



TexMATYC News

Texas Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges

Fall 2017

President's Message



On Friday, August 25, 2017, many were preparing to go back to school or had just completed their first week of school. But, the next day brought destruction and devastation to many living along the Gulf Coast. Of the 50 community college districts across Texas, 13 were impacted by Hurricane Harvey, almost 25% of our colleges or up to 500,000 students were impacted. Thinking about the great loss many are suffering along the Gulf Coast just breaks my heart. How can this newsletter be uplifting and inspiring to get you started this semester? I am so inspired by the great love and charity people across the nation have come together to help a stranger. I see stories on the news of how evacuees are being transported to shelters with only

the clothes on their backs. If you had less than a minute to gather things together, what would you take? Many of us would not be able to take what we want to take but to only take a bag of necessities. Thanks to all the first responders and volunteers for going into the storm to help people get their lives back together. Blessings to all those impacted in our college community family: Alvin Community College, Blinn College, Brazosport College, Coastal Bend College, College of the Mainland, Del Mar College, Galveston College, Houston Community College System, Lee College, Lonestar College, San Jacinto College, Victoria College, and Wharton College.

This school year brings many back to campus to begin working on ways to create co-requisite math courses. Governor Greg Abbott signed into law Texas HB 2223 in June 2017. HB 2223 mandates all state public institutions of higher education to develop and implement co-requisite models to deliver developmental coursework. The bill states "An institution of higher education that requires a student to enroll in developmental coursework must offer a range of developmental coursework, including online coursework, or instructional support that includes the integration of technology to efficiently address the particular developmental needs of the student." Institutions will have 3 years to phase in HB 2223, as follows:



News from AMATYC

| Academic Year | Minimum % of students in compliance |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2018-2019 | 25% |
| 2019-2020 | 50% |
| 2020-2021 | 75% |

Take advantage of sessions geared towards the implementation of this bill. Your students are our focus and your engagement in leading your department that best benefits your students is of upmost importance.

"May the sun shine brightly in each of your hearts where your students are inspired and enlightened to accomplish their goals"

Cynthia Martinez
TexMATYC President



I have enjoyed being the Vice President of the Southwest Region of AMATYC for these last five and a half years. I have especially enjoyed attending TexMATYC conferences and meeting all of you. I enjoy the structure of TexMATYC's conference and have always felt welcomed when I attend. I have also been able to see parts of Texas that I have not visited before. I know the next Vice President of the Southwest Region will represent the region well.

As I am writing this, the election for AMATYC officers is underway. For the Southwest region you have the chance to choose between two very qualified candidates for the vice president. You also can choose a new secretary for AMATYC, and again there are two very qualified candidates (one is from Texas), and lastly you can vote for the next president-elect. There are also two candidates running for that position. Given that I am one of these candidates, I am hoping that you vote for me, but both candidates will be excellent as the president-elect and president of AMATYC.

I hope that you are planning to attend the Annual AMATYC Conference in San Diego, CA, from November 9 to 12. In addition to the great conference sessions, the exhibits, and the opportunities for networking with colleagues around the country, you will also be there for the unveiling of the new standards document

called AMATYC IMPACT. I look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Lastly, I want to thank you all for having the faith in me to elect me for 3 terms as the Vice President. I am honored.

Kathryn Kozak

VP of the AMATYC Southwest Region



TexMATYC Wants You!

Calling all Mathematics faculty in Texas! The Texas Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges (TexMATYC) wants YOU to join our organization! Membership is only \$10 for one year and the benefits of joining are limitless!

TexMATYC is a state-wide professional organization whose primary goal is to support the efforts and development of mathematics instructors of higher education, such as yourself! Join hundreds of colleagues from across the state of Texas to share and collaborate with one another as we all venture forth to provide quality mathematics education to the students and future of our great state.

If you're already a member, renewing your membership is as easy as clicking the link below. If you're interested in becoming a Lifetime Member, you can do so for just \$150 (and also clicking the link below)!

www.texmatyc.org

Membership Benefits:

- * Have your thoughts, concerns and interests represented at the AMATYC conference
- * Receive up-to-date news and discussion regarding current trends in mathematics education in Texas
- * TexMATYC Newsletter two times per year with legislative updates and changes from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, highlights of exciting programs at various Texas community colleges, and information regarding professional development opportunities
- * Annual TexMATYC conference (held in conjunction with TCCTA), where there'll be plenty of networking with other educators, professional development opportunities and great speaker presentations.

We hope that you'll consider joining TexMATYC and contributing to our organization. Share this invitation with a colleague or two and we'll look forward to working alongside all of our members for this upcoming year!

