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President's Message

We are near the end of October; fall is well under way. We have seen some beautiful days lately in southern Illinois. But the wheel of the year continues to turn and daylight saving time has ended. The leaves continue to change and will, like too many of our students, drop. While we enjoy these crisp autumn days and begin to bundle up for the coming cold times, I would like to remind you to begin even now planning for the spring. The annual meeting at Allerton House is scheduled for March 25 – 27, 2004. If any of you are interested in being a presenter at the conference, please let me know in the next couple of months. A title and abstract for your talk, plus a list of any supporting media you may need, sent to me via e-mail will suffice. [tim.grant@swic.edu] Also, if there is a particular topic you would like to see addressed at the conference, please send me an e-mail about that as well.

Next, on behalf of IMACC, I want to welcome any new faculty teaching math at the community and four-year colleges in Illinois. And to the current membership, welcome back for another semester. Please invite new and adjunct members of your department to join IMACC and attend the annual meeting. Both this issue and the website, www.imacc.org, have membership application forms. Also, please check in this issue to see if your institution has a current membership. Lastly, the mailing label on this issue should show the expiration date of your own membership.

On Saturday, October 4th, the IMACC officers and board of directors met at Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville for the fall Board meeting. The continued commitment shown to this organization by the board members is much appreciated. Among the issues discussed was the IMACC Teacher Education Workshop, which is scheduled for June 10 – 12, 2004, to be held at Judson College in Elgin. Board member Cathy Moushon has been instrumental in organizing this workshop. Please see the article inside for more information.

If you or anyone you know is interested in serving IMACC as an officer (president-elect, secretary, or treasurer) or member of the board of directors, please contact President-elect Marybeth Beno at South Suburban College. She would be happy to hear of your interest. Remember, experience is not a requirement and fresh faces are always welcome. As a board member you will gain greater insight into the functioning of this organization as well as its relationship to other state and national mathematics organizations, the Illinois Community College Board, and the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

In November, AMATYC will hold its 29th annual conference in Salt Lake City. I look forward to seeing a number of you there.

Finally, as mentioned in the last Connexion, IMACC and ISMAA have formed a joint taskforce to revise the developmental mathematics section of the Illi-

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President's Message cont.

nois Mathematics and Computer Science Articulation Guide. The preliminary examination of the Guide is currently underway. If you have any questions, please contact the chair of the Curriculum committee, Jim Harris.

I wish you all a wonderful fall, winter, and holiday season. Until the spring issue, be well.

Tim Grant, President

Abstract Innovations

You may be familiar with the *Innovation Abstracts*, which is a weekly publication of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD). This publication contains an article or two from faculty where they describe an interesting or innovative activity that they have found to be successful in their classes.

IMACC is full of talented teachers doing creative things with their classes every day and I'd like us to share those ingenious ideas with each other in the Connexion. So, if you have a unique activity that you would like to share with the membership and can describe it in a paragraph or two, please send it to me at RodgerH@ednet.rvc.cc.il.us.

Here's an example from my own classroom.

Classroom Assessment Techniques by Angelo and Cross is a great resource for interesting and beneficial exercises you can do with your students. One of their techniques is called the Minute Paper. I have my students write down "the most important thing they learned in class today" at the end of each class. This also gives them an opportunity to ask questions they were afraid to ask in class. I take these back to my office, review them, and post a message online summarizing their responses in a few sentences. I also use this to take attendance, so to get credit for attending they need to fill one out. I really feel that this has provided me with insight into what they are (and are not) understanding from each day's lesson. In addition, I often start the next class by commenting on what they had written at the end of the last meeting.

OK, so let's hear from all of you innovative educators out there! What are you doing in your classrooms?

Rodger Hergert, Connexion Editor

Institutional Members

Institutional membership is an important source of support for IMACC. If the year after your college's name is 2003 rather than 2004, 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.

You will find the combined Individual and Institutional membership forms at the end of this issue.

College	Expires
Black Hawk College	2004
Carl Sandburg College	2004
College of DuPage	2003
College of Lake County	2004
Elgin Community College	2004
Harper College	2003
Illinois Central College	2004
Illinois State University	2003
John A. Logan College	2003
Kaskaskia College	2003
Kishwaukee College	2004
Lewis and Clark Community College	2003
Lincoln Land Community College	2003
McHenry County College	2003
Morton College	2003
Oakton Community College	2003
Olney Central College	2003
Parkland College	2004
Prairie State College	2003
Richland Community College	2003
Rock Valley College	2003
Saint Xavier University	2003
South Suburban Community College	2003
Southwestern Illinois College	2003
Waubensee Community College	2003

Deadline for Submissions

Winter 2004 Issue—January 31, 2004

Summer 2004 Issue—May 15, 2004

Fall 2004 Issue—October 1, 2004

The following Windows-based formats are most easily used:

Text: MS Word or Rich Text File formats
 Spreadsheet: Excel format

Rodger Hergert, Connexion Editor

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SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!

