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President's Message

Greetings:

The fall semester has been very busy for IMACC. The annual board meeting convened at College of DuPage on Saturday October 6. I am pleased to announce that there will be no increase in the fees to attend the conference. In light of these difficult financial times we are pleased to hold the line on costs.

The conference is scheduled April 4-6 at Allerton House in Monticello. If you have never attended, I hope that you consider joining us. If you are a regular attendee, I hope that you consider increasing your participation in IMACC. If you are interested in being nominated for a position on the board of directors, contact Omar Adawi at oadawi@parkland.edu. I ask all members to recruit at least one new member. Please distribute membership forms to your colleagues. Individual and institutional membership forms are available in this newsletter and they are available at imacc.org. We will continue as a strong organization if we recruit new members. Please help us in this regard.

I am pleased to say that we have confirmation for two general session speakers for the conference. Lew Lefton is a faculty member at Georgia Tech. He earned his Ph.D. in mathematics at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he was an outstanding calculus T.A. In addition to being an excellent mathematics teacher, Lew performs stand-up and improvisational comedy. He has unique and humorous insights regarding the teaching collegiate mathematics. He is an outstanding speaker and I am quite pleased that he agreed to present at our conference.

The second general session speaker is Wade Ellis. He understands the realities of present-day teaching and he is not afraid to challenge students and teachers to improve. He is one of the most inspirational speakers that I have seen. Wade is a past president of the California Mathematics Council, has served as a member of the Mathematical Sciences Education Board, and the National Research Council Committee on Science Education. Among his many honors are the AMATYC Mathematics Excellence Award, the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal of the United States Army, the Hayward Award for Excellence in Education from

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Deadline for Submissions:

Winter 2013-January 15
Summer 2013-April 15
Fall 2013-October 15

Submit items to:
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Online Math ConneXion

The online version can be found at
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Is Your Membership Current?

Be sure to check the membership expiration date listed in your address label. If your membership has expired or is about to expire, you can use the form on page 9 to renew. In addition, if there are mathematics faculty at your college who are not members of IMACC, please invite them to join. Also, be sure to take time to check the Institutional Membership for your school.

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the California Academic Senate, and the Distinguished Service Award from the California Mathematics Council, Community College.

In addition to his general session, Wade Ellis will deliver a breakout session on technology. Wade serves as a consultant to Texas Instruments and he has spoken on the merits of their products across the country. Wade will give a breakout session on TI topics too. We are extremely fortunate to have two of the best national speakers at our conference. I hope that you will consider attending. You will not be disappointed.

I request proposals for additional breakout sessions. We would like a balance of presentations examining developmental math, general education math, statistics, calculus and specialized courses. I encourage people to consider submitting a mathematics talk. In addition we always welcome presentations on using technology in the classroom, improving classroom management, motivating less motivated students etc. I hope that you consider submitting a proposal. Send descriptions and abstracts to cappetta@cod.edu.

The biggest issue facing us at IMACC is the state of the developmental mathematics curriculum. At the spring meeting we will be voting on the newly proposed general education preparatory mathematics class (GEPM). We believe that this is an excellent class that will prepare students for future work. It should be more relevant than a typical intermediate algebra class. We believe that this course is a rigorous course at the appropriate level and we are encouraging you to vote for it at the spring meeting. Throughout the country state legislators have been involving themselves in developmental mathematics curricula. It is our hope that this new course together with the alternative path to college-level mathematics will satisfy Springfield and result in less governmental interference in the curriculum.

In the winter we hope to offer multiple training sessions on GEPM. Since this is not a traditional mathematics course, faculty will need opportunities to learn how to teach it most effectively. We will be working with ICCB and the IMACC board to coordinate a schedule. Check your email for more details.

The Awards committee is seeking nominations for James Armstrong Award, Distinguished Service Award, and the Life Membership Award and the deadline is March 1. Information is available at iaacc.org. Additional questions should be submitted to Paul McCombs at p.mccombs@rockvalleycollege.edu.

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The Scholarship committee is seeking applications from interested students. Eligibility information is available at <http://www.imacc.org/memfund.html> I urge each institutional member of IMACC to submit at least one application for this prestigious scholarship. With the demands of the Common Core Standards, Illinois will need more gifted mathematics teachers. The IMACC Memorial scholarship can help students interested in mathematics careers in the classroom and in the corporate world.

On a sad note I must announce the passing of Chris Cullop of Kishwaukee College. He was an active member of IMACC serving on the scholarship and helping with the raffle. He was a dedicated professional. He always went out of his way to greet new members. Chris will be missed.

IMACC functions well because so many members choose to help lead important initiatives. I would like to thank Yixia Lu from South Suburban College for her excellent work as conference coordinator. Her attention to detail is unmatched. Yixia is stepping down at the end of the 2013 conference. It has been an honor to work with her and I know she will do an excellent job preparing Sunil Koswatta of Harper to fill her role in the future.

I would like to conclude by thanking you, the membership, for making IMACC what it has become. I believe that we have the best organization for community college professionals in Illinois. Please help us keep IMACC strong by recruiting new members. Thank you.

Best, Bob

Share your math department's news and current events with others in the state. Send articles to be included in the Math ConneXion to d.koenig@rockvalleycollege.edu.

Important Announcement!!

At the October 6, 2012 IMACC board meeting, the board voted to use electronic voting to carry out the general election in Spring 2013. This means that members will be required to have a valid email address to vote in this election. If you have not sent IMACC your current email address, please send Steve Kifowit (SKifowit@prairiestate.edu) your current email address by December 31, 2012. Members may open a free gmail account for this purpose.

Upcoming Conferences

Dates	Organization	Location
November 28-30, 2012	NCTM/ICTM	Chicago, IL
January 9-12, 2013	MAA-AMS	SanDiego, CA
April 4-6, 2013	IMACC	Monticello, IL
August 1-3, 2013	MathFest	Hartford, CT
October 31-November 3	AMATYC	Anaheim, CA

Help Fill *The ConneXion's* Pages

Share your ideas with others across the state. Let's use *The ConneXion* as a venue to let each other know new initiatives, curriculum changes, and tips/tricks for the classroom.

Send your articles or favorite classroom activities to d.koenig@rockvalleycollege.edu.

The deadline for the next edition is January 15, 2013 but you can send your articles at anytime and I will include them in the next issue.

Joke of the Issue

An infinite crowd of mathematicians enters a bar. The first one orders a pint, the second one a half pint, the third one a quarter pint... "I understand", says the bartender - and pours two pints.

*Have a joke you would like to share?
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