
PCSM NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From the President
- Carolyn Marchand

The Annual PCSM Meeting will be held at Split Rock Resort in Lake Harmony, Pennsylvania, March 13, 2003. The theme is "Fostering Productive Teachers and Students." The program is included in this newsletter.

The 35th Annual NCSM Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas, April 7-9, 2003. The Theme is "Achieve Excellence: Focus on Knowledge, Practice, and Policy." One of the key strands, using results from statewide assessments to inform practice, reminded me of Frank Marburger's presentation last year. By inserting my school and student data into his slide presentation and making a few adjustments, I created a presentation for our principal. The graphs showed a few specific areas for our teachers to adjust the curriculum that were not so evident using only the data. Thank you, Frank.

As I look forward to the New Year, 2003, I cannot forget to remember the past year, 2002.

Please check the date on the mailing label on the last page of the newsletter. If the date is 2003 (03) or earlier, it is time to renew your membership. Save money by renewing for three years. If each of us signs up a new member, our membership will double!

Frank Sottile, president of PCSM during 1995 and 1996 and recipient of the Hall of Fame Award in 2000, who passed away in October, 2002, will always be remembered for his efforts to improve the quality of mathematics education for students and teachers. His kindness and witty promotions often put a smile on your face. His caring and concern for people allowed many of us to ask for his help and advice, but more often, Frank willingly volunteered whenever he saw a need, before he was asked. He will be sadly be missed by his PCSM friends.

If you have concerns or questions to be presented or posted at our conference, bring them with you. Perhaps we can use them as topics for next year's program.

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From the Editor
- Arlene Dowshen

I wish all of you a happy and healthy New Year and look forward to seeing you in the Poconos in March. Remember that you need to pre-register for the conference and have your membership be current. Kathy Hebert, our treasurer and membership chair, requests that the enclosed membership and conference registration form be sent to her by February 25, 2003. A conference registration only form has been included for those who do not need to renew their membership. Please return the enclosed ballot to Bernie Schroeder, Nominations Chair, by February 7, 2003.

Contributions to the newsletter are encouraged and welcome. Any correspondence can be sent to me at:

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IN MEMORIAM
Frank Sottile

On October 31, 2002, the mathematics education community in Pennsylvania was saddened by the passing of Dr. Frank Sottile. Frank was educated in the Scranton public schools and earned his bachelor and master of science degrees from the University of Scranton. In 1998, he earned a doctoral degree from Temple University.

Frank devoted his entire professional career to serving the Scranton School District as a mathematics teacher and since 1985 as supervisor of mathematics and computer science. He also taught in teacher education programs at Marywood University, University of Scranton, and Temple University.

Frank served in professional organizations with distinction. In 1989, he was recognized by Phi Delta Kappa with the "Educator of the Year" Award. An active member of NCTM, NCSM, PCTM, PCSM, and NPCTM, Frank served as president of both PCSM and NPCTM. In 2000, Frank was the recipient of the PCSM Hall of Fame Award.

Beyond his specific offices and committee posts, Frank was a genuine inspiration to his students and colleagues. He was passionate about mathematics education and sought to pass that enthusiasm on to others. His caring and compassionate manner graced many a meeting with warmth and humor. It would be Frank's fondest wish that PCTM move forward with renewed energy in his memory.

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Frank Sottile**Professional, Colleague, Leader and Friend**

Always there with a smile and a helping hand.
His jokes were not always funny,
But he was a very clever, kind and giving man.
A leader or a follower, whatever you needed, he
would be.

A valuable asset to PCSM, PCTM, and
mathematics education;
A valuable friend and colleague to you and me.
He and his cohorts would always provide us
with a little gift or token.

The pleasure derived by all, from this activity,
was usually left unspoken.
He has left us now but will long be remembered,
For he has touched us all in so many ways
And enriched our lives for all of the good he
rendered.

He was someone on whom we could always
depend.

We are better people for having known him as a
colleague, a leader and a friend.

by David Marchand

**Technology in Mathematics and Science
Education**

**February 24-25, 2003
State College, PA**

This conference is being provided by
RBS (Research for Better Schools) and the PA
State Team of the Eisenhower Consortium for
Mathematics and Science Education, with
support from Texas Instruments and Carnegie
Learning.

If you are a teacher, curriculum
coordinator, professional developer, or a school
or district administrator who wants to increase
your knowledge of technology integration in K-
16 mathematics and science instruction, then
this conference is for you.

Visit to register: <<http://www.rbs.org/mathsci/states/pa/conference/index.shtml>>.

Upcoming Conferences:

**AMTE (Association of Mathematics Teacher
Educators) Pre-Conference - Middle School
Mathematics Teacher Preparation**
January 30, 2003, Marriott Atlanta Airport Hotel
Registration form and draft agenda available at
<http://showmecercenter.missouri.edu/AMTE>.

AMTE 7th Annual Conference
January 30 - February 1, 2003, Atlanta, GA
For more information visit: www.amte.net.

15th Annual T³™ International Conference
March 7-9, 2003, Nashville, TN
For more information visit: education.ti.com

PCSM Annual Conference
March 13, 2003, Split Rock Lodge in the Poconos

**PCTM Annual Conference - Achieving a Balanced
Curriculum**
March 13-15, 2003, Split Rock Lodge in the Poconos
For more information visit: www.pctm.org.

**NCSM 35th Annual Conference - Achieve Excellence:
Focus on Knowledge, Practice, and Policy**
April 7-9, 2003, San Antonio, TX
For more information visit: ncsmonline.org.

NCTM Annual Conference
April 9-12, 2003, San Antonio, TX
For more information go to www.nctm.org.

