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## President's Message

I hope that you are having a very pleasant summer, whether you are teaching or pursuing other endeavors. I hope that we can enjoy the "down-time" of summer to begin to recharge for the fall semester that is just around the corner for all of us. I also hope that all of you feel as good about what you have chosen to do in life as I do. I see the teaching of mathematics as a calling - and a very worthy calling at that. I truthfully could not see myself doing anything for as many years as I have taught and enjoying it as I have in teaching mathematics. We "math people" need to be positive in our outlook and have fun doing what we do. Many of our students need to see the "fun-side" of mathematics since they often see it as something that has to be done, but not enjoyed. We can be our own best advocates for mathematics.

I imagine that you have had time now to reflect on this year's Allerton Conference. I am sure that you arrived at the conclusion that it was another successful conference for IMACC. A special thanks goes out to Vern Kays for putting together a program that asked us to reflect on practice. Vern brought in some excellent speakers who caused us to think about what we do and how we do it. I would say to anyone who has not put together a conference such as this, it is not as easy as it appears. I am finding that out in a very real way as I look toward next year's conference. The Conference Coordinators, Mary Beth Beno and Phil Bossaers need also to be commended on the excellent job that they did this year. It is nice to see a conference run so smoothly, which is not possible unless they do their job well. Bob Cappetta also did an excellent job running the raffle for our scholarship fund. A special thanks goes to those who made presentations throughout the conference and to all who helped make this conference a success.

As we are thinking about the conference, it is never too early to begin to think and plan for the next one. I read through the recommendations that were turned in, and I found several excellent suggestions for next year's conference. I think it is important for this to be a conference that each of us can find that which we need to improve our courses, or delivery of our courses, and even, perhaps, support for what we are currently doing in our courses. I must tell you that I am extremely pleased that three people have already volunteered to make presentations for next year. This is super!!!

Let me invite you to let me know if you are willing to make a presentation or just let me know a subject on which you would like to hear a presentation. I know I cannot possibly accommodate all suggestions, but I will definitely attempt to address the concerns that seem to be the most pressing. Let me also encourage any of you that are doing something in your

courses that is working extremely well, and that you would like to share, to get in touch with me. We need those who would present at all levels.

Let me address a couple of concerns that I think we need to be considering. I feel, as most of you do, that IMACC is a strong and important organization; however it is only as strong as the participation of its members. We need to reach out and involve more people in our organization,



**Jim Harris**  
IMACC President

## *President's Message cont. Institutional Members*

especially the new members of our faculties. Karen Froelich and her committee have been working hard to reach out and increase our membership. This is an area that needs all of our help. Not only do we need to reach new members, we need to involve more of our members. Serving on the Board, running for office, or serving on one of our various committees can open one's eyes to what is going on with our organization. If you have any desire to serve in any capacity, please contact one of our current committee chairs, Board members, or officers. We will attempt to find you a place to become active in the work of your organization.

Another issue that warrants our attention is our integrity as institutions to do what we say we are doing. Each department chair, and possibly other members, has a copy of the IMACC/ISMAA Illinois Mathematics and Computer Science Articulation Guide. This document has become extremely ~~important as we have entered into the IAI~~ agreements. It is this guide that the panels refer to as they consider whether or not a course meets the description necessary to make it acceptable to the panel. It is important that we at our various institutions also consider this guide as we deliver those courses described in this book. If we think that some of these courses need to be changed, which will happen more as time passes, then we need to go through the process of changing the guide to reflect what should be in those courses. The Articulation Guide needs to be a book that is alive and changing as we, as mathematics educators, see the need. We currently have much to say about the courses that we teach; however if that is to continue, we must be doing what this guide says we are to do until we change the guide.

I am proud of our organization and especially all of you that make it what it is. Let's make this coming year a great year for our institutions, for IMACC, and for ourselves.

Jim Harris, President

Institutional membership is an important source of support for IMACC. If the year after your college's name is 2000 rather than 2001, 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 Report*

William L. Drezdron from Oakton Community College was presented with the Distinguished Service Award at the awards presentation at Allerton House during the IMACC Conference. 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.

Also awarded during the presentation were the Life Membership Awards to:

Jim Hajek	Lincoln Land Community College
Solveig R Bender	William Rainey Harper Community College
Carole Bernett	William Rainey Harper Community College
Margaret Schmid	Black Hawk College
Lawrence White	Illinois Central College
Mike Emerich	Parkland College

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.

No nominations for the James Armstrong Award were received.

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.

## *Scholarship Committee Report*

Committee Members: Carol Schmidt (chair), Diane Koenig, Mary Beth Pederson

The IMACC Memorial Scholarship would like to thank each of you for nominating your student for an IMACC scholarship this year. The following are the scholarships that were awarded:

Tamara Ripley has been a student at Richland and plans on attending Millikin- \$750

Jennifer Van Wakeman was a student at Parkland and will be attending U of I Chicago- \$450

Thank you once again for taking the time to notice these excellent students and bringing them to the attention of the committee. We urge you to inform the marketing department at your school so that the students may receive the recognition for their awards. We also hope that you will encourage your colleagues to nominate their deserving students.

We look forward to receiving your nominations next year!



# *Delegates and Representatives*

## **AMATYC Delegates**

### **Affiliate Delegates**

Jim Harris	John A. Logan College
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**

<b>ISMAA:</b> Sandra Cox	Kaskaskia College
<b>MOMATYC:</b> Tim Grant	Southwestern Illinois College
<b>NCTM:</b> 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*

Pete Frisk retired from Rock Valley College on May 31, 2001 after 36 years of service. He will be taking the summer off but then will be continuing his teaching at Rock Valley as an adjunct faculty member in the fall.

Rock Valley College hired two new mathematics faculty members for the 2001-2002 school year. Paul McComb, formerly of Olney Central College, has been hired to fill the vacancy from Pete Frisk's retirement, and Kathleen Almy has been hired as a full time faculty for a one year temporary position. Welcome!

# *IMACC Leadership*

## *IMACC Officers 01-02*

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