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President's Message

Summer is already fading from memory. I hope you enjoyed your summer and are eagerly anticipating the Fall, whether you are teaching, continuing your professional development, or pursuing other interests. At the beginning of this new academic year, I'm hoping to persuade you to make some "new year resolutions" related to IMACC. First, though, my thanks go to Rodger Hergert for his service this past year as President and to Carol Schmidt for her years of dedication to our organization (and congratulations to her on her retirement). Congratulations also go to this past year's award winners: David Clydesdale from Harper College (Distinguished Service Award) and Bob Hickey from Kishwaukee College (Teaching Excellence Award).

RESOLUTION # 1: If you know an excellent teacher or dedicated IMACC volunteer, please take a moment to nominate them; also, don't forget our student scholarship awards—I'm sure your school has excellent students deserving a nomination from you!

I'm also confident your school has excellent math instructors that could benefit from all IMACC has to offer.

RESOLUTION #2: Please take a moment this semester to invite colleagues (full-time and adjunct alike) to join IMACC and personally invite them to the conference. I have begun work on next year's program, and am doing my best to make it both informative and entertaining—I hope to see each of you there. If you are interested in presenting at the conference (or know someone who should be invited to present), please contact me soon. This year will see big changes for us in Illinois now that the state has adopted the common core state standards (www.corestandards.org). These standards

will have significant impacts on community colleges, particularly in developmental mathematics.

RESOLUTION #3: Documents outlining these impacts and recommended criteria for developmental math programs are at the IMACC website—please take a moment to review them and tell me what you think. I'm very proud that many IMACC members have taken the lead in looking at our pedagogy and practices throughout the state in light of these new standards. For example, your departmental contact will soon receive a "survey of math placement practices"—please make sure this is filled out and returned. Our next board meeting is October 2nd. If you have any suggestions or comments on the issues above (or others), please let a board member know what they are. I look forward to the new academic year being a great one for IMACC and for each of its members. 2^KKeven

IMACC Scholarship Recipients

At its meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2010, the IMACC Board approved the scholarship committee's recommendation to award a \$1500 IMACC Memorial Fund Scholarship to Kyle Davis.

Kyle is a student at Olney Central College in Olney. He plans to enroll as a full-time student in the fall to complete a degree in secondary mathematics education at Eastern Illinois University.

Congratulations and best wishes to this outstanding award recipient!

2010 IMACC Award Winners

Bob Hickey from Kishwaukee College was awarded the IMACC Teaching Excellence Award at the 2010 IMACC Annual Conference in March.

Also presented at the conference was the Distinguished Service Award to David Clydesdale from Harper College.

Request for Presiders

If you are going to the AMATYC conference in Boston, consider serving as a presider at the conference. To submit your presider application, go to the AMATYC homepage, www.amatyc.org. Once there, click on the 36th Annual Conference, then click on the Call for Presiders button on the left, you will then find a Presider Application or contact Bob Malena at bmalena@ccac.edu.

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, 2010.

Upcoming Conferences

Dates	Organization	Location
October 28-29, 2010	NCTM (regional)	New Orleans, LA
November 11-14, 2010	AMATYC	Boston, MA
January 6-9, 2011	AMS/MAA	New Orleans, LA
March 17-20, 2011	ICTCM	Denver, CO
March 31-April 2, 2011	IMACC	Monticello, IL
April 13-16, 2011	NCTM	Indianapolis, IN
August 4-6, 2011	MAA Math Fest	Lexington, KY

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