I wanted to start by thanking the membership for this opportunity to serve. I’m thrilled, humbled and a bit nervous about the coming year. I’d also like to acknowledge the wonderful job that was done on the 40th anniversary conference. There are a few people I would like to single out for special recognition. Thank you to Connie for the planning and organization of the speakers and scheduling. The tent was a great idea and if we continue to use it, we will be able to keep the conference at Allerton even as we grow the organization. We all have our own special memories of coming to Allerton and we certainly enjoy one of the most unique conference locations of all the AMATYC affiliates. I also want to thank Sunil for all his hard work. The conference went very smoothly in large part to his organizational skills. I look forward to working with Sunil on the upcoming conference. Another thank you goes out to Rodger for his work with the publishers and his camera. It takes a large team of people to get this conference setup and run as well as it does. A big thank you to everyone else that had a hand in the planning and execution of our 40th anniversary celebration. The last thank you goes to Steve for his tireless, but successful, effort in getting IMACC its tax exempt status. Having been on the board for several years, I’ve heard the trials he’s had to endure with the IRS, the lawyer, paperwork, etc. This was a large undertaking and we all owe Steve a debt of gratitude for getting this job done for us.

I was thrilled to see some of the original members of IMACC attend the anniversary celebration. In speaking with the members I already knew and the members I had the privilege to meet, I realized a few things. The first was that in my whole time attending IMACC conferences (about 13 years or so), I have taken for granted that such an organization existed. I went to my first conference before I even started on my Master’s degree and it seemed natural that there was a place where educators could gather and exchange ideas and network together. If I needed an idea for a particular topic, I could email several people and get an almost immediate response. Sometimes even receiving a completed assignment I could use immediately.
As I spoke to some of the founding members of IMACC, I started to realize how much of a struggle it must have been to share information and teaching strategies not only before the organization existed, but even for years after with the limited technology that was available. I started to realize how lucky we are nowadays in regards to information sharing and how fortunate we are that those founding members had the foresight and diligence to create the organization we all love today.

Thinking about how difficult it must have been to organize and maintain IMACC got me thinking to the future. IMACC has done some great work because of the strong, active, and vocal membership that it has. The changes that we’ve seen over the years in our student population, administrators, state funding levels, and general political tom-foolery has been staggering. Keeping up and in fact keeping ahead of many of these changes is going to be tougher and tougher as the years go on. I believe it incumbent upon all of us to continue to spread the word about IMACC so can act with a larger and more unified voice in these debates. As a call to action, I would like each school to try and bring at least one new member, or a long absent member with them to next year’s conference.

Lastly, I’d like to thank the outgoing board members: Kenny Beynon, Deanna Welsch, and Christian Roldan-Johnson for their service. I’d also like to welcome incoming board members Jennifer Watkins, Laurel Cutright, Jeremy McClure and welcome back Chris Riola. Our new President Elect is Paul McCombs and we’re thrilled to have him and all the board members join us this year.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to serve and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have this year. Have a great summer!

Andy Geary
I hope all of you who were able to attend IMACC’s Annual Conference this year, found it to be informational and enjoyable. For me, the 40th Anniversary Conference for IMACC was a perfect blend of Past, Present, and Future. I am so thankful to have had the chance to reconnect with the retirees, to learn about current trends and ideas, and to become aware of issues that may be in our near future.

Attending the sessions presented by the retirees, I was reminded of the IMACC conferences I attended when I began my career in 1984. Many of the stories and reflections brought me back to those days with a fond remembrance of not only the important work IMACC members accomplished toward the betterment of post secondary mathematics education but also of the friendships that were form with peers. During the social time, David Gustafson would often play the piano, filling the area with wonderful background music while others spent time sharing ideas or catching up.

Now, more than ever, we need to become informed and stay informed. Not only individually, but as departments at our schools and as an organization. If you weren't able to make the conference this year, please consider planning on attending next year. If there are faculty at your school who haven't become members of IMACC, please encourage them to do so. Also, check out IMACC.org and the Illinois Mathematics Association of Community College's page on Facebook, and yes, you have to search the full name, for updated information between the release dates of the ConneXion.

