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President's Message

Fall greetings! How quickly the weather has turned to sweater weather! But I don't mind, since it's brought out the autumn colors and given me an excuse to drink hot cocoa.

This week, I'll be headed to Reno for the AMATYC conference, where I hope to see some of you there. While there, one of my goals is to find speakers for our conference in April. I hope you'll consider leading a breakout session of your own. For instance, as educators, we are always improving our classes. What have you done that has worked for you lately? I've been encouraging my students to rely less on AI and more on learning math using traditional study methods. I've also shifted more grade weight to my final exams and required students to complete them in-person, using pencil and paper exams.

During our fall board meeting in October, we talked about creating a shared Google Drive with descriptions and timelines for board member and officer responsibilities. This will give those thinking of filling these roles an idea of what they entail. If you can help with this, please reach out and I will share the link.

The IMACC Board is a great opportunity to serve with fellow well-informed math educators and retirees. We get together during the fall (through Zoom) and at our April conference. Please consider running for a place on our board. Elections will be held in February. Please contact Chris Appuhn, President-Elect, if interested, at appuhnc@bhc.edu.

Speaking of which, Amy Madden has recently retired from Moraine Community College and would like someone to take over her role as treasurer. If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more about it, please contact Amy at

Online Math ConneXion

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

Deadline for Submissions:

Winter 2025-January 15
Summer 2026-April 30
Fall 2026- October 15

Submit items to: Ellen Field, Editor of 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.

madden@retiree.morainevalley.edu. Many thanks to Amy for her awesome work as treasurer!

I hope the last part of your semester is filled with lots of "ah hah!" moments, "A" exams, and genuine satisfaction.

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Annual Conference Fee Waiver

IMACC will again be offering five registration fee waivers for the IMACC Conference in April 2026. 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.

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.

Institutional Members

College	Expires
Black Hawk College	2025
Carl Sandburg College	2025
College of DuPage	2027
College of Lake County	2025
Elgin Community College	2026
Harper College	2019
Heartland Community College	2025
Illinois Central College	2026
John A. Logan College	2017
John Wood Community College	2019
Joliet Junior College	2019
Kankakee Community College	2025
Kaskaskia College	2024
Kishwaukee College	2025
Lake Land College	2019
Lewis & Clark Community College	2026
Lincoln Land Community College	2021
McHenry Community College	2018
Moraine Valley Community College	2025
Morton College	2022
Oakton Community College	2024
Parkland College	2025
Prairie State College	2025
Rend Lake College	2018
Richland Community College	2018
Rock Valley College	2025
Shawnee Community College	2024
South Suburban College	2025
Southwestern Illinois College	2026
Triton College	2020
Waubonsee Community College	2025

Institutional membership is an important source of support for IMACC. If the year after your college's name is any time before 2025, your college needs to renew. If your college is not listed, you need to join! Talk to your department head or coordinator and make sure your college renews or joins.

Seeking a New Treasurer

Amy Madden recently retired from Moraine Community College (congrats!) and would like to find a replacement. She will be happy to train and support you in your role, should you volunteer.

If interested, please contact Amy at madden@retiree.morainevalley.edu or Chris Appuhn at appuhnc@bhc.edu.

IMACC History Update

We've been busy updating the IMACC history recorded on the website. We now have year-by-year lists of officers and board members going back to the start of the organization. We also have conference summaries (with photos when available) going back to 1985. Very soon we'll push that all the way back to the first conference in 1976. We also have every issue of the ConneXion newsletter going back to 1996, plus a few from the 80's.

I'm still looking for ConneXion issues from 1995 to help fill in some info about the 1995 conference. If anyone happens to have those or earlier issues, please get in touch with me at rvcmathguy@yahoo.com. I would love to add those to the collection!

Rodger Hergert, IMACC Historian

If you want to continue the flow of ideas from IMACC or stay connected to the IMACC community between conferences join the IMACC Discord! You can create subtopics to isolate important discussions and even have voice or video chats with your fellow members directly from the platform. To access Discord go to the member side of the IMACC page and look for forum on the left side. Kyriakos has provided a friendly "how to use Discord" video for those that are not familiar with the platform.

For questions, contact Matthew Lee at mlee@oakton.edu.

Conference Coordinators (Present and Past)
Jeremy Chamberlain and Rodger Hergert

Upcoming Conferences

2025	AMATYC	November 13-16	Reno, NV
2026	IMACC	April 9-11	Monticello, IL
2026	AMATYC	November 19-22.	TBD
2027	IMACC	April 1-3	Monticello, IL
2027	AMATYC	November 11-14	Spokane, WA
2028	AMATYC	November 9-12.	Phoenix, AZ

Please consider being a presenter at the 2026 IMACC Conference. Early applicants will earn 5 raffle tickets each. Deadline for early applications: December 15, 2025. Thanks so much for your help!

https://forms.gle/72ZVpbjZNsPuqsur8

Full-Time Math Faculty Job Postings

Wilber Wright College, City Colleges of Chicago: https://cccconnect.referrals.selectminds.com/jobs/full-time-tenure-track-faculty-mathematics-7122

Kennedy King College, City Colleges of Chicago: https://cccconnect.referrals.selectminds.com/jobs/full-time-tenure-track-faculty-math-7245

Is your school an institutional member for AMATYC? Institutional members can have their job posting information posted on the AMATYC job board as well. Please visit https://amatyc.org/page/JobBoardPostPolicy for more information about having your job posting placed on AMATYC's job board site.

The AMATYC job board can be found at https://amatyc.org/page/jobboard

Ever serve on the IMACC Board? We could use your help!

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