By the time you read this, we will be well into summer. I hope you are enjoying your summer, whether you are teaching, continuing your professional development, or just relaxing. I would first like to thank Vicki and Dave for their many years of service. Also, congratulations to Diane Koenig, who received our outstanding teaching excellence award, to Vicki B. who received our distinguished service award and to Sally Jo Crandall (College of Lake County) and Matt Maletich (College of DuPage) who received our scholarship awards. Please consider nominating students for next year’s award.

I have already begun working on next year’s program and am taking into consideration the comments you made on this year’s evaluation forms. Unfortunately, what one person likes or wants, is the exact opposite of someone else. I know I can’t please everyone, but I will do my best to make next year’s conference interesting and entertaining.

Two of my goals for this year are to increase membership, both institutional and individual and attendance at the conference. I have several ideas which I will be discussing with the board at our fall meeting. Other issues the board will be discussing are: professional development opportunities for members, the cost of Allerton, other locations for the conference and the composition of the board. For the last several years, all of the Presidents and many of the board members are from colleges in the Northern section of the state. We are very concerned about this trend, especially since most of these schools are large. The smaller colleges also need to be heard from. Some of the board members have already begun discussing ways to ensure representation from all sections of the state. We will continue this discussion in the fall. If you have any suggestions or ideas on any of these issues or others, please let a board member know what they are.

Brenda
Institutional membership is an important source of support for IMACC. If the year after your college’s name is 2006, then your membership expired on June 30 and 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.

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**Enhanced Online ConneXion**

With more publications going online every day, IMACC has been behind the times a little. Yes, we have moved many of the forms that used to appear in the ConneXion to the IMACC website (http://www.imacc.org). It’s also true that every issue can be found online in a PDF version. However, we have continued to snail mail print versions to every member three times a year.

With additional issues sent to key contacts at many Illinois two-year colleges, this amounts to mailing out over 1000 newsletters per year. This has proven to be somewhat costly and inefficient in the 21st century.

What can you do about it? I’m glad you asked! Beginning with the Fall 2006 issue, you can opt to receive an e-mail notification when the latest issue of The Math ConneXion is available for viewing. Then you can just click the link in the message and you will be taken to the online edition of the newsletter. If you so choose, you could then print it out. Or just read it off your computer screen. It’s your option.

Besides saving the organization some money and the planet some trees, there is another benefit. As editor, I sometimes need to cut items to make the pages come out to a multiple of four. This is not a consideration for an online version. So, there will be a few bonuses in each online version.

If you would like to opt to receive an e-mail notification instead of the print version, please e-mail IMACC Treasurer Steve Kifowit at skifowit@prairiestate.edu with the words “online newsletter” in the subject line and tell him what e-mail address you would like the notice sent to.

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**Deadline for Submissions**

Fall 2005 Issue—October 15, 2006
Summer 2006 Issue—May 15, 2007

The following Windows-based formats are most easily used:

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

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**Editor’s Choice for Summer Reading**

Coincidences, Chaos, and All That Math Jazz by Edward Burger and Michael Starbird is a real treat. You may remember Starbird from the 2003 Allerton Conference. They employ the same readable and entertaining approach to this book as they did to their outstanding textbook *The Heart of Mathematics*. If you’re looking for fresh ideas to supplement your courses, look no further!
The AMATYC Student Mathematics League (SML) Contest was completed in March. The champions this year were Pasadena City College of California by one point over Los Angeles City College 280-279. The College of DuPage and William Rainey Harper College represented our state well nationally by placing 5th and 10th, respectively. Individually, COD and Harper each had two students ranked in the national top twenty-five.

IMACC institutions fared pretty well in the Mid-West Region, as well. Six of the top nine colleges in the region came from our organization with College of DuPage (1st) and Harper (2nd) being joined near the top by Illinois Central (5th), Oakton (6th), Moraine Valley (7th) and Rock Valley (8th). Illinois community college students dominated the individual standings in our region with eight of the top ten students.

For more information go to: http://www.amatyc.org/SML/SML.html

**Midwest Region Team Standings**

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**IMACC Award Winners from Allerton 2006**

Two major awards were presented at the 2006 IMACC Annual Conference at Allerton.

Vicki Beitler of Parkland College received the Distinguished Service Award. Vicki has been an IMACC member since the late 1980s and has assumed leadership roles in our organization almost every year that she has been a member. She served on the Board of Directors (1990-93) while she was also Allerton conference coordinator. In all, she has been conference coordinator or co-conference coordinator six times. Vicki was first elected Secretary of IMACC in 1995, which means that she just completed her eleventh consecutive term in that office! Putting that into perspective, our next two longest-serving Secretaries, Eline Svendsen and Barbara Juister, served 6 years and 5 years, respectively.