Recommendations for TexMATYC Constitution

According to Article VII of the TexMATYC Constitution & By-Laws, the amendment of constitution & by-laws requires 2/3 vote by members present at any regular meeting. The TexMATYC Board members have reviewed the TexMATYC By-Laws and have a couple of revisions to recommend for your vote at our next meeting while at the TCCTA convention in March 2018. Your input on these two items is appreciated and valued as our organization grows. The recommendation below shows the current stated by-laws followed by recommended by-law in parentheses. Please send your comments to Cynthia Martinez at cymartinez@templejc.edu no later than October 31, 2017. Final revised recommendation will be posted in our Spring Newsletter. Voting will take place at TCCTA convention during one of Friday's morning sessions.

- Online voting vs Voting at TCCTA (By-Laws, Article VII)

Article VII - Nominations and Conduct of Election of Officers

a) In February of each even-numbered year, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee in a manner consistent with Article VII of the Constitution and name a Chairperson of that committee. (No later than February of each even-numbered year, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee in a manner consistent with Article VII of the Constitution and name a Chairperson of that committee.)

b) During March of each even-numbered year, the Nominating Committee shall solicit and receive written nominations for offices up for election as indicated in Article II of the By-Laws. Any member

with current voting eligibility may nominate himself or herself or any other eligible member of the Association. The written nomination shall include a current vita or resume for the nominee. (No later than March of each even-numbered year, the Nominating Committee shall solicit and receive written nominations for offices up for election as indicated in Article II of the By-Laws. Any member with current voting eligibility may nominate himself or herself or any other eligible member of the Association. The written nomination shall include a current vita or resume for the nominee.)

c) Prior to April 15 of each year the Nominating Committee shall:

i. select from the nominees two candidates for President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer, and in addition provide on the ballot a blank for write-in voting for each office and (select from the nominees two candidates for President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer, and in addition provide on the ballot a blank for write-in voting for each office and)

ii. send e-mail ballots to all members eligible to vote. The form of the ballot and directions for return of the ballot shall be determined by the Nominating Committee. The election shall be completed in time for publication of the Association Newsletter prior to June 1. (send e-mail ballots to all members eligible to vote, if voting needs to occur after annual spring meeting. The form of the ballot and directions for return of the ballot shall be determined by the Nominating Committee. The election shall be completed in time for publication of the Association Newsletter prior to June 1.)



- Having the Newsletter Editor and Webmaster as two separate board positions. (By-Laws, Article II (b) iv)

The Newsletter Editor/Webmaster shall be appointed by the President with the approval of a majority of the Executive Board for a minimum of two years and shall be subject to reappointment. (The Newsletter Editor and Webmaster shall be appointed by the President with the approval of a majority of the Executive Board for a minimum of two years and shall be subject to reappointment. A member of the Executive Board may hold one of these roles in addition to their current position on the Board.)

2. The student must be nominated by an AMATYC member who is an employee of the qualifying institution.
3. The student must have an overall GPA of at least 3.0.
4. The nominated students must be majoring in mathematics and enrolled full-time at the nominating institution during the spring semester preceding the Annual AMATYC conference when the award will be announced.

AMATYC Presidential Student Scholarship

We are privileged to recognize students who excel in mathematics! If you have a student who meets these criteria, please submit their name to TexMATYC for consideration. We will make the final determination as to who represents Texas in this nomination. Deadline to submit your student nomination with support letter to TexMATYC is Friday, October 6, 2017. Send your nomination to Cynthia Martinez at cymartinez@templejc.edu.

Purpose of the Award

The purpose of the AMATYC Student Scholarship is to encourage the study of mathematics by students enrolled in institutions of higher education.

Criteria

1. Each affiliate may submit one nomination from a student attending a qualifying institution. To be a qualifying institution, the institution must employ at least one member in good standing of AMATYC.

Upcoming 2017-2018 Conferences

- AMATYC 43rd Annual Conference
November 9-12, 2017. San Diego, CA
- Joint Mathematics Meetings (AMS/MAA)
January 10-13, 2018. San Diego, CA
- TexMATYC Conference (at TCCTA)
March 1-3, 2018. Frisco, TX
- ICTCM (Pearson)
March 15-18, 2018. Washington, DC
- NCTM
April 25-28, 2018. Washington, DC



Got News?

If you know of any exciting news or events happening in the world of mathematics, have it published in the next TexMATYC Newsletter!

Submit your articles to Kyle Kundomal at kkundomal@collin.edu.

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