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President's Message

The IMACC Board has worked diligently and hard this past year trying to provide members a continued conference setting of interest as well as keep up with and respond to changes. **IMACC 2009 – March 26-28 – Allerton Park, Monticello.** “Is this your final answer?” “Yes.” “Are you sure?” “Yes.” Mark it on your calendar! See you there! Bring your colleagues from your college!

As we complete another IMACC year, a special thank you to Catherine Moushon, who has served so ably as President this past year. As you know, among other things, this includes serving as chair of the Program Committee for the annual conference, a large task that has many aspects to it. Thank you so much, Catherine, for a job well done.

Service to the organization is a trait of many IMACC members, not the least of whom is John Bradburn, first IMACC president. John received IMACC's Distinguished Service Award almost 20 years ago and has continued to make many contributions to the organization. Most recently he has been serving as parliamentarian, chair of the Constitution/Bylaws Committee, and chair of the Audit Committee. IMACC is looking for a member to serve as parliamentarian. Please contact me if you are willing to serve in this capacity. One of the main duties would be to be present at the IMACC Annual Meeting, on Saturday morning of the conference weekend. Bob Cappetta has volunteered to serve as chair of the Constitution/Bylaws Committee. The past-president, as designated keeper of the Constitution/Bylaws, will also be a member of this committee. One more member on this committee would be helpful. Please contact me if you are willing to do this. The Audit Committee, who audits the group's financial records for the past year on Friday of the annual conference, will consist of three members. Dave Clydesdale as chair, Roberta Christie, and Sunil Koswatta have agreed to serve.

Speaking of service – many thanks are also due to Rodger Hergert who has so ably served as editor of The Math ConneXion for these past five years. Again, this is a job that has many aspects to it – articles, format, printing, mailing. And, we are pleased to announce that Brian Meyer of Shawnee Community College has agreed to assume this position. We are pleased to

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Institutional Members

Institutional membership is an important source of support for IMACC. If the year after your college's name is 2008, 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.

College	Expires
Black Hawk College	2008
Carl Sandburg College	2008
College of DuPage	2008
College of Lake County	2008
Elgin Community College	2008
Harper College	2008
Illinois Central College	2008
Illinois State University	2008
ITT Technical Institute	2006
John A. Logan College	2008
Joliet Junior College	2008
Kankakee Community College	2007
Kishwaukee College	2009
Lewis & Clark Community College	2008
Lincoln Land Community College	2008
McHenry County College	2008
Moraine Valley Community College	2008
Morton College	2007
Oakton Community College	2008
Parkland College	2008
Prairie State College	2008
Richland Community College	2009
Rock Valley College	2008
Shawnee Community College	2008
South Suburban College	2009
Southwestern Illinois College	2007
Waubonsee Community College	2008

Deadline for Submissions

Fall 2008 Issue—October 15, 2008
 Winter 2009 Issue—January 15, 2009
 Summer 2009 Issue—May 15, 2009

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report that the number of IMACC members receiving the ConneXion on-line is increasing.

More service – Jim Harris, also a past president of IMACC, has, along with many other responsibilities, served as chair of the Curriculum Committee for about the last 11 years. Jim is retiring from teaching this year but has agreed to chair the Curriculum Committee for one more year. Bob Cappetta has agreed to serve as co-chair this year (It sounded better than vice-chair.), knowing that he will become chair of the Curriculum Committee the next year. The Computer Science Courses and Recommended Courses of Study was approved by both ISMAA and IMACC this spring. Thanks to the IMACC Curriculum Committee for their hard work on that project. Copies were distributed at the Conference and this latest update is included in the Illinois Mathematics and Computer Science Articulation Guide on the IMACC Website.

And, we would be remiss if we did not mention the service of out-going board members Brian Garant, Tracey Hoy, and Tony Paris, all of whom have served so ably these past three years. Welcome to new board members Keven Hansen of Southwestern Illinois College, Randy Gallaher of Lewis and Clark College, and Tony Paris of Carl Sandburg College.

