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President's Message

OK, this is more like it!

I'll start with some good news. I found out that NCTM has a rebate program that pays IMACC \$5 for every member of both organizations. Here's the catch: you need to renew your NCTM membership online. So, the next time your NCTM membership expires, think about renewing it online and indicate that you are also a member of IMACC to get us a little cash.

The program for the 35th IMACC Annual Conference at Allerton is coming together quite nicely. I'm very happy to announce that Professor Ed Burger from Williams College and co-author of *The Heart of Mathematics* will be our featured speaker on Saturday morning. I don't know what his topic will be, but who cares? Dr. Burger could read the phone book and not only make it entertaining, but relate some mesmerizing mathematics at the same time. Believe me – you won't want to miss this!

You may have noticed that I have gone back to editing the newsletter. This is just a temporary fix for this year. I am pleased to announce that my Rock Valley College colleague Diane Koenig has volunteered to be the next editor of The Math ConneXion. Veteran IMACC members may remember that Diane served in this capacity in the mid-90's. She will take over starting with the Summer 2010 issue.

I'll finish with a couple reminders. We've had a large number of memberships expire this year without being renewed. Please check the expiration date on your IMACC membership. You can do this by checking the membership list on the IMACC website. If you get this by snail mail, you can check the mailing label. If nothing else, you can always e-mail Steve Kifowit (skifowit@prairiestate.edu) to find out when you expire. Also, I know there are exciting things happening in math departments around the state, but we rarely hear about them. Please send a snippet of news about your colleagues, your department, or yourself to me for inclusion in the next ConneXion.

That's all I have. Until next time, this is Rodger, over and out.

Rodger Hergert, IMACC president

News & Notes from the Membership

- In January 2009, Southeastern Illinois College hired a new full-time mathematics faculty member. We are proud to announce that Reuben Adatorwovor will be teaching two mathematics classes each semester. In addition, he will be working as the Director of the Student Success Center. Reuben comes to Southeastern from Ghana, Africa.
- Rock Valley College is pleased to announce that Dr. Paul Gunsul has been hired as a temporary full-time instructor for the 2009-10 school year. Dr. Gunsul just received his Ph.D. in Mathematics from Northern Illinois University.

ICTCM 2010 in Chicago

The 22nd International Conference on Technology in College Mathematics (ICTCM) will be held in Chicago at the Sheraton Hotel on March 11-14, 2010. Waubonsee Community College is hosting this event with IMACC members Amy Del Medico and Tom Pulver serving as co-chairs for the conference. You can learn more about the conference by visiting ICTCM.org.

We are encouraging the local mathematics community to participate with us in this event. We need local volunteers to work at this event. There is a wide range of needs to include registration, presiders over sessions, minicourses, and workshops. Any volunteer that works 4 hours will receive a reduced conference registration fee of \$100 and if you work 8 hours you will receive a complementary registration fee. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Amy Del Medico or Tom Pulver - contact information is provided below.

We look forward to your participation in the 2010 ICTCM.

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IMACC Teaching Excellence Award

This annual award will be given to an outstanding mathematics teacher in a community college. The recipient of this award will then be nominated for the AMATYC Award for Teaching Excellence. Please take time to nominate a colleague whom you feel is an outstanding teacher and who meets the following criteria.

a) Instructional Effectiveness and Support of Students

innovative teaching strategies, alternative assessment methods, curriculum development, creating a learning environment for all students, accessible to students in and out of the classroom, etc.

b) Professional Involvement and Professional Development/Renewal Activities

active participation in professional organizations, speeches, articles, conferences, etc.

c) Service to Departments/Division/College

active contributor to college community

Nominees must be IMACC members whose primary assigned duties must be delivering instruction in an associate degree granting program. Nominees must have the equivalent of a minimum of 5 years of full-time teaching experience. Individuals can be selected for the award only once.

IMACC members and non-members, such as a supervisor, may nominate. Members may nominate themselves.

Nominations must include:

- a) **cover letter** from nominator addressing the three criteria above (not to exceed 3 pages)
- b) completed **nomination form** (available on the IMACC website).

Please submit nominations to Paul McCombs (Awards Chair) by December 15, 2009.