Sincerely,

Diane Koenig
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The ConneXion Editor
Life Membership Awards

Congratulations to Neal McKenna Kishwaukee College, Pete Nodzenski Black Hawk College, and Jon Odell Richland Community College on being awarded the Life Membership Awards for 2015.

Passing of the Gavel

Past President Connie McLean passes the gavel to incoming president Andy Geary. Beginning his term as IMACC’s 41st president. Congratulations Andy and thanks Connie for a great year!

(pictured left)

IMACC Distinguished Service Award

Jim Trefzger presented the Distinguished Service Award to Otis Schouse via telephone at Allerton.

(pictured right)

IMACC Award for Teaching Excellence

Jon Odell, retired from Richland, congratulated Brian Mercer of Parkland College after his speech honoring Brian as the 2015 IMACC Teaching Excellence Award winner.

(pictured left)

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Highlights from the 40th Annual Conference at Allerton

Gathered together are all the past IMACC Presidents that were in attendance at the conference. (pictured below)

Amy Madden (Moraine Valley), Erin Kelly (Moraine Valley), John Shipley (retired from SWIC), and Charley Huang (McHenry) take some time to enjoy the beautiful Friday weather. (pictured above)

2012 IMACC Memorial Scholarship winner Brianna Koenig was in attendance with her mother, Diane Koenig. After finishing student teaching Brianna received a job at Empire High School in Tucson, AZ. (pictured below)

IMACC Members display their favorite number from the weekend in honor of the 40th Anniversary of IMACC. (pictured above)
Rock Valley College is pleased to announce two new full-time hires in the Math department. The new faculty members starting this fall are John Coburn and Elizabeth Meena.

John Coburn has been a Professor of Mathematics at St. Louis Community College (STLCC) for the last 22 years. During his tenure there, he received numerous nominations as an Outstanding Instructor by the local chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, was recognized as a master teacher by Eastern Illinois University in 2003, and in 2004 was voted Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year by the Mathematical Educators of Greater St. Louis (MEGSL). Earlier he taught for two years at the University of Oklahoma as a Teaching Assistant, where he earned his Master of Science degree in mathematics. Prior to that, he taught three years of high school mathematics in Oklahoma City, OK, where he earned Teacher of the Year honors in 1983. He is also a textbook author, with seven titles currently published by McGraw-Hill. Always an active member in his field, there have been numerous presentations on the history, humor, and applications of mathematics at local, state, and national conferences.

Elizabeth Meena is originally from Rockford and is a graduate of Rock Valley College. She has always been very familiar with Rock Valley College, as her father recently retired from the college after serving as a Chemistry Instructor for 30 years. While Elizabeth was a student at RVC, she worked in various departments on campus, including the Math department. She also thoroughly enjoyed taking as many math courses as she could and was the recipient of the 2011 R. David Gustafson Award for Excellence in Mathematics. Having recently received a Master of Science in Mathematics from Northern Illinois University, Elizabeth is thrilled to be returning to Rock Valley College to teach alongside the outstanding faculty members of the Mathematics Department.
News from the College of Lake County Mathematics Department
Submitted by: Tracey Hoy, College of Lake County

John Wilmot was one of the founding members of the College of Lake County Mathematics Department. He taught at CLC from 1969-2000 and bequeathed a substantial financial gift to the College of Lake County Foundation upon his death in 2013. An endowment in his name was established. For the first time, in April 2015, the CLC Mathematics Department awarded the “Wilmot Prize for Excellence in Mathematics” to a deserving student. A student is selected for the Wilmot Prize based upon perseverance and excellence in mathematics both in and out of the classroom. The prize includes a significant financial component which is intended to help a student continue to pursue higher education. Dhruv Patel of Wauconda, IL was the first student awarded the Wilmot Prize for Excellence in Mathematics. Dhruv received $11,500 and recognition on a plaque that is displayed at CLC. He also received a smaller plaque celebrating this award. The Mathematics Department will be forever grateful for John Wilmot’s generosity and his desire to recognize outstanding mathematics students at CLC.

News from Moraine Valley Community College

Moraine Valley Community College hosted their 13th Annual Richard A. Fritz Integration Bee on Wednesday, April 1st. Approximately 25 students participated. All contestants received a gift bag. Pizza, snacks and drinks were provided for the contestants and audience. The champion received the Champion’s T-Shirt and the finalists received medals.

