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President's Message

I want to begin by thanking Andy Geary, of Harper College, for his service to IMACC, serving as the 41st president of IMACC. Having Herb Gross as our keynote speaker(s) was a great honor for our organization. Not every AMATYC affiliate has had the privilege of enjoying having the founding president of AMATYC speak at their state conference, let alone share the celebration of his 87th birthday. Herb Gross' lectures were both challenging and inspirational. The rest of the conference was a great success as well. Numerous break-out sessions led by some of Illinois' finest instructors sharing and collaborating added to the success of this year's conference. I want to thank everyone who served on the front lines as well as behind the scenes that assisted to make this conference run efficiently. Additionally, I want to thank the outgoing Board of Directors members who have faithfully supported, served, and advised the IMACC executive officers.

I would like to welcome, and introduce, our newly elected board members who are replacing the outgoing board members. The newly elected board members were announced at the business meeting. The newest members of the Board of Directors include Donna Carlson of Lake County, elected a second consecutive term, Dan Kernler of Elgin Community College, and Jackie Chalmers of Black Hawk College. Congratulations and welcome to the Board of Directors. Kyra Rider, of Kishwaukee College, will continue as our secretary, and Steve Kifowit of Prairie State College will be stepping up to the President-elect position. Replacing Steve as Treasurer will be Natalie McGathey of Prairie State College. Congratulations to Kyra, Steve and Natalie, I look forward to us serving together, and with our fabulous Board of Directors. Congratulations to everyone who was elected to the various positions. If anyone would be interested in running for a board position in the future, contact myself of Steve Kifowit.

On a personal note, I am fortunate to have the opportunity to serve as your newest president. Thank you to the membership for electing me. I hope to live up to the precedent set by our previous presidents and I appreciate your confidence in my abilities and service. Being elected as president of IMACC leads me to remember my first IMACC experience. I was informed by my colleague, during my very first semester teaching, that I would be attending the IMACC conference during the spring semester. That colleague was Lisa Benson (Carrington) of Olney Central College; she was the president that year. I have attended all but one conference since. Looking back I think I knew that I would one day serve as this organizations president, as I have been surrounded by and inspired by IMACC presidents throughout my tenure.

Deadline for Submissions:

Fall 2016-October 15
Winter 2017- January 15
Summer 2017-April 15

Submit items to:
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Online Math ConneXion

The online version can be found at http://www.imacc.org

Is Your Membership Current?

Be sure to check the membership expiration date listed on the IMACC website. If your membership has expired or is about to expire, you can use the form on page 17 to renew. In addition, if there are mathematics faculty at your college who are not members of IMACC, please invite them to join. Please take time to also check the Institutional Membership for your school.

It started as I mentioned with Lisa Benson. I had replaced Otis Shouse, who had recently retired, of OCC, he was also a former IMACC president. Various IMACC presidents have been very encouraging at many of the conferences I attended and have influenced my growth. I found the IMACC conference to be very inviting and welcoming that first year. Later, when I moved to Rock Valley College, the faculty there became great mentors to my career and me personally. Many of the faculty at Rock Valley College has served in various positions of IMACC. Rodger Hergert and Diane Koenig have both served as the ConneXion News Letter Editor, and Diane Koenig is currently serving in that position again. Rodger Hergert and I have enjoyed traveling to, and attending many of, IMACC's board meeting and conferences. I just want to add that many of IMACC's former presidents have been instrumental in my becoming the newest president. Former presidents such as Dale Ewen, Jim Trefzger, David Gustafson, Otis Shouse, William Schooley, James Hall, Lisa Benson, Jim Harris, Rodger Hergert and all the presidents since Rodger, and even the current President-elect, Steve Kifowit, have in some way shaped who I am. I am grateful to all of them and for the many great friendships I have made though IMACC.

Going back to the present, I am excited to share that at the Friday evening awards dinner, our organization honored two of our outstanding members. First, Bob Cappetta, of College of DuPage, was honored for his great achievements and excellence in teaching with IMACC's prestigious Teaching Excellence Award. Next, Brenda Alberico, formerly of College of DuPage, was honored for her contributions and service to IMACC with the IMACC Distinguished Service Award. Both of these deserving individuals personify the spirit of these awards, and it was an honor to recognize them.

During the Saturday business meeting, the discussion and voting went as expected. We did have two votes; first, the vote to accept the Articulation Guide updates and the second, to accept the statement on the use of Geometry as a prerequisite for General Education Math Courses. Thank you to Keven Hansen and the Curriculum committee for their hard work on these issues. In addition, there will be some updating of IMACC's webpage. A committee is being formed to investigate various aspects of this endeavor. More information will become available as this committee learns more and reports their findings to the Board of Directors.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as IMACC's 42nd President. Feel free to contact me with concerns or suggestions,

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Institutional Members

Black Hawk College	2016
Carl Sandburg College	2016
College of DuPage	2013
College of Lake County	2016
Elgin Community College	2016
Harper College	2016
Heartland Community College	2016
Illinois Central College	2016
Illinois State University	2014
John A Logan College	2016
Joliet Junior College	2015
Kankakee Community College	2016
Kishwaukee College	2017
Lake Land College	2016
Lewis & Clark Community College	2016
Lincoln Land Community College	2016
McHenry Community College	2016
Moraine Valley Community College	2015
Morton College	2016
Parkland College	2016
Prairie State College	2016
Rend Lake College	2016
Richland Community College	2016
Rock Valley College	2016
Sauk Valley Community College	2013
Shawnee College	2016
South Suburban College	2016
Southwestern Illinois College	2016
Triton College	2015
Waubonsee Community College	2016
Wilbur Wright College	2015

AMATYC Update

The **purpose** of the Placement and Assessment Committee is to serve as a resource for the AMATYC membership on issues related to placement and assessment of student outcomes and mathematical programs.