Diane Koenig from Rock Valley College was announced as the winner of the IMACC Award for Teaching Excellence. The nomination remarked that Diane “has been an outstanding asset to the college and this award would further recognize her accomplishments in serving not only her students, but her colleagues, and the entire Rock Valley community”.

In addition, Lifetime Membership Awards were given to Anita Sikes-Drezdzon of the Delgado Community College (LA) and Richard Diefenbach of Shawnee Community College who are retiring from their respective colleges.

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**News & Notes from the Membership**

No news is usually good news, but in this case I beg to differ. Even with two months between the submission deadline and going to press, I still did not receive a single item about the activities of any IMACC members. Please remember to submit news about either yourself or your colleagues so that they can be recognized in the premier mathematics publication in the state of Illinois (if not the world).

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**Scholarship Committee Report**

There were two scholarship recipients for 2006. Sally Jo Crandall (College of Lake County) received $1000 and Matt Maletich (College of DuPage) was awarded $800. Each have aspirations of teaching at the high school level.

Please consider nominating a deserving student from your institution for the IMACC Memorial Fund Scholarship next year. Remember that the scholarship is for students intending to major in mathematics or mathematics education. Complete information about this award is provided on the IMACC website (http://www.imacc.org) and will be included in the fall issue of The Math ConneXion.
**IMACC Award for Teaching Excellence**

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** (see page 6).

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IMACC Award for Teaching Excellence

Nomination Form
(please type or print)

Complete nomination packets must be
Postmarked by November 1, 2006.

Mail completed information to:
IMACC Awards Committee
Kim Martin, Committee Chair
Southeastern Illinois College
3575 College Road
Harrisburg, Illinois 62946

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name:

College:

Mailing Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Telephone: ( ) - FAX Number: ( ) -

E-mail:

Nominee’s College President:

President’s Mailing Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Nominees number of years of teaching experience:

IMACC Member? □ YES □ NO

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name:

College:

Mailing Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Telephone: ( ) - FAX Number: ( ) -

E-mail:

NOMINATOR’S PACKET CHECKLIST

□ this nomination form
□ cover letter from the nominator, not to exceed 3 pages in at least 12 point font

• In fairness to all candidates, no additional materials will be considered. Pages exceeding limits will not be considered. Materials not in the checklist will not be considered. Faxed materials will not be considered.

• Additional information will be requested from the winner before the application can be submitted to the AMATYC Awards Committee for the AMATYC Award for Teaching Excellence.

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Rodger Hergert Rock Valley College

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Brenda Alberico College of DuPage

Memorial Fund Scholarship
Angie Gum* Lincoln Land Comm. College
Chris Cullop Kishwaukee College
Diane Koenig Rock Valley College
Tony Paris Carl Sandburg College

Nominations & Elections
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IMACC Individual Membership Form
2006-2007

Name: ___________________________________________ School: ___________________________________________

Home Address: ______________________________________ School Address: ________________________________


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: $ 15.00       3 Years: $ 40.00       5 Years: $ 65.00

Membership Fee + Scholarship Contribution = Total Enclosed

Please make checks payable to: IMACC

Mail to: IMACC, c/o Steve Kifowit, Prairie State College, 202 South Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, IL 60411

IMACC Institutional Membership Form*
2006-2007

Invoice: 200607

IMACC Tax I.D. #: 371127733

Membership Dues: $ 325.00 per year

Amount Enclosed: _____________

Date: ___________ Signed: ___________________________ Title: ___________________________

Please Complete The Following Information

School: ___________________________________________ President: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________________________ Vice-President: __________________________

City: _________________ State: ____ Zip: ________ Contact Person: __________________________

Phone: (____) ___________________________ Contact Phone: (____) __________________________

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Here are some links that I have found through various sources that I thought I’d share with you. If there are any math sites that really knock your socks off, please send them to me and I’ll get them in the next issue.

- Simpsons Math: http://SimpsonsMath.com
- Mathematical Imagery (AMS): http://www.ams.org/mathimagery/
- The Math Forum at Drexel: http://www.mathforum.org
- Purplemath: http://www.purplemath.com
- The Puzzle Toad: http://www.cs.cmu.edu/puzzle/index.html
- Archimedes’ Laboratory: http://www.archimedes-lab.org/

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