and happy with the way the semester is going.

It is my privilege on behalf of IMACC to welcome all the new mathematics faculty at each of our colleges. I want to encourage each of you to join and to become active in IMACC. I hope that there are those at each of our colleges that take the initiative to encourage the entire mathematics faculty, especially the new faculty, to become members in IMACC.

The IMACC Board met at John A. Logan College on October 7th. Yes, the state of Illinois is definitely a long one, as those from up north found as they came to the southern tip of Illinois. Let me give a word of thanks to those who are willing to serve on our Board. I appreciate so much the support, the faithfulness, and the commitment that each is willing to give to make IMACC what it is.

Among the items that were discussed at the Board Meeting was the annual Allerton House Conference. The suggestions for the conference from the evaluation forms were discussed. I would encourage any interested IMACC member to present at the next conference. I already have a few who have volunteered, but there is room for several more of you to participate. We have many talented educators that have much to offer. If you would be willing to present during a break-out session or otherwise, please contact me and give me the topic on which you would like to give a presentation or lead a discussion. I would also appreciate it if you would inform me as to someone that you feel would be an excellent speaker (main or break-out) and give me a way to make contact with

that individual.

A reminder that this year's AMATYC annual meeting will be held in Toronto, Canada, November 15-18. I hope that many of you will plan to make this trip. I have heard wonderful things about Toronto. These conferences are so important in keeping us abreast of what is going on in community colleges across America. If you have not received a program and registration form for the conference, please check AMATYC's homepage to get information concerning the conference.

As you may know this will be the last issue of *The ConneXion* that Diane (and colleagues at Rock Valley) will edit and have published for us. This is such an important task since it is our basic means of communication, and it needs an individual who is very capable, responsible, and willing to find the time to pull it all together. Diane has been all that and much more. Thank you, Diane, for the excellent job that you have done for these past several years. Jack Mummert, at Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg, will take over the reins for the Winter Issue.

I am proud of our organization and the work it does. I am very proud to be associated with such excellent educators. Please consider becoming more active by running for the Board or as one of our officers. We also have a number of committees that



Jim Harris
IMACC President

President's Message cont. Institutional Members

President's Message Continued:

could use several good people. If you are interested, let one of the officers or Board members know. We would love to help you get "plugged in".

I hope to see you in Toronto, but if not, I definitely hope that I will see you at Allerton House April 11-13, 2002.

Jim Harris, President

Editor's Message

Having enjoyed my time as editor of *The Math ConneXion*, it is with a hint of sadness that I complete the work on this last issue. I want to thank everyone who helped get me the information needed to keep the IMACC membership informed. IMACC is a vital organization for the continued quality of mathematics education at the community college level in the state of Illinois, and I am proud to have served as *The ConneXion* editor. It is however time for me to pass the job of editor on and I want to thank Jack Mummert of Southeastern Illinois College for volunteering to take on such an important roll. I have included his address on the request for information sheet that is near the end of this issue, it is also listed in the mailing list. Please help him continue to have *The ConneXion* be our means of communication by sending Jack information about the events at your school. We know there are wonderful things happening around the state and we are all interested in learning from each other.

Diane Koenig, Editor
The Math ConneXion

Institutional membership is an important source of support for IMACC. If the year after your college's name is 2001 rather than 2002, your college needs to renew. If your college is not listed, you need to join! Talk to your department head or coordinator and make sure your college renews or joins.