The **Goals** of this committee are:

1. Promote opportunities for educators to gain a deep understanding of best practices in placement and assessment implemented as per the standards recommended by the AMATYC.
2. Encourage mathematics educators in conducting webinars focused on building familiarity and understanding of the core standards of placement and assessment practices by examining strategies, models and contexts that support their implementation.
3. Maintain and update position statements on issues related to assessment and placement.

Please consider joining our committee, we would love to have you on board in order to use your expertise and insights! So, you might ask what the benefits of joining this committee are. As a member you will have access to:

- The Placement tools used around the country and a quick comparison between all.
- Articles on classroom assessment techniques.
- The approved position statements.
- Repository of sample assessment tools used along with their corresponding rubrics for different courses located in Google Drive.

Do you want to be part of this committee but do not know how to join? Send an email to the committee chair, Behnaz Rouhani at brouhani@gsu.edu to receive the know-how information.

Is your IMACC Membership Current?

Just scan the QR code located right to be connected with IMACC's webpage.

IMACC Illinois Mathematics Association of Community Colleges

Letter from the Editor

For the first time since I can remember, I was unable to attend this year's IMACC Annual Conference at Allerton. I always look forward to the time spent with long-time friends, sharing ideas on our common love of teaching mathematics, and learning from the sessions I attend. I also love hearing the presentations of the keynote speakers. This year, I relied on getting the information from my colleagues who attended the conference. As always, those who attended found the conference informative and refreshing.

I had the great fortune to hear Herb Gross speak at the 2014 AMATYC Annual Conference at Nashville. From my experience of hearing him speak there, I know all of you who attended IMACC's conference and heard him speak gained a lot of useful information.

As always, I am looking forward to receiving information from your school to include in The Math ConneXion. The next newsletter's deadline is October 15th. I hope you will consider forwarding news from your school as you obtain it.

I hope you all have an enjoyable summer.

Diane Koenig

Editor, The Math ConneXion

Award Winners

The Distinguished Service Award Winner 2016
Brenda Alberico, College of DuPage

Teaching Excellence Award 2016
Robert Cappetta, College of DuPage

Life Member Award 2016
Robert Hickey, Kishwaukee College

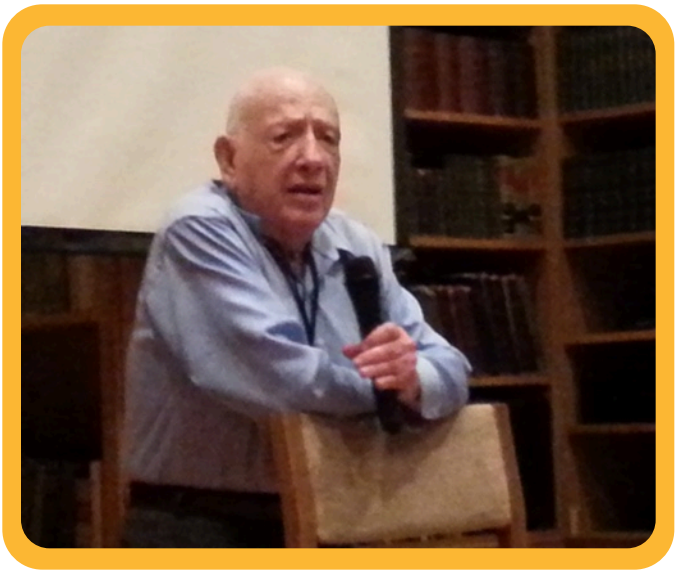
Scholarship Recipients

Baylie Little of Carl Sandberg College was awarded $1250, nominated by Tony Paris, they plan to major in secondary mathematics education at Illinois State University, and aspires to be a high school mathematics teacher.

Another $1250 was awarded to Matthew Williams of Rock Valley College, nominated by Paul McCombs, he plans to attend University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to major in mathematics, and plans to pursue his interest in mathematics as far as possible which includes earning a graduate degree.

Updates from Allerton

Harper College's Andy Geary passes the president's gavel to Paul McCombs of Rock Valley College.



Herb Gross giving his third keynote presentation.

The Probability & Statistics Group in a long-standing IMACC tradition.

Code words proved to be a very popular game this year.

Upcoming Conferences

2016	MAA (MathFest)	August 3-6th	Columbus, OH
2016	AMATYC	November 17-20th	Denver, CO
2017	IMACC	April 6-8th	Monticello, IL
2017	MAA	July 26-29th	Chicago, IL
2017	AMATYC	November 9-12th	San Diego, CA

WisMATYC has there next meeting at UW Sheboygan, Saturday Sept 24, 2016. Their website is http://www.wis.matyc.org and the next conference after that is to be held at Blackhawk Technical College Oct. 7, 2017. It should not be too far of a drive for the northern IMACC members.

New IMACC promotional items debuted at the 2016 conference!
Orders due July 6, 2016

Polo shirts are Nike Dry Fit. (Ladies' sizes seem to *run small*, so you may want to order a size larger than usual.)

Zip up hoodies are a heavy quality and sizes *run large*.

Please fill out the form below and mail with your check made out to IMACC by July 6, 2016.

*We will **not** have items available again until we do ordering prior to the 2017 conference.*

The hoodie design will only have the 40th anniversary design on the back this year, so it's a "limited edition" design.

IMACC Order Form

Use this form to order your polo or hoodie.

Polo: I need gender and size.
Hoodie: I need size only

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		Total due:	**$**

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