A “raffle” for scholarship money will be held again at the IMACC Conference. Amy Curry has agreed to be in charge of it again. While shopping/traveling this coming year, be on the look-out for something that you can donate for a prize in the “raffle.” Treasurer Steve reports that some members are sending in a monetary contribution for the scholarship fund when they renew their dues. Nice idea!

Are you interested in being of service to IMACC in one of the following positions?

Awards Committee could use two more members.
 Membership Committee – one more member
 Constitution/Bylaws – one more member
 Parliamentarian

Someone planning to attend NCTM next spring is needed to represent IMACC

Looking forward to working with you this year,

Carol Schmidt
 IMACC President

Important News About the 2009 IMACC Conference

We are going back to the Allerton Park for the 2009 IMACC Conference. The dates have changed so mark your calendars with the new dates March 26-29, 2009. It was previously scheduled to be held at Eagle Creek State Resort on April 16-18, but will now be at Allerton Park on the earlier dates.

This will be the 29th Annual IMACC Conference. If you would like more information about Allerton Park you can visit this webpage <http://www.continuinged.uiuc.edu/allerton/>. If you're planning on attending this year's IMACC Conference there will be more information in the Winter issue of The Math ConneXion and on the IMACC website (www.imacc.org) as the conference dates get closer.



New Editors Request

I need your help to find new and interesting information to put in the Math ConneXion. If you come across any information that you would like to share with readers please send it my way. If you have any innovative programs, new classroom tools, such as software, or computer hardware or tools, I would love to hear about them so I could include them in the next or future edition. I'm also looking for reference sources to pull from. If you have anything at all please sent me an e-mail at: brianm@shanweecc.edu. Thanks Brian Meyer.



Special Thanks to Rodger Hergert

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rodger Hergert for his hard work and dedication to the Math ConneXion Newsletter. He has worked on the publication for the last 5 years. We truly appreciate your service! I would like to also like to thank Roger for all the help he gave me on this edition of The Math ConneXion.



News & Notes from the Membership

Once again, there was no news (or notes for that matter) from the membership since the Winter issue. I'm sure there are really exciting things happening with our IMACC members that everyone would be delighted to read about, but I can't do it without participation from you! Please send me anything you think might be even mildly entertaining for our members to read in the Fall issue.

Upcoming Conferences

<u>Year</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
2008	ICTM	October 16-18	Peoria, IL
2008	AMATYC	November 20-23	Washington, DC
2009	AMS/MAA	January 5-8	Washington, DC
2009	IMACC	March 26-28	Monticello, IL
2009	ISMAA	April 3-4	Peoria, IL
2009	NCTM	April 22-25	Washington, DC
2009	MAA (Math Fest)	August 6-8	Portland, OR
2009	AMATYC	November 12-15	Las Vegas, NV



Scholarship Committee Report

At its meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2008, the IMACC Board approved the scholarship committee's recommendation to award \$1000 IMACC Memorial Fund Scholarships to Kara Crayne, Tabitha Duncan, Janise Jones, and Chelsey Poettker.

Kara Crayne, nominated by Kim Martin of Southeastern Illinois College, plans to enroll full-time this fall at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. She intends to complete a degree in mathematics education and afterwards aspires to teach high school mathematics.

Tabitha Duncan, nominated by Neil McKenna of Kishwaukee College, plans to enroll as a full-time student in the fall to complete a degree in mathematics education at Northern Illinois University. She aspires to be a junior high school mathematics teacher.

Janise Jones was nominated by Chris Cullop of Kishwaukee College. Janise intends to enroll this fall at Northern Illinois University to earn a degree in mathematics education. Upon completion, she desires to teach high school mathematics.

Chelsey Poettker, nominated by Tim Grant of Southwestern Illinois College, aims to enroll this fall at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville to earn a degree in mathematics education. Subsequently she plans to teach high school mathematics. Congratulations and best wishes to these outstanding award recipients!

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 Is Looking for Parliamentarian

IMACC is looking for a parliamentarian who is a regular attendee of the conference and the annual business meeting. If you're interested, please contact Carol Schmidt.

