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President's Message

As you have likely noticed, summer is over. At least, as far as school is concerned, summer is over and we all have returned for the fall semester. Due to some unforeseen technical difficulties, we are doing an online newsletter for this issue so that it can get out before the fall issue. We should be back on track for the usual delivery of the fall Math ConneXion.

Here's one piece of IMACC business that needs to be tended to. We are still looking for someone to serve as our representative to NCTM. It would be ideal if this were someone who is planning to attend the 2010 NCTM Annual Meeting in San Diego next April 21-24 (although this isn't absolutely necessary). The basic function of the NCTM rep is to serve as the go-between for IMACC & NCTM. The only requirement is to be a current NCTM member. If you're interested, please e-mail me (r.hergert@rockvalleycollege.edu).

If you're looking to add a few things to your "to do" list for the beginning of the new semester (as if you're not busy enough already!), here are a few suggestions.

- 1.) Check the expiration date on your IMACC membership. You can do this by checking the membership list on the IMACC website. If you're not listed in the online database, you can always e-mail Steve Kifowit (skifowit@prairiestate.edu) to find out when you expire.
- 2.) Send a snippet of news about your colleagues, your department, or yourself to me for inclusion in the next ConneXion.
- 3.) The 2010 IMACC Annual Conference is in the development stage, so there's still time to volunteer to give a talk, provide suggestions on speakers or topics, or offer an idea on how we should celebrate IMACC's 35th year.
- 4.) If you're an IMACC committee chair, you could get started on creating a brief description (a couple sentences should suffice) of your committee's purpose and/or mission. We'll be looking for those prior to the fall board meeting (October 3rd).

That's all for now. Until next time, this is Rodger, over and out.

Rodger Hergert, IMACC president

IMACC Scholarship Recipients

At its meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2009, the IMACC Board approved the scholarship committee's recommendation to award a \$1500 IMACC Memorial Fund Scholarship to Claudia Willoughby.

Claudia is a student at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield. She plans to enroll as a full-time student in the fall to complete a degree in secondary mathematics education at Illinois State University.

Congratulations and best wishes to this outstanding award recipient!

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 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 presentations, your volunteer support and your participation in the 2010 ICTCM.

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2009 IMACC Award Winners

James Jones was awarded the IMACC Teaching Excellence Award at the 2009 IMACC Annual Conference in March. As a result, James will be nominated for the AMATYC Teaching Excellence Award in 2011.

Also honored at the conference were the Lifetime Membership Awards to retiring IMACC members Nancy Rice (Harper College), Ali Moshgi (Richland Community College), and Tom McGannon (St. Xavier University).

There were no nominations for the Distinguished Service Award and the James Armstrong Award in 2009.

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 Committee Chair by December 15, 2009.

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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The Rest of the Story

The typical IMACC newsletter contains things like committee listings, institutional and individual membership forms, and IMACC representatives and delegates, but since this is the stripped down version you can find all of this information (and much more!) at the IMACC website (<http://www.imacc.org>).

Look for the fall issue of The Math ConneXion back in its usual form in early November.