- IMACC and Elgin Community College invite you to a Teacher Educator Workshop, June 10 - 12, 2004 to be held at Judson College in Elgin, Illinois.
- The workshop will be limited to 30 participants and will focus on topics of mathematics education for teachers.
- For budget planning: approx \$160.
- Watch for registration materials at www.imacc.org and in your next Connexion newsletter.
- For more information contact Catherine Moushon at cmoushon@elgin.edu

IMACC Annual Meeting March 25 -27, 2004

Please note that the dates have been changed from what was originally announced. We realize that this may be during your Spring Break and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We hope that you will still consider attending the conference this year. More information will be in the next edition of the ConneXion.

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Nominations Requested

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.

These will be awarded at the Allerton conference. Please take time now to submit the name of your nominee, their position and school, with a supporting letter by February 2004 for the committee's consideration to:

Kim Martin
 Department of Mathematics
 Southeastern Illinois College
 3575 College Road
 Harrisburg, IL 62946

IMACC LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD			
(Supporting letter not required)			
Name:	College:		
Home Address:	College Address:		
City:	City:		
State:	Zip:	State:	Zip:
E-mail Address:			
IMACC Member Since:	I have been active (circle one): Yes No		

Scholarship Committee

Please consider nominating a deserving student from your institution for the IMACC Memorial Fund Scholarship. Complete information about this award is provided on the faculty information form included in this issue of The Math ConneXion. Also included are the faculty nomination form and the student information form.

For a student to be considered, the faculty nomination form, the student information form, and the student's supporting materials must be completed and received by the IMACC Memorial Fund Scholarship Committee Chairperson Angie Gum no later than March 5, 2004.

**IMACC MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP
FACULTY INFORMATION FORM**

Philosophy: The IMACC Scholarship is awarded annually to a student attending an Illinois two-year or four-year college meeting all of the eligibility criteria stated below and selected by the IMACC Scholarship Committee. The scholarship is awarded in memory of James Armstrong, a University of Illinois Professor until his death. Mr. Armstrong was instrumental in establishing the Allerton Conferences and in fostering better relations between two-year and senior colleges.

The scholarship provides approximately \$750 or more to the selected recipient to help defray the costs encountered at an institution of higher education. The money may be used for whatever purpose the recipient deems necessary.

Eligibility Criteria: Students meeting all of the criteria may apply for the IMACC Scholarship. If, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, there is no bonafide candidate, the scholarship will not be awarded that year. The IMACC Board may elect at the spring meeting to carry over the funds to the next year. The decision of the Committee is final.

1. The applicant must be a citizen of the United States. The individual must have a cumulative grade point average of B or better; he/she must be pursuing an education at some institution of higher learning in the State of Illinois with a high demonstrated potential to complete the program and must have earned at least 40 semester hours at a community college.
2. An applicant must be intending to complete a degree in mathematics education (preferred), or mathematics.
3. Each applicant must be nominated by a current member of IMACC or faculty from an institutional member who must submit a statement of his/her rationale for nominating the applicant. This written statement must be sent to the Chair of the Selection Committee under separate cover from that of the student application. The written nomination must not exceed one double-spaced typewritten page. Four copies are required. It is emphasized that the person nominating a student shall not assist the student in the writing of his/her personal statement.
4. The applicant must submit a written application and transcript of courses and grades. Details concerning career objectives, work experiences, financial need, general philosophy of education, and other information that is felt to be helpful in assisting the Selection Committee should be included. The written application must not be longer than five double-spaced standard typewritten pages. Four copies are required. These copies must be sent under separate cover to the Chair of the Selection Committee.
5. The deadline for receiving applications is March 5th of the school year.
6. The scholarship will be awarded to selected applicants after receiving a written verification from the college records office that the applicant has enrolled in an institution of higher education in the State of Illinois as a full-time student. Full-time student status shall be decided by the institution requirements. Failure to do this will result in the disqualification of the applicant and the next eligible applicant may be awarded the scholarship.
7. The scholarship will be awarded to an individual student only once. The student may, however, have his/her name submitted a maximum of two times.