<i>College</i>	<i>Date</i>
Belleville Area College	2002
Black Hawk College	2002
College of DuPage	2001
College of Lake County	2000
Elgin Community College	2001
Illinois Central College	2002
Illinois State University	2001
John A. Logan Community College	2001
Joliet Junior College	2001
Kishwaukee College	2002
Lewis & Clark College	2001
Lincoln Land Community College	2001
McHenry County College	2001
Moraine Valley Community College	2000
Morton College	2001
Oakton Community College	2002
Olney Central College	2001
Parkland College	2001
Prairie State College	2001
Richland Community College	2001
Rock Valley College	2002
Saint Xavier University	2001
Sauk Valley College	2001
Shawnee College	2001
South Suburban College	2001
Waubensee Community College	2001
William R. Harper C C	2001

You will find the combined Individual and Institutional membership forms at the end of this issue. **Please note the new mailing address for sending in the form.**

Committee Reports

Awards Committee Call For Nominations

Nominations are sought for the **James Armstrong Award**, **Distinguished Service Award**, and **Life Membership Award**. These will be awarded at the Allerton conference. Please submit nominations to me by February 28th:

The **James Armstrong Award** was established in 1978 to honor the late University of Illinois professor James Armstrong, whose leadership fostered a spirit of cooperation between two-year college mathematics teachers and the mathematics faculties at four-year colleges and universities. The Award is to be given annually to a four-year college or university professor who continues this tradition of cooperation and assistance with the two-year colleges.

The **Distinguished Service Award** is to honor one of our members for a career of outstanding service to IMACC. This award may be given annually under the conditions that the nominee must:

- a) Be an active member who has participated in IMACC for at least 10 years (retired members are eligible).
- b) have held an elected office (President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Director) in IMACC.
- c) have served at least 4 years in some combination of elected offices, committee appointments, ConneXion Editor, or conference coordinator.
- d) have the recommendation of an IMACC member familiar with the nominee's qualifications.

For the **Life Membership Award**, (IMACC members who are retiring) the recipient must have:

- a) been a member of IMACC for at least 10 years (not necessarily in a row)
- b) been a regular attendee at the IMACC conference or have other significant contributions to the organization.

Please take time now to submit the name of your nominee, their position and school, with a supporting letter for the committee's consideration to:

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Scholarship Committee Call For Nominations

Committee Members: Carol Schmidt (chair), Chris Cullop, Angie Gum, and Diane Koenig

This issue of the *ConneXion* contains the faculty information form, the required faculty nomination form, and the student information form (all the forms you need) for the IMACC Armstrong Memorial Fund Scholarship. Please take a few minutes to think of the best math education or mathematics major at your community college. Then complete the forms enclosed in this newsletter. This is an opportunity to nominate a student from your college. IMACC would like to provide financial assistance (\$750) and deserved recognition to a worthy Illinois community college student.

For a student to be considered, the nomination form completed by a faculty member, the student information form, and the student's supporting materials, must be completed and received by the IMACC Scholarship Chair Carol Schmidt *no later than March 1, 2002*.

A flyer that may be posted in your department as a reminder is included as the center page of this issue of The ConneXion. We look forward to hearing from you!!

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Affiliate Delegates

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Ruth Hartman	Black Hawk College
Vern Kays	Richland College
Tim Grant	Southwestern Illinois College

State Delegates

To be named later

Representatives to Other Mathematics Organizations

ISMAA: Sandra Cox	Kaskaskia College
MOMATYC: Tim Grant	Southwestern Illinois College
NCTM: Betty Truit	Black Hawk College

Upcoming Conferences

IMACC

2002	Annual Meeting	Allerton Conference Center	April 11-13
2003	Annual Meeting	Allerton Conference Center	April 3-5

AMATYC

2001	Annual Conference	Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Nov 15-18
2002	Annual Conference	Phoenix, Arizona	Nov 14-17
2003	Annual Conference	Salt Lake City, Utah	Nov 13-16
2004	Annual Conference	Orlando, Florida	Nov 18-21

NCTM

2002	Annual Conference	Las Vegas, Nevada	April 21-24
2003	Annual Conference	San Antonio, Texas	April 10-12
2004	Annual Conference	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	April 22-24

IMACC News and Notes from the Membership

Welcome new mathematics faculty to College of DuPage:
Karen Livengood and Elizabeth (Betsy) Sievers

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