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President's Message

Greetings!

Wow! How is it the end of October already? This weekend Sycamore is celebrating their annual Pumpkinfest. In another week, daylight savings time will end and it will be dark by the time I am leaving campus. I don't think I'm ready for any of this. Well...maybe I'm ready for fun-sized candy and some pumpkin jokes.

In November, I am headed to Atlanta, GA for AMATYC. I hope to see several of you there. My primary objective is to find some keynote speakers for the conference. The bar has been set very high by past presidents, but I hope to bring some fun and informative guests. I am also going to be hitting up every one of you to round out the speaker schedule. Please start thinking about a presentation you (or you and a buddy) can deliver in April. We have an amazing roster of retirees and your wisdom has a place at our conference. (Just don't ask me to find an old fashioned projector.) New hires also have a wealth of information to share. What is new and trending in higher education-what's going well, what's terrifying. We want to know and share.

Looking ahead to our 50th Anniversary Conference in April, be sure to see Rodger's note regarding rooms. If you plan on staying off-site, make your reservations today. April will be here before we know it.

If you are like me and my Kishwaukee College colleagues, you might be feeling more and more pressure to serve on college committees. We have always had a group of standing committees but the number of ad-hoc committees is growing exponentially and the number of full-timers who can (or will) serve is shrinking. I understand that many of you are being tapped for additional work at your college and I hate to ask, but we also have a need here at IMACC. Please see the information regarding IMACC committees and our need for leadership. Thank you for your time. I look forward to continuing to serve you this year. The next time I address you it will be time to vote for board members and start registering of the conference. Until then, may your students fill you with the joy that brought you to this profession.

Best wishes,
Kyra Rider

Online Math ConneXion

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

Deadline for Submissions:

Winter 2025-January 15
Summer 2025-April 30
Fall 2025-October 15

Submit items to: Ellen Field, Editor The Math ConneXion
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.

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, please email Ellen Field at ellenfield05@gmail.com (if you haven't already). If you would like to update your address or email address information, please go to the member's area on the IMACC website.

Annual Conference Fee Waiver

IMACC will again be offering five registration fee waivers for the IMACC Conference in April 2025. These waivers are intended to support current IMACC membership who wish to attend both days of the conference, but whose institutions will not provide financial support. Applicants must submit a completed conference registration form along with a signed statement affirming that their college is not providing adequate financial support by February 15. The recipients will be randomly selected from the applicant pool.

Institutional Members

College	Expires
Black Hawk College	2024
Carl Sandburg College	2025
College of DuPage	2024
College of Lake County	2025
Elgin Community College	2025
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	2023
Kaskaskia College	2024
Kishwaukee College	2024
Lake Land College	2019
Lewis & Clark Community College	2025
Lincoln Land Community College	2021
McHenry Community College	2018
Moraine Valley Community College	2025
Morton College	2022
Oakton Community College	2024
Parkland College	2024
Prairie State College	2023
Rend Lake College	2018
Richland Community College	2018
Rock Valley College	2024
Shawnee Community College	2024
South Suburban College	2024
Southwestern Illinois College	2025
Triton College	2020
Waubonsee Community College	2024

Upcoming Conferences

2024	AMATYC	November 14-17	Atlanta, GA
2025	IMACC	April 3-5	Monticello, IL
2025	AMATYC	November 13-16	Reno, NV
2026	IMACC	April 9-11	Monticello, IL
2026	AMATYC	November 19-22	TBD
2025	ISMAA	March 28-29	U. of St. Francis
2026	ISMAA	March 27-28	U. of Illinois, Springfield

ISMAA is always looking for individuals to serve on the board or various committees—anyone interested can contact Kevin Hansen directly at kevin.hansen@swic.edu

Seeking a Detail-Oriented Editor for The Math ConneXion

- Flexible Hours
- No Experience Needed
- Training/Support Included

If interested, contact Ellen Field at ellenfield05@gmail.com

Committee Leadership Needed

Part of the strength of IMACC is our voice in state policy. With that we have always worked hard to stay current with curriculum and assessment needs and changes. It has been several years since the Placement and Assessment Committee has been active. The Curriculum Committee has been wonderfully lead by Abby Bailey for the past couple of years but Abby needs to step down due to additional work responsibilities. Therefore, we are looking for some dedicated members to pick up the reins on these two important committees. I want to encourage you to consider serving IMACC in one of these roles. Additionally, I would suggest pulling a colleague in to help you co-chair the committee if it feels like too much for just one person.

It is through the work of many that we maintain our status and reputation in the state. Help us to continue to have a voice and awareness of changes within the state. Please contact Kyra Rider for more information or to volunteer for a committee chair position.