**ILLINOIS MATHEMATICS ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
THE IMACC MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP
REQUIRED FACULTY NOMINATION FORM**

I hereby nominate _____ for the IMACC Memorial Fund Scholarship. My nomination is supported by the following comments. (Please continue on an additional sheet if necessary.)

Please check one of the following:

_____ I am currently a member of IMACC.

_____ I am NOT a member but the college of my employment is an institutional member.

Date _____

Your name printed _____

Position _____

College or University _____

Signature _____

**IMACC MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP
STUDENT INFORMATION FORM**

1. The applicant must be a citizen of the United States.
2. The applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of B or better. Only the first 2 years of college mathematics as approved by the ICCB will be considered in the application process. He/she must be pursuing an education at some institution of higher learning in the State of Illinois with a high demonstrated potential to complete the program and must have earned at least 40 semester hours at the Community College.

Please complete the following:

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Semester hours of completed community college courses: _____

Cumulative grade point average: _____

Semester hours of completed mathematics courses: _____

3. An applicant must be intending to complete a degree in mathematics education or mathematics.
4. Please complete the following:

Degree pursued: _____
Illinois institution to which applicant intends to transfer, enroll as a full-time student, and complete a degree: _____
5. The scholarship will be awarded to selected applicants after receiving a written verification from the college records office that the applicant has enrolled in an institute of higher education in the State of Illinois as a full-time student. Full-time status shall be decided by the institution requirements. Failure to do this will result in the disqualification of the applicant, and the next eligible applicant may be awarded the scholarship.
6. Applicant must submit a written application not longer than five double-spaced standard typewritten pages. Details concerning the following must be addressed: a) career objectives, b) work experience, c) financial conditions and need for scholarship, d) general philosophy of education, and e) other information felt to be helpful. Applicants must follow the above order and label each area addressed.
7. Applicant must submit to the chair of the Selection Committee, one copy of an official transcript of courses and grades to meet the March 5th deadline. The official transcript must show at least 40 hours completed at the Community College. Four copies of this information form and the written application are required and must be sent to the following address:

Angie Gum, Math Department
Lincoln Land Community College
5250 Shepherd Road, P.O. Box 19256
Springfield, IL 62794-9256

8. The forms, application, and a transcript must reach this office not later than March 5th of the school year. Allow five days for delivery. Grades for the courses you are taking this semester must be on the official transcript if these courses are to be considered as part of the evaluation process. Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 1.



**.....l Membership Form
2003-2004**

Name: _____

School: _____

Home Address: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

To which of the above addresses do you wish to have correspondence sent? HOME SCHOOL

Do you wish your name distributed with the IMACC database? YES NO

Membership Fees: 1 Year: \$ 10.00 3 Years: \$ 25.00 5 Years: \$ 40.00

_____ + _____ = _____
Membership Fee Scholarship Contribution Total Enclosed

Please make checks payable to: IMACC

Mail to: IMACC, c/o Dave Clydesdale, 1370 N. Oakmont Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60194

**IMACC Institutional Membership Form
2003-2004**

Invoice: 200102

Membership Dues: \$ 250.00 per year

Amount Enclosed: _____

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Title: _____

School: _____

President: _____

Address: _____

Vice-President: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Contact Phone: (____) _____

Contact E-mail: _____

Upcoming Conferences

<u>Year</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
2003	AMATYC	Nov. 13 – 16	Salt Lake City, UT
2004	AMS	January 7 – 10	Phoenix, AZ
2004	T ³ Int'l. Conf.	March 12 – 14	New Orleans, LA
2004	IMACC	March 25 – 27	Monticello, IL
2004	ISMAA	April 1 – 3	Schaumburg, IL
2004	MOMATYC	April 1 – 3	Lake of the Ozarks, MO
2004	NCTM	April 21 – 24	Philadelphia, PA
2004	AMS Fall Central Sec. Mtg.	October 23 – 24	Evanston, IL
2004	AMATYC	Nov. 18 – 21	Orlando, FL
2005	IMACC	April 14 – 16	Monticello, IL
2005	AMATYC	Nov. 10 – 13	San Diego, CA
2006	AMATYC	Nov. 2 – 5	Cincinnati, OH
2007	AMATYC	Nov. 15 – 18	New Orleans, LA

