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President's Message

I cannot believe that we are past midterm of the fall semester, and the holidays are upon us. I hope that you are back to the new normal and the familiarity of the “regular” classroom. Education will never be as it was, but I am confident that the new presentation methods, testing options and electronic modes of learning will be assets as we navigate forward.

The fall board meeting was held in mid-October. Chris Appuhn of Black Hawk College has assumed the chair of our Legislative Committee. We look forward to his insights into the new laws that impact community colleges in Illinois. Several minutes were spent discussing the upcoming IMACC conference, in which I am pleased to say is planned for March 31 to April 1, 2023, at Allerton Park in Monticello, IL.

Be on the lookout for an email asking for presenters for the Spring conference. There will be room for several breakout sessions and roundtable discussions. I am looking forward to having plenty of time to tour the grounds and collaborate with everyone in March. I would welcome any suggestions for the conference, so please contact me with your ideas.

Chris Riola of Moraine Valley Community College is the IMACC president-elect. He will oversee the general election that will occur sometime after the start of the spring semester. We will be electing a president-elect, secretary and 3 board members. If you are interested in seeking a nomination or would like to nominate an IMACC colleague for one of the positions, please contact Chris at RiolaC@morainevalley.edu.

This is a good time to remind you to double-check your name and other information on the website. While there, you can also verify your membership expiration date. This way you will not miss the chance to vote in the elections or to register early for the Spring Conference at Allerton Park in Monticello, IL. Chris Riola is also our membership committee chair and administers the member database. Contact Chris if you see any errors. Keeping your information correct is an excellent way to stay current with IMACC events.

I am planning on attending the AMATYC conference in Toronto, Ontario in November. I am excited for this opportunity; maybe there will be some snow! If you are traveling there, please attend the Midwest session so that we can

Online Math ConneXion

The online version can be found at
<https://www.imacc.org>

Deadline for Submissions:

Winter 2023-January 15
Summer 2023-April 30
Fall 2023 - October 15

Submit items to: Ellen
Field, Editor The Math
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ellenfield05@gmail.com

Is Your Membership Current?

Be sure to check your membership expiration date listed on the IMACC website. If your membership has expired or is about to expire, you can use this form:

<https://www.imacc.org/members/member-registration> 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.

connect! I hope that you have a great remainder of the fall semester as well as a nice winter break and holidays with family and friends.

Laurel Cutright
IMACC President
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Notification Needed

In an effort to cut down on the unnecessary mailing of paper copies, IMACC members wishing to continue receiving the *ConneXion* in hardcopy format (if you haven't already), please email Ellen Field at ellenfield05@gmail.com. If you have had any change to your address or email address, please email the IMACC Membership Chair, Christopher Riola, at riolac@morainevalley.edu with your updated information.

Upcoming Conferences

48th AMATYC Annual Conference 2022: November 17-20 in-person in Toronto; December 2-3, 2022 (virtual).

Visit the Conference website at <https://amatyc.org/page/Conferences>
[AMS/MAA](#) January 4-7, 2023 Boston MA

[IMACC](#) March 30-April 1, 2023 Monticello, IL

[ISMAA](#) March 31-April 1, 2023 College of DuPage

Institutional Members

College	Expires
Black Hawk College	2022
Carl Sandburg College	2022
College of Dupage	2021
College of Lake County	2019
Elgin Community College	2022
Harper College	2019
Heartland Community College	2020
Illinois Central College	2023
John A. Logan College	2017
John Wood Community College	2019
Joliet Junior College	2019
Kankakee Community College	2022
Kaskaskia College	2022
Kishwaukee College	2022
Lake Land College	2019
Lewis & Clark Community College	2023
Lincoln Land Community College	2021
McHenry Community College	2018
Moraine Valley Community College	2023
Morton College	2022
Oakton Community College	2016
Parkland College	2023
Prairie State College	2021
Rend Lake College	2018
Richland Community College	2018
Rock Valley College	2020
Shawnee Community College	2020
South Suburban College	2022
Southwestern Illinois College	2023
Triton College	2020
Waubensee Community College	2023

Annual Conference Registration Fee Waiver Opportunity

IMACC will again be offering five registration fee waivers for for the Allerton conference. The intent of these waivers is to support current IMACC members who wish to attend both days of the conference, but whose institutions do not provide financial support. Applicants must submit a completed conference registration form along with a signed statement affirming that their colleges are not providing adequate financial support. The registration form and the letter must be received by the conference coordinator, Rodger Hergert, at rvcmathguy@yahoo.com by February 15. The five recipients will be randomly selected from the applications received.

