



WisMATYC
Wisconsin Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges

www.wis.matyc.org/

September 2008 Newsletter

WisMATYC members and friends:

Once again, the late summer finds us returning to campuses to greet new and continuing students. I hope you have had a productive and/or relaxing summer. As usual, it's time to make plans to attend WisMATYC's fall conference, which comes up quickly at the end of September. See more conference details below. As mathematics educators at Wisconsin's various two-year colleges, we all share a very important role in providing educational opportunities in our local communities. WisMATYC is an affiliate of the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC), and we hope to help you in the innovation and communication of ideas within our local mathematical community.

The **WisMATYC Fall Conference** will be held this year at UW Sheboygan County in Sheboygan, Wisconsin **on Saturday, September 27, 2008**. We are seeking presentations on any topic relevant to math or math education at the Freshman/Sophomore college level, please let me or VP Kevin Mirus know (kmirus@matcmadison.edu) as soon as possible. The Presenter Proposal form is online at wis.matyc.org. Directions to UW Sheboygan County (One University Drive . Sheboygan, WI 53081-4789) are online at www.sheboygan.uwc.edu/uwsheboygan/uwsCampusDirections.htm. You may contact local conference coordinator Tom Peneski (Thomas.peneski@uwc.edu) for more information, including lodging choices. The \$25 conference registration fee includes lunch and your annual WisMATYC membership. You can sign up for the conference with a simple e-mail to President George Alexander (galexander@matcmadison.edu); payment will be due at the door on the conference day.

Tentative Conference Schedule

8:30 – 9:30am	Registration, coffee, juice, and rolls
9:30 – 11:30am	Morning presentations; speakers TBA
11:30am – 1:30pm	Lunch and WisMATYC business meeting
1:30 – 3:30pm	Afternoon presentations; speakers TBA

WisMATYC officers are elected for two-year terms at our Fall Conference in even-numbered years, which includes 2008. Have you thought about providing leadership for the WisMATYC organization? We are seeking nominations for the four officer positions: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The only qualifications are an active WisMATYC membership and a willingness to serve. The Nominations & Elections Committee will be asking for nominations, so please give some careful thought to how you can serve our organization. We give thanks in advance for the work of the Nominations & Elections Committee: Jim Moore (MATC, jmoore@matcmadison.edu),

Clare Hemenway (UW Marathon County, chemenwa@uwc.edu), and Roy Johnson (Marian College, RJohnson@mariancollege.edu). Elections will be held September 27, 2008 at the WisMATYC Fall conference. Newly elected officers will serve terms January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010.

WisMATYC needs your help in promoting membership. Any mathematics educator in Wisconsin is welcome to join. We are principally focused on college-level education in the two-year campuses of the UW and the WTCS, but we do welcome and appreciate members from K-12 or 4-year college environments too, especially people with an interest in the Freshman-Sophomore curriculum. For current members, thank you for your continuing support of WisMATYC. I would also like to ask you to invite one or more of your colleagues to join us this year. Membership remains a very affordable \$10 per year – a good deal that for keeping you in the loop with your fellow Wisconsin area educators. Please share this newsletter with campus colleagues and be willing to act as an ambassador for WisMATYC here in Wisconsin.

The **33rd AMATYC Annual Conference** will be held November 19-23, 2008 in Washington, DC. Visit www.amatyc.org for complete conference information. The early discount registration rate is only good through September 30, 2008 for mailed forms (October 7 for online registration), so it's best to register soon. If you are not currently an AMATYC member, you can join and register for the conference all at the same time. In addition, our Treasurer, Meg Onoda (UW Manitowoc) and myself will be representing WisMATYC at the **Delegate Assembly** November 22. We also have two state delegates for Wisconsin: Jamie Thomas (UW Manitowoc, jthomas@uwc.edu) and Kevin Mirus (MATC, kmirus@matcmadison.edu). If you have issues for the national assembly, please get in touch with one (or all) of us since these are the people appointed to represent you.

Although WisMATYC hosts only the fall conference each year, we can also be your link to many other professional development opportunities through the larger AMATYC family. You may find **other affiliate meetings** (www.amatyc.org/affiliates/affiliates-conferences.htm) more geographically convenient for you. You may prefer a more exciting setting or in-depth study such as an **AMATYC Summer Institute** (www.amatyc.org/Events/summer-institutes.htm) can provide. Whatever your needs, I hope that you check on the programs that WisMATYC and AMATYC have to offer.

On behalf of the WisMATYC family, I wish you and your students the best for the fall semester, and I hope to see you at our fall conference September 27.

Sincerely,
George Alexander
WisMATYC President
Mathematics Instructor, Madison Area Technical College
3550 Anderson St
Madison, WI 53704
galexander@matcmadison.edu
608-246-6187