Delegates and Representatives

AMATYC Delegates		Representatives to Other Mathematics Organizations	
<u>Affiliate Delegates</u>		<u>ISMAA</u>	
Tim Grant	Southwestern Illinois College	Sandra Cox	Kaskaskia College
Ruth Anne Hartman	Black Hawk College		
Mary Beth Beno	South Suburban College		
<i>Alternate:</i>		<u>MOMATYC</u>	
Vern Kays	Richland Community College	Tim Grant	Southwestern Illinois College
<u>State Delegates</u>		<u>NCTM</u>	
Jim Trefzger	Parkland College	Betty Truit	Black Hawk College
Judy Marwick	Moraine Valley Community College	<i>Alternate:</i>	
		Tim Grant	Southwestern Illinois College

IMACC News and Notes from the Membership

I received absolutely no news and no notes from the membership for this issue. Now, that could be because I'm new to the job, but come on. With hundreds of members, somebody out there must have done something! I know we are modest bunch of mathematicians, so if you know of a colleague who received an award, gave a talk at a conference, received tenure, got an article published, or did something else noteworthy, please send me a quick message (RodgerH@ednet.rvc.cc.il.us) and I will be sure to include the news in the next Math Connexion.

Treasurer's Report

On pages 11 and 12, you will find the Treasurer's Report for 2002-03. IMACC's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 of each year. At the fall meeting, the board approves the report for the previous year. The part that was approved at the Fall 2003 Board meeting is the highlighted column (for 2002 - 2003) and the previous three years are provided for reference purposes.

IMACC Scholarship Fund

	99 - 00	00 - 01	01 - 02	02 - 03
Balance on Hand July 1	\$15,984.52	\$16,850.90	\$17,798.93	\$18,996.17
Income				
Int. CD #703172	\$252.46	\$264.03	\$261.98	\$274.00
Int. CD #704894	\$284.49	\$349.20	\$397.42	\$264.65
Interest on Savings	\$109.43	\$116.80	\$64.84	\$36.63
Donations	\$127.00	\$218.00	\$242.00	\$131.00
Prob/Stat Donation	\$350.00		\$250.00	\$100.00
Raffle	\$602.00		\$1,072.00	
T-Shirts				\$540.00
LAG (pool tournament)	\$75.00		\$146.00	
Golf Outing				
Combinatorics	\$16.00		\$60.00	\$36.00
Yahtzee				
Piano Player	\$50.00			
Return Scholarship Money				
Bingo				
Transfer From Checking			\$1,000.00	
Total Income	\$1,866.38	\$948.03	\$3,494.24	\$1,382.28
Expenses				
Scholarships	\$1,000.00		\$2,200.00	\$1,500.00
Lapel Pins				
Transfer to Checking			\$97.00	
Total Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,297.00	\$1,500.00
Balance on Hand June 30	\$16,850.90	\$17,798.93	\$18,996.17	\$18,878.45
Statement of Accounts				
LaSalle Savings	\$5,582.98	\$5,917.78	\$6,455.62	\$5,799.25
WSB CD #703172	\$5,438.50	\$5,702.53	\$5,964.51	\$6,238.51
WSB CD #704894	\$5,829.42	\$6,178.62	\$6,576.04	\$6,840.69
Total of Accounts	\$16,850.90	\$17,798.93	\$18,996.17	\$18,878.45

