

ComMuniCator Report

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ComMuniCator Panel and Meetings

- The *ComMuniCator* Panel met January 8–9 to work on the March 2016 issue. Future meetings of the Panel are scheduled for March 11–12, 2016, June 9–11, 2016, September 9–10, 2016, January 6–7, 2017, March 17–18, 2017, June 8–10, 2017, September 8–9, 2017, and January 5–6, 2018. We have moved the March 2016 meeting to the second weekend of March for that meeting since the originally scheduled meeting (March 18–19) would have been the weekend before Easter.
- There will be two changes to the Editorial Panel. Rick Barlow, the high school rep from the North, has a new assignment and will not be able to continue as a regular member of the Panel. The North President needs to appoint a replacement who should have a strong mathematics background and experience teaching at high school. Fran Threewit, the primary rep from the North, is not able to continue as a regular member of the Panel and has asked to be placed on the substitute list. Patricia Amend-Ehn has been attending the meetings this past year as a substitute, has a primary level background, and is replacing Fran as the primary rep on the Panel.
- We will continue to meet at the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Old Town because the hotel is quoting me reasonable rates and is giving us a very good price on the meeting room for the two or three days we need one.

Themes for Future Issues

- Themes have been selected for the upcoming issues:

March 2016: Technology in the Math Classroom;
STEAM: Integrating Math with Science, Technology, Engineering, and the Arts

Deadline: January 1, 2016

June 2016: Geometry;
The Use of Language in Mathematics Classrooms

Deadline: March 4, 2016

September 2016: Problem Solving;
Teaching in a Common Core Classroom

Deadline: June 2, 2016

Special Edition 2016–17: Games & Activities to Implement the Math Standards Across the Grades

Deadline: June 2, 2016

December 2016: Mathematical Reasoning;
Discourse in the Classroom to Support the CCSSM

Deadline: September 4, 2015

- Please encourage people to submit ideas and activities for the *ComMuniCator*, even if they are not related to one of the themes for that issue. We always need articles and activities, but especially at the primary level, and we always need activities at the high school level. We are also now looking for games at all grade levels that teachers are using to reinforce concepts or to help students practice concepts that should have been learned at previous grade levels.

ComMuniCator Back Issues on the CMC Website

PDFs of the four issues for each of the years 2000–2015 are currently posted on the CMC

website in the Members-only section. Each of them seems to be about 4 MB in size. Each issue has two kinds of hyperlinks:

- If you click on an item in the Table of Contents on page 1, the application should take you to that page.
- If you click on a URL within one of the columns, articles, or activities, the application should take you directly to that web site. One of the challenges I have had with this kind of hyperlink is to be sure the hyperlinks go to the correct website addresses, especially for the CMC addresses, since the current URLs for some of the CMC sites are not the same as they were a year ago.

I am currently working on the issues for. All issues prior to 2005 take a little longer to process and format since I sent paper copies to the printer prior to 2005 and now have to recreate and/or scan many of the graphics in order to have a quality online version.

***ComMuniCator* Panel Presence at CMC Conferences**

\$1500 has been added to the *ComMuniCator* budget each year and is designated the Elisabeth Javor fund. This money allows a different Panel member (or substitute Panel member) to attend each of the three CMC conferences (\$500 per conference) and attend sessions, speak with presenters regarding articles for the *ComMuniCator*, speak with attendees about CMC activities, assist at the CMC booth, etc. Each section provides free registration for the attendee (attendee must pay CMC membership if membership is not current) and the *ComMuniCator* budget pays for travel, room, and food.

We have not selected the attendees for this year's South and North conferences. There will be no representative at the Central conference since we moved our March meeting to the same weekend. However, we have designated Nita Walker to represent the Panel at the NCTM Annual meeting in San Francisco.

Special Edition 2016–17: Games & Activities to Implement the Math Standards, K–12

The 2016–17 Special Edition will have a heavy emphasis on games that show teachers how to implement and reinforce the Mathematics Standards, grades K–12. This Special Edition will be 48 pages, will still sell for \$5, and will first be on sale at the Palm Springs conference.

Sales of publications at the South and North conferences were quite a bit less this year than previous years. Onsite sales at Palm Springs came to just under \$1100 and onsite sales at Asilomar came to a little more than \$800. We also had pre-sales at both conferences to add to the totals.