Deadlines for Awards Has Changed

The deadline for submitting nominations for IMACC awards has changed to March 1st. Members nominating will receive a confirmation of receipt from Paul McCombs via email.



IMACC Award Winners from Allerton 2008

The Distinguished Service Award most deservedly was awarded this year to Jim Trefzger of Parkland College. The requirements for the award include at least ten years as an active IMACC member, served in an elected office, served at least four years in some combination of leadership positions, and be recommended by an IMACC member. Jim has been a guiding force in IMACC as well as in the profession for many years. He currently serves as Midwest AMATYC Vice President, among other things.

A total of five Lifetime Membership Awards were given. Recipients were Rita Fischbach of Illinois Central College, Karen Froelich of William R. Harper College, Jim Harris of John A. Logan College, Joe Stien of Illinois Central College, and Jim Trefzger of Parkland College. The Life Membership Award is given to IMACC members who are retiring, have been a member at least 10 years, and have regularly attended the IMACC conference or made other significant contributions to the organization. Congratulations and thanks to these individuals for their many contributions to IMACC.



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).

IMACC Award for Teaching Excellence Nomination Form

Please print or type.

Completed nomination forms and materials should be mailed by October 22, 2008 at the latest.

Mail completed information to:

Paul McCombs
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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*

- a. Completed Teaching Excellence Nomination Form
 - b. Cover letter from nominator addressing the three criteria above, 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.

What Do You Think?
IMACC Annual Conference

CONFERENCE 2009 QUESTIONNAIRE

Perhaps because of the uncertainty of next year's conference at the time of this year's conference, not very many questionnaires were returned. Those that were had some good suggestions and we would like input from you. The questions are repeated here. Mail or e-mail to Carol Schmidt. Address and e-mail are on the front page of this newsletter. If e-mailing, just write the question number with your response after it. Or send Carol an e-mail and ask for a questionnaire as an attachment. Thanks for your anticipated input. Please respond as soon as possible, by October 3rd at the latest.

IMACC CONFERENCE FORM
PLANNING FOR 2009

Please offer your suggestions/opinions to improve/assist your organization/conference!

1. Suggestions for next year's conference program:

Topics (What would you like to learn or hear about next year?):

Keynote Speakers:

Break-out Session Speakers:

I'll volunteer to present (name, contact information, topic):

I can serve as a presider (name, contact information):

I'll volunteer to help with the Thursday evening "Meet and Greet Social":

I'll volunteer to help with the scholarship ____raffle ____other activity:

Suggestion for Friday evening speaker/program/event after the banquet:

2. Suggestions for officer/board nominees:

3. Suggestions for committee members:

4. Matters in community college math that IMACC should address:

SURVEY on Philosophy of Contribution to Scholarship Fund

The James Armstrong Memorial Fund Scholarship “provides approximately \$750 or more to the selected recipient”. On more than one occasion, the IMACC Board has discussed the source of funds for scholarships as well as the number and the amount of scholarships to be awarded each year. Recently, larger amounts to more than one recipient have been awarded, which, in turn, has been more invasive to the Scholarship Fund principal. The Board is interested in input from the membership on this topic of scholarships. As such, please respond to the following survey. Your input is important. Mail or e-mail to Carol Schmidt. Address and e-mail are on the front page of this newsletter. If e-mailing, just write the statement number of your choice. Or send Carol an e-mail and ask for a questionnaire as an attachment. The IMACC website also contains an electronic version of this newsletter. Thanks for your anticipated participation. Please respond as soon as possible, by October 3rd at the latest.

Choose (check) one of the following four statements that most closely represents your thinking:

_____ 1. The eventual goal should be to have the scholarship money awarded each year come only from interest earned from the IMACC Scholarship Fund during the past year. All monetary contributions for scholarships would be deposited as principal in the Fund. Eventually the individual scholarship amount and/or the number of scholarships awarded could be increased. At the present time, due to the modest amount of principal currently in the Fund and low interest rates, not much interest is generated each year. Therefore, initially, this should mean (choose one or two)

_____ one scholarship of \$750-\$1000 should be awarded each year with contributions over this amount going to build the principal in the Fund

_____ not awarding a scholarship some years with the total going to build the principal.

_____ 2. The eventual goal should be to have the scholarship money awarded each year come from a combination of the interest earned from the IMACC Scholarship Fund and money contributed for scholarships during the past year. As noted in #1 above, because of the modest amount of principal currently in the Fund and low interest rates, not much interest is generated each year. Thus, initially, one scholarship of \$750-1000 should be awarded each year and any scholarship money raised above that amount should go to the IMACC Scholarship Fund principal to eventually allow interest to actually become a reasonable contributing factor to the scholarship money awarded each year.