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee of IMACC provides resources for faculty and departments of mathematics on issues related to community college math curriculum, with particular emphasis on curricular paths within the state of Illinois. Such resources include course descriptions, modes of delivery, prerequisites, and effective practices and policies.
The chair of the committee has the following responsibilities:

- Leads a minimum of two meetings each semester (in-person or virtual)
- Writes agendas for these meetings and maintains minutes
- Works with the board and other committees to identify curricular issues to be addressed
- Brings proposed position statements and other curricular recommendations to the Board for consideration by the IMACC membership
- Maintains the committee's membership list and recruits members as needed
- Collaborates with the chairs of the Two-Year Committee of ISMAA, IAI General Education Math Panel, and IAI Math Majors Panel to annually update the joint articulation guide to ensure consistency among IMACC, ISMAA, and IAI.

Assessment Committee

The Assessment Committee of IMACC provides resources for faculty and departments of mathematics on issues related to community college math assessment and placement, with particular emphasis on practices within the state of Illinois. Such resources include course level assessments, program level assessment, math placement, math proficiencies, and effective practices and policies.

The chair of the committee has the following responsibilities:

- Leads a minimum of two meetings each semester (in-person or virtual)
- Writes agendas for these meetings and maintains minutes
- Works with the board and other committees to identify assessment issues to be addressed
- Brings proposed position statements and other assessment recommendations to the Board for consideration by the IMACC membership
- Maintains the committee's membership list and recruits members as needed
- Works with the chairs of the Two-Year Committee of ISMAA, IAI General Education Math Panel, and IAI Math Majors Panel to annually ensure consistency of assessment practice standards among IMACC, ISMAA, and IAI.

News & Notes

Cole Regnery (Rock Valley College) has been selected for AMATYC's Project ACCCESS Cohort 20. He will attend his first AMATYC Conference in November 2024 in Atlanta.

Historian's Corner

By Rodger Hergert

I have been busy working with IMACC webmaster Dan Kernler to update IMACC historical information on the website. The two primary sections have been past conference information and newsletter issues. I have been cataloging the IMACC conferences, starting with the most current and working backwards, with dates, president, conference coordinator, number of attendees, keynote speakers, schedules, and photos. For the ConneXion, we now have issues dating back to around the turn of the century. We are still looking for issues from 2000, 1999, and 1998. We would also love to be able to fill the gap between 1996 and 1989. If you have any old ConneXion issues that are not currently on the IMACC website, please scan and send to Rodger Hergert at rvcmathguy@yahoo.com.

Notes From the Conference Coordinator

By Rodger Hergert

The 2025 IMACC Conference will be a special one being the 50th anniversary and we expect increased attendance. As noted at last year's conference, Allerton has fewer guest rooms available than previous big anniversary years. So, if you would like to stay on site, please get your registration in shortly after registration opens in January. A notice will go out to the membership via email when registration opens.

If you are planning to stay off site, be aware that Moms Weekend at the University of Illinois is the same weekend as our conference. This increases demand for hotel rooms in Monticello and beyond, so make your room reservations early. You may even want to do that now.

Lastly, due to requirements for a headcount by both Allerton and our caterer, we will stop registration for the conference on March 1, 2025. This also means that there will be no registrations accepted on site. For those paying by check, checks **can be** received after March 1, but no additional names can be added to the attendee list after that date.

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Full-Time Math Faculty Job Postings

City Colleges of Chicago: https://cccconnect.referrals.selectminds.com/jobs/full-time-faculty-mathematics-tenure-track-6097
Southwestern Illinois College: https://www.swic.edu/

Call To Action

Supporting legislation that protects SURS participants' pensions and enhances health insurance options after retirement is part of the current State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA) legislative platform. SUAA supports legislation to modify Tier II pension benefits such that upon retirement Tier II annuitants will receive an adequate pension above the "safe harbor provision" of Social Security, opposes any legislation that does not provide for a continuation of the compounded annual increment for Tier I annuitants of 3% as is currently set in the Tier I plan, supports legislation to revise the Retirement Saving Plan (Self-Managed Plan) by structuring an optional plan that provides for participation in Social Security or, barring that, makes changes ensuring that the plan meets, at a minimum, the "safe harbor provision" of Social Security, and supports legislation to provide adequate funding for Illinois universities and community colleges, including the MAP program. Increased support is critical in reversing the declining enrollment trends and providing opportunities for students from low- and moderate-income families to receive a higher education. SUAA supports Governor Pritzker's proposal to have all state pension systems fully funded by FY 2048, and supports H.R. 82 and the repeal of the Social Security Windfall Elimination Provision, and the Government Pension Offset.

What can you do to help?

- Contact state representatives and senators to let them know you support SUAA's position on legislation mentioned above
- Contact federal representatives and senators to let them know you support H.R. 82 the repeal of the Social Security Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset.
- Join SUAA to become a member of the state organization and with that membership also of your school's chapter. This will guarantee you receive updates on new initiatives and proposed legislation concerning the protection and enhancements of SURS participants' pensions and health insurance.

For more information please visit https://suaa.memberclicks.net/benefits-of-a-suaa-membership

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