Send in your Nominations for
Awards, Scholarships and
Distinctions

Please consider encourage deserving students from your institution to apply to the IMACC Memorial Fund Scholarship. Use the QR code below to be directed to the website. **Nomination deadline: March 1.**



IMACC gives a variety of awards each year. Follow each link for more detailed information regarding each award.

The [Distinguished Service Award](#) is to honor one of our members for a career of outstanding service to IMACC. **Nomination deadline: March 1.**

The [James Armstrong Award](#) was established in 1978 to honor the late University of Illinois professor, James Armstrong, whose leadership fostered a spirit of cooperation between two-year college mathematics teachers and the mathematics faculties at four-year colleges and universities. The award is to be given annually to a four-year college or university professor who continues this tradition of cooperation and assistance with the two-year colleges. **Nomination deadline: March 1.**

The [Life Membership Award](#) is for IMACC members who are retiring. The recipient must have been a member of IMACC for at least 10 years (not necessarily in a row) and been a regular attendee at the IMACC conference or have other significant contributions to the organization. **Nomination deadline: March 1.**

The [IMACC Memorial Fund Scholarship](#) is awarded annually to a student attending an Illinois two-year or four-year college. The scholarship is awarded in memory of James Armstrong, a University of Illinois Professor until his death. Mr. Armstrong was instrumental in establishing the Allerton Conferences and in fostering better relations between two-year and senior colleges. **Nomination Deadline: March 1.**

The [IMACC Award for Teaching Excellence](#) is an annual award given to an outstanding mathematics teacher in a community college.

Please consider encouraging deserving students from your institution to apply for the IMACC Memorial Fund Scholarship. Use the QR Code below to be directed to the website. **Nomination Deadline: March 1.**

Curriculum Corner

Curriculum Committee Update by Abby Bailey

Inclusion: If any members want to join the curriculum committee, please do not hesitate to volunteer. Joining the Curriculum Committee is not an elected position, and we like to see representation from each community college. It's a great place to share and learn of new and old curricular ideas. Email me at abailey@elgin.edu to get information on the next meeting held via Zoom (on January 10th) to join.

Elementary Education: The prerequisites of Mathematics for Elementary Teaching course sequence is being discussed by a subcommittee. If there are instructors teaching within this two-course sequence who would like to contribute to this discussion, your participation is encouraged! Simply reach out to abailey@elgin.edu to join in the conversation.

Articulation Guide:

- The website now houses the updated version of the [Articulation Guide](#) with its more thoroughly articulated college algebra, trigonometry, and the combined college algebra/trigonometry coursework.
- A subcommittee created a survey on remedial skills and is reviewing the developmental section of the Articulation Guide (following Post-Workforce Readiness, Dual Credit Quality, and Education and Workforce Equity or Developmental Education Reform Act). We will be reviewing feedback and data from you, our membership, before proceeding with any editorial recommendations. Thank you to all of those who filled out the survey!

- As ongoing business, the Committee continues to review the course descriptions and prerequisites in the Guide and how they align and diverge with IAI's course descriptions. A subcommittee is being formed to do dive a little closer into this work.

Membership Concerns:

- A few concerns have risen from curricular and placement changes due to the Developmental Education Reform Act (DERA). Some members would like to see the plans created by each community college that were submitted to the ICCB last May. There has been mention of student self-selecting traditional developmental sequences. And some members have continued to express concerns regarding the students who would like to become future elementary teachers.
- Accurate assessment of student knowledge continues to be a concern for math courses being offered online mathematics without proctored testing.
- Concerns about credentials for dual credit courses being taught in the high schools continues to burden some members with apprehension as it impacts the student knowledge of the expected curriculum upon completion.

If you have any ideas you want to share, ideas you want to gain, concerns about curriculum you want to voice, or interest in joining our committee, then send me a quick (or lengthy) email to abailey@elgin.edu. Happy teaching!

News From AMATYC

Hello IMACC members!