_____ 3. IMACC scholarship money amount awarded each year should be a fixed amount, satisfied by whatever combination of principal and/or interest from the IMACC Scholarship Fund and money contributed for scholarships during the previous year is necessary to accumulate that amount. When the principal from the IMACC Scholarship Fund becomes depleted, the organization will determine at that time what should be done regarding the further awarding of scholarships and/or the raising of sufficient money to award the scholarships.

Suggest the annual total fixed amount _____

Suggest the amount of an individual scholarship: Minimum _____ Maximum _____

_____ 4. Here’s a good option that wasn’t included in the survey. I suggest the following:

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ICTM

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MOMATYC

NCTM

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Diane Grzeczka	South Suburban College		Math ConneXion
Keven Hansen	Southwestern Illinois College		Shawnee Community College
Abbas Meigooni	Lincoln Land Community College		
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Paul McCombs *	Rock Valley College	Brenda Alberico	College of DuPage
Rodger Hergert	Rock Valley College	Kathy LaBeau	William Rainey Harper College
Tracey Hoy	College of Lake County		Memorial Fund Scholarship
Diane Martling *	William Rainey Harper College	Angie Gum *	Lincoln Land Community College
	Budget	Chris Cullop	Kishwaukee College
Steve Kifowit *	Prairie State College	Diane Koenig	Rock Valley College
Dave Clydesdale	William Rainey Harper College	Tony Paris	Carl Sandburg College
Rodger Hergert	Rock Valley College		Nominations & Elections
	Conference	Rodger Hergert *	Rock Valley College
<u>Publishers</u>		Catherine Moushon	Elgin Community College
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Diane Martling	William Rainey Harper College	Carol Schmidt *	Lincoln Land Community College
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Keven Hansen	Southwestern Illinois College		
Tracey Hoy	College of Lake County		
Catherine Moushon	Elgin Community College		
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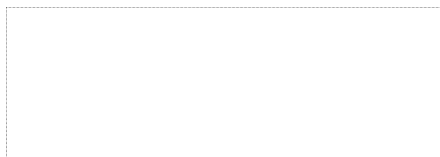


IMACC Individual Membership Form 2008-2009		
Name	School	
Home Address	School Address	
City/State/Zip	City/State/Zip	
Phone ()	Phone ()	
Email Address		
To which of the above addresses do you wish correspondence? (Circle One)		Home School
Do you wish your name distributed with the IMACC database? (Circle One)		Yes No
Do you wish to receive <i>The Math ConneXion</i> by mail? (Circle One)		Yes No
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 :		IMACC
Mail to:	IMACC c/o Steve Kifowit Prairie State College 202 S. Halsted St. Chicago Heights, IL 60411	

IMACC Institutional Membership Form 2008-2009		
Invoice: 200809	Amount Due:	
(IMACC Tax I.D. #: 371127733)	Enter Amount:	
Date:	Signed:	Title:
Please Complete The Following Information		
School	President	
Address	Vice-President	
	Contact Person	
City/State/Zip	Contact Phone ()	
Phone ()	Contact Email	
Please make check payable to :		IMACC
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- IMACC's membership year begins July 1, 2008 and ends June 30, 2009. Annual dues must be paid by March 1, 2009 in order to receive a complimentary conference registration for the institutional representative.

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Online Math ConneXion

Here are a few of the extras you can see in the online version of The Math ConneXion (<http://www.imacc.org>):

- Pictures from the 2008 IMACC Annual Conference at Monticello
- Info about IMACC Awards
- Additional conference announcements

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 11 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).