The math faculty at Moraine Valley hosted a faculty seminar series during the Spring Semester. Talks were given by Dr. Keith Nabb (Fermat’s Last Theorem), Brian Kurth (The Mathematics of Infinity), and Daniel Nghiem (Proofs Without Words: Can You “See” It?). Around 40 students/faculty attended each of the talks.

Note of Thanks

I just learned yesterday, June 6th, that I was a recipient of an IMACC Lifetime Membership Award. When I look over the list of past recipients, I am deeply honored to be included in membership with this prestigious group of individuals who have shaped mathematics education in community colleges in Illinois. Please express my gratitude to IMACC leadership for making this honor happen. You have made an old retiree very happy.

Truly yours,
Neal McKenna
AMATYC is a volunteer-led organization and counts on members from across the country to serve in volunteer roles. At this time, volunteers are needed for the following positions:

- **State Delegates.** IMACC has 3 state delegates and 3 affiliate delegates. The Midwest VP appoints the 3 state delegates. State delegates serve a two-year term. This position is ideal for members who plan to attend the national conference for the next two years (2016 and 2017). If you have served as a state delegate in the past, you are still eligible to serve for another term.
- **AMATYC Student Mathematics League Test Developer.** This person directs the annual preparation of two Student Mathematics League examinations, keys, and brief solutions.*
- **Advertising Chair.** The Advertising Chair makes contacts with potential companies that will advertise in AMATYC publications and reviews all AMATYC advertising materials.*

Please let me (jaham@delta.edu) know if you are interested in any of these positions.

*AMATYC conference support provided

## AMATYC Student Mathematics League

The 2015-2016 dates for the [AMATYC Student Mathematics League](#) competition have been announced:

**Round 1:** Friday, October 16 through Saturday, November 7, 2015  
**Round 2:** Friday, February 12 through Saturday, March 5, 2016

## Upcoming Webinars

**Monday, July 13, 2015:** eCATS: Electronic Classroom Assessment Techniques: Taking the temperature of learning in the classroom  
**Thursday, July 30, 2015:** Calculus Alive! Motivating Students with Applications and Flipping the Class for Active Learning  
**Wednesday, October 7, 2015:** Improving Retention Through Placement Tests  
**Wednesday, October 16, 2015:** Teaching and Learning Strategies for Infinite Series: Limits of Partial Sums (Bob Cappetta)

## AMATYC Presidential Student Scholarship

The [AMATYC Presidential Student Scholarship](#) was awarded for the first time in 2014. The scholarship is for a student who is majoring in mathematics (or planning on majoring once they transfer). Each AMATYC affiliate is asked to submit the name of one student to be placed into a drawing. At the Affiliate Presidents' luncheon at the AMATYC Annual Conference in New Orleans and at future conferences, a student's name will be randomly chosen to receive the $1000 scholarship.

Please nominate one of your deserving students today.

## The Mathematics Excellence Award

The ME Award is intended for educators who have made outstanding contributions to mathematics or mathematics education at the two-year college. The contributions can be made at the state or national level. Long-time activity in AMATYC is helpful, but is not required.

ME award recipients are recognized in even-numbered years.
Start making plans to attend the 2015 AMATYC conference.

41st AMATYC Annual Conference
New Orleans, LA
November 19-22, 2015

Affiliate Scholarship Continues! One member from IMACC will receive a free conference registration.

The conference hotel is located in the French Quarter on Canal Street, near all the great food and jazz.

Summer Reading List

- MAA's CUPM Guidelines
- Transforming Post-Secondary Education in Mathematics (TPSE Math)
- Fueling Innovation and Discovery: The Mathematical Sciences in the 21st Century
- A Common Vision for the Undergraduate Mathematics Program in 2025

Membership

I encourage you to renew your membership or to join AMATYC if you are not a member.

1. Institutional Membership. ($480) Hurry! The new annual dues rate increases to $495 on July 1, 2015.
2. Retired and adjunct members. ($42.50, half the regular member rate) Retired and adjunct members now receive the online version of the MathAMATYC Educator.
3. Websubscription. ($25) A new option. The webscription comes with priority registration for webinars and access to all Student Mathematics League past tests.
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