IMACC General Fund

	99 - 00	00 - 01	01 - 02	02 - 03
Balance on Hand July 1	\$13,651.44	\$13,812.77	\$16,271.29	\$9,576.48
Income				
Interest on CD	\$264.94	\$320.30	\$220.82	\$143.48
Interest on Checking				
Individual Dues	\$1,576.00	\$1,442.00	\$1,708.00	\$1,453.00
Institutional Dues	\$2,275.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,850.00	\$5,350.00
Transfer from Scholarship	\$1,058.00		\$2,200.00	\$1,500.00
Scholarship Donations with Dues	\$87.00	\$218.00	\$232.00	\$131.00
Allerton Conference Fees	\$191.00		\$220.00	\$650.00
AMATYC				
Allerton Refund				
Check Replacement				\$19.00
Uncashed Check #151			\$283.46	
Returned Checks				\$198.75
Total Income	\$5,451.94	\$5,580.30	\$8,714.28	\$9,445.23
Expenses				
IMACC Scholarships	\$1,250.00	\$500.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,500.00
Transfer to Scholarship Fund	\$87.00	\$218.00	\$1,232.00	\$131.00
AMATYC Registration	\$200.00		\$285.00	\$265.00
AMATYC 2000	\$256.66	\$112.26		
Hospitality Room	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
NCTM Affiliate Dues	\$65.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$80.00
Allerton House Conference	\$1,814.93		\$10,579.90	
Allerton Speakers		\$1,695.00	\$1,310.00	\$2,438.50
Misc. Conference Supplies				
Allerton Refunds		\$125.00	\$50.00	\$610.00
Connexion Expenses	\$546.15			
Awards	\$62.59	\$118.25	\$150.00	\$148.95
Computer Supplies	\$50.00			
Postage	\$35.80	\$47.52	\$39.44	\$41.07
Checks	\$17.40		\$14.00	
Treasurer's Bond	\$115.00			\$115.00
Scholarship				\$1,000.00
Anniversary Expenses	\$590.08			
T-Shirts				\$590.22
Service Charge		\$6.75		\$15.00
Returned Check		\$24.00	\$198.75	\$24.00
Total Expenses	\$5,290.61	\$3,121.78	\$15,409.09	\$6,958.74
Balance on Hand June 30	\$13,812.77	\$16,271.29	\$9,576.48	\$12,062.97
Statement of Accounts				
LaSalle Checking	\$7,928.96	\$10,067.18	\$3,151.55	5494.56
WSB CD (7/1/03 1.8%)	\$5,883.81	\$6,204.11	\$6,424.93	6568.41
Total of Accounts	\$13,812.77	\$16,271.29	\$9,576.48	\$12,062.97

Allerton House History and Information

Allerton House is the site of the IMACC Annual Conference. Built as a private home by Robert Allerton in 1900, it was developed into a conference center in 1946. It is located just west of Monticello, Illinois and is part of the University of Illinois system. More information, including maps, can be found on their website at <http://www.conted.ceps.uiuc.edu/rapcc/index.html>. Also, Dr. Sunil Koswatta has put a tour of Allerton Park on his website at <http://www.harper.cc.il.us/mathdept/mathnews.html>.

The Conference Center, which consists of the main house and three additional lodging facilities, is surrounded by a 1500-acre forest designated as a National Nature Landmark. Adjacent to the Conference Center are formal gardens, decorative ornaments and museum-quality sculptures. Miles of hiking trails are maintained in the woodlands, and the Sangamon River winds its way through the middle of the park. The Conference Center is designed as a place to get away from the pressures and responsibilities of everyday life to focus on teaching and learning mathematics, and to interact with colleagues from across the state. Plan on joining us in March—you will not be disappointed in the experience.

Lodging rooms for the annual conference are located in the Main House, the Evergreen Lodge, the Gate House and the Little House in the Woods. Most rooms are double occupancy with two single beds, but some are dormitory style (4-10 beds) with limited bathroom space. In keeping with the educational atmosphere and rustic setting, rooms are not equipped with telephones or televisions. A variety of recreational activities are available including pool and ping-pong. You may even be able to find a card game or two going on! Quarters are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. There is very limited space for spouses, and the conference is not designed for, nor do the facilities adequately accommodate, children.

Conference meals are preplanned by the Conference Coordinator and deliciously prepared from scratch by the Allerton staff. Special dietary needs can be accommodated if you contact the Conference Coordinator ahead of time. Snacks are served throughout the day and evening, and publishers are present with textbooks on display for your perusal. All amenities are included in the registration fee.

In years past, when the number of registrants exceeds Allerton's capacity, the overflow has been housed at either Foster's Plaza or the Best Western, both in downtown Monticello. If you prefer to stay off-site, you must make your own reservations from among our block of rooms at one of these facilities. Please do so early as hotel rooms may be scarce due to scheduled events at U of I. Indicate "no lodging" on your reservation form if you stay in town. Questions or concerns regarding Allerton House should be directed to Brenda Alberico at College of Du Page by phone, 630-942-3035 or by email at: Alberico@cdnet.cod.edu.

News Bytes

Online mathematics resources are all over the Internet, but we all know that some are better than others. The Internet Scout is a service of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Computer Science Department that puts out a weekly list of reviewed websites that are potentially useful for educators. The Mathematics, Technology, and Physical Science listing is distributed every other week and contains links that would be more likely to be relevant to IMACC members. These lists are distributed via email on Fridays and you can subscribe by going to <http://scout.wisc.edu/mailman/listinfo/srmathtech>. Also, you can view previous distributed lists at <http://scout.wisc.edu/Reports/NSDL/archive.php>.



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