I hope all is going well, whether you are in the middle of a semester or quarter. I would like to share some information with you all about what's going on with AMATYC. Also, please visit the AMATYC homepage and myAMATYC for more info., and the opportunity to discuss what is going on in the education world with your AMATYC math colleagues across the country.

- **The 2022 annual conference in Toronto, ON, is rapidly approaching (November 17-20).** I hope to see many of you in several weeks and that you are as excited as I am about the conference. The discounted (Early Bird) registration has ended, but you are still able to register online at amatyc.org for the regular rate. If you are unable to make it in person you can still register for the "Virtual Days" held on December 2-3, 2022.
- **Are you considering attending the 2023 annual conference held in Omaha, NE (November 9-12, 2023)?** Why not present? Be on the lookout for information about presentation proposals soon with a deadline in February 2023.
- **Nominate a colleague for The Teaching Excellence Award.** The [Teaching Excellence Award](#) (TE Award) is intended for regular AMATYC Members (individual, lifetime, retired, and adjunct) whose primary assigned duties are the delivery of instruction in the first two years of college. Teaching excellence is the main focus of the award. TE Awardees are honored in odd-numbered years. The 2021 Teaching Excellence Award was presented at the 2021 Conference in Phoenix. The deadline for the 2023 Teaching Excellence Award is December 9, 2022. For more details about the 2023 TE Award please visit the [Description and Criteria](#) page and the [FAQ](#) page.
- **There is a wealth of information on our websites for AMATYC members.** A few examples are listed below.
 - [How to Study to Learn](#) videos - share them with students to help them learn how to study.
 - [Teaching Tips](#) - 15 minutes videos that answer specific questions related to teaching and learning.
 - my.AMATYC.org – AMATYC's online collaborative community.

- **Interested in hosting an AMATYC Traveling Workshop?** An AMATYC Traveling Workshop is professional development tailored for you, offered at your institution or affiliate conference, and the Traveling Workshop Facilitator (presenter) is of your choosing. A Traveling Workshop enables you, the Traveling Workshop Director, the opportunity to bring a preferred professional development opportunity to your location. Start by choosing a Traveling Workshop strand or simply a topic of interest and submit a request that lists a set of goals that you wish to accomplish.

Everything is set by YOU! Including the date and time which will allow your faculty and others from your region the ability to attend with minimal travel cost. The cost of a TW is of course dependent on several factors, including the length of the TW, facilitator honorarium, and travel costs, as well as other incidentals. To learn more go to amatyc.org/page/TravelingWorkshops. There you can find a general information, from a bit of 'FAQ' to content information 'STRANDS', and how to become a Traveling Workshop 'FACILITATOR'. To host a Traveling Workshop, click the 'REQUEST' tab, complete the form, and will be in contact. Our Traveling Workshop banner provides basic information with a QR code to share. Contact for AMATYC Traveling Workshops, tw@amatyc.org.

- **Are you in the first four years of your first full-time position at a community or technical college?** Then let me tell you a little about AMATYC Project ACCCESS. Fellows participating in the AMATYC Project ACCCESS will gain knowledge of the culture and mission of the two-year-college and its students, acquire familiarity with the scholarship of teaching, commit to continued growth in mathematics, and participate actively in professional societies.

Fellows will attend two consecutive AMATYC national meetings where they will participate in a program developed particularly for new faculty, as well as in regular conference activities. In the intervening year, Fellows are required to attend an AMATYC Affiliate meeting, MAA Section meeting, NCTM Regional meeting, or another pre-approved conference by the ACCCESS coordinator near their home institution between November of the current year and November of the following year.

For the duration of the project, an electronic network will link ACCCESS Fellows with each other and with a group of distinguished mathematics educators. As an integral part of their professional development during the Fellowship year, Fellows are expected to develop, implement, and evaluate a project at their home institution. In addition to learning and networking opportunities, Fellows will receive one-year memberships in AMATYC for each year of their Fellowship.

Applications for the current cohort were accepted March 1 – May 15, 2022, so I assume a similar timeline for the next one. A flyer with more information can be found at <https://amatyc.org/page/ACCCESS>, or by clicking the link [here](#).

If you have any questions or would like more information please don't hesitate to email me at the following, brandon.bartley@amatyc.org. Have a great day and, again, I hope to see many of you in Toronto!

Sincerely,

Brandon Bartley

AMATYC Midwest Vice President

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