Awards, Awards, Awards

Nominations are being taken for the following
awards to be presented at the PCSM meeting:
Outstanding Contribution to Supervision,
Outstanding Contribution to PCSM,
Distinguished Service, and Hall of Fame.

If you would like to nominate someone for any
of these awards, please submit a letter stating
the person's qualifications to:

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The 26th Annual Meeting of PCSM
Thursday, March 13, 2003
Split Rock Lodge, Lake Harmony, PA

Renew your membership and register for the conference.

Other important events:

T³ Regional Conference, February 28 - March 1, 2003, Wilmington, DE
This conference is intended for K-14 mathematics and science educators who are interested in integrating technology in their classrooms. In order to have the most current information available for the conference, the program sessions, registration, and directions along with other pertinent information visit <http://www.k12.de.us/glasgow/t3/index.html>.

COMPASS/Show-Me National Curriculum Conference, June 27-29, 2003, Chicago, IL
The COMPASS (Curricular Options in Mathematics Programs for All Secondary Students) and Show-Me Projects will co-host a National Curriculum Conference to showcase middle and high school standards-based, NSF-supported mathematics curricula. The conference is intended for teacher leaders, school district administrators, state education personnel, and teacher educators. Participation is limited to 300 people and registration is required by May 1, 2003. A registration form is available at: www.ithaca.edu/compass or www.showmecenter.Missouri.edu/Showcase. Questions? Call 800-688-1829.

New Mathematics Teaching Reports Available

Horizon Research, Inc. (HRI) has just released a new series of reports based on the 2000 National Survey of Science and Mathematics Education. The series includes three reports, one report dedicated to describing the status of each of the following:

Elementary Mathematics Teaching
Middle School Mathematics Teaching
High School Mathematics Teaching

Areas addressed in each report include: teacher backgrounds and beliefs, needs for and participation in professional development, course offerings, instructional objectives and activities, and instructional resources. The entire series is available for free download at <http://2000survey.horizon-research.com> (click on the Reports section).



National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics
2003 Summer Leadership Academies
 The Yarrow Resort and Conference Center
 Park City, Utah
 (www.yarrowresort.com)
 July 10-July 12, 2003

<p align="center">NCSM Academy #1: Developing Leadership Skills</p> <p>This Academy is based on the very successful NCSM Leadership Academy Level 1 that has been offered for the past five summers. This Academy is the foundation for the development of leadership skills in the many and diverse arenas that mathematics education leaders face.</p> <p>This Academy is designed to help mathematics education leaders understand the challenges they face in their work and develop strategies for success. The Academy program balances skills development and application.</p> <p>Components include communication skills, mindsets management, vision and goals articulation, and action planning. The Academy offers both expert and peer support to participants in a collaborative and flexible environment.</p>	<p align="center">NCSM Academy #2: Strategies to Focus Administrators on Mathematics</p> <p>This Academy is an adaptation of the powerful NSF <u>Lenses on Learning</u> program that was developed to train Elementary/Middle school administrators to become supporters and leaders of standards-based mathematics education in their own buildings. The focus of this Academy is to train participants to understand the content and skills necessary to assist their administrators to become advocates of excellent mathematics education programs.</p> <p>Sessions will focus on fundamental issues of mathematics, learning, and teaching and the implications for school leadership. Participants will develop skills and methods to motivate their administrators to recognize what is important to look for during observations and what to discuss with teachers during post-conferences.</p>
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Schedule of Events:

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| Wednesday, July 9 | - Arrival - Opening Reception sponsored by McDougal Littell |
| Thursday July 10 | - Sessions - 8:00 AM till 4:00 PM; Reception and Banquet sponsored by McDougal Littell |
| Friday, July 11 | - Sessions - 8:00 AM till 4:00 PM |
| Saturday, July 12 | - Sessions - 8:00 AM till 4:00 PM |
| Sunday, July 13 | - Departure Date |

Academy Facts

Registration: A registration form is available at <http://www.ncsmonline.org/LeadershipAcademy/academy.html>. Complete the form and mail to: NCSM - PO Box 10667 - Golden CO 80401-0600. The deadline for registration is May 15, 2003. A limited amount of funding is available to assist participants with the registration fee. Interested persons should attach a one-page request for assistance citing reasons to their registration form. Send fee waiver requests to NCSM, Attn.: Jim Bohan

Graduate Credit: Two units of graduate credit in Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science will be available from the University of Illinois - Chicago at an approximate cost of \$350 (plus \$40 administration fee).

Accommodations: Yarrow Resort and Conference Center: The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center in Park City, Utah provides lodging and meeting facilities minutes from the premiere Park City Utah ski resorts.

Special Academy room rates: \$93 single or double occupancy.

Note: Participants must make reservations directly with the Yarrow Resort. Please call Marriott Reservations at 1-800-927-7694. In addition, reservations can be made via the Internet by accessing the website at www.yarrowresort.com. Please indicate that you are attending the NCSM Leadership Academies



Transportation: The Yarrow Resort and Conference Center is about 25 miles from Salt Lake City. The Yarrow Resort recommends All Resort Express for connections between Salt Lake City International Airport and the Resort. Please call All Resort Express directly at 800-457-9457 for reservations. Make sure to identify yourself as NCSM Leadership Academy participants.

Meals: A Welcoming Reception on Wednesday evening and a Reception and Banquet on Thursday evening, both sponsored by McDougal Littell, are scheduled events of the Academies. In addition, continental breakfasts, light snacks, drinks and lunches will be provided from Thursday through Saturday. All other meals are on your own.

Financial Support: A special thank you to McDougal Littell for providing financial support for the Academies.

Academy Director - Jim Bohan, mathmanjfb@aol.com

Additional information and registration form are available at: <http://www.ncsmonline.org/LeadershipAcademy/academy.html>