Other Awards

Please submit nominations for the following IMACC Awards by March 1, 2010.

Distinguished Service 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.

Life Membership Award is for IMACC members who are retiring.

James Armstrong 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.

Go to the IMACC website (<http://www.imacc.org>) for more details on these awards.

Upcoming Conferences

Dates	Organization	Location
November 4-6, 2009	NCTM (regional)	Minneapolis, MN
November 12-15, 2009	AMATYC	Las Vegas, NV
January 13-16, 2010	AMS/MAA	San Francisco, CA
March 11-14, 2010	ICTCM	Chicago, IL
March 25-27, 2010	IMACC	Monticello, IL
April 9-10, 2010	ISMAA	Rock Island, IL
April 21-24, 2010	NCTM	San Diego, CA
August 5-7, 2010	MAA (MathFest)	Pittsburgh, PA
October 28-29, 2010	NCTM (regional)	New Orleans, LA
November 2010	AMATYC	Boston, MA

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Scholarship Committee Report

Please consider encouraging deserving students from your institution to apply for the IMACC Memorial Fund Scholarship. Though the faculty's responsibility in the application process is deemed recommender rather than nominator, it is still very much the hope that faculty initiate the scholarship application process by making their qualified students aware of the award, by writing those recommendation letters, and by encouraging and helping the qualified students with the application process. Complete information about the IMACC Memorial Fund Scholarship, including the Faculty Recommendation Form, Student Application Form, and an informational flyer to post on your campus, is provided by clicking on "Memorial Fund Scholarship" at the IMACC website, www.imacc.org. Please add your name and contact information to the flyer so that students can come to you with any questions about the application process!

Again, please encourage your deserving students to apply. A total of \$3000 is available to award this spring. For the applicant to be considered, the faculty recommendation form, the student application 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 February 26, 2010.

ICTM Post-Secondary Mathematics Teaching Award

I know that there are MANY excellent teachers in IMACC who would qualify for this award. The key is to nominate them! The individuals must be ICTM members. If their membership has lapsed, they can register now at [ICTM.org](http://ictm.org) and still qualify.

Please consider nominating a fellow college/university teacher (or yourself) for this ICTM award. Self-nomination is allowed. Frequently, the pool of nominees is very small or non-existent.

Information can be found below, and at: <http://ictm.org/ictmawards/college.html>

Guidelines for Nomination

The nominee should:

Be an effective teacher of undergraduate mathematics at a two-year college, four-year college, or university.

1. Demonstrate a sound knowledge of mathematics.
2. Continue to study mathematics and/or mathematics education on a regular basis.
3. Participate actively in professional mathematics organizations.
4. Show leadership and influence on others at the local and state levels.
5. Be an ICTM member.
6. Meet all [nomination requirements](#).

Applications due by **March 30 of the application year** to:

[Linda E. North](#)
1436 East Grand
Carbondale, IL 62902

(Submitted by: Rita Fischbach, College/University Director, ICTM Board)



ILLINOIS MATHEMATICS ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

IMACC Individual Membership Form

Name _____ **School** _____

Home Address _____ **School Address** _____

City/State/Zip _____ **City/State/Zip** _____

Phone(____) _____ **Phone**(____) _____

Email Address _____

To which of the above addresses do you wish correspondence? (Circle One)

Home **School**

Do you wish your name distributed with the IMACC database? (Circle One)

Yes **No**

Do you wish to receive *The Math ConneXion* by mail or email? (Circle One)

Mail **Email**

Membership Fees

1 Year \$15.00	Membership Amount	_____
3 Years \$40.00	Scholarship Contribution	_____
5 Years \$65.00	Total Amount Submitted	_____

Please make check payable to :

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The Institutional Membership form can be found on the IMACC website.

Membership Committee

Be sure to check the membership expiration date listed in your address label below. If your membership has expired or is about to expire, you can use the form on page 7 to renew. In addition, if there are mathematics faculty at your college who are not members of IMACC, please invite them to join. Retiring IMACC members may consider "sponsoring" the membership for the person hired to take their place by paying for their first year's IMACC dues (\$15).