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# ACMS NEWSLETTER

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## MATH MEETINGS AT PHOENIX

Our original plans were to sponsor an ACMS reception at the January meetings in Phoenix. Because we were late in requesting a place in the official program, we have changed those plans, and will sponsor a dinner meeting instead on Friday evening, January 9, 2004. As usual, the dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. at a local restaurant. Interested delegates can meet by the message board at 6:15 p.m. to walk together. Details will also be posted on the ACMS website and in the newsletter for the meetings.

Sharon Robbert is also collecting information of ACMS members who will be presenting papers at the meetings. Please send your information to her at sharon.robbertr@trnty.edu. She will make these available on the ACMS web page.

## STATEMENT OF DUES

A sheet is enclosed indicating the amount of dues that you owe according to our records. The new dues are for the period from July 1, 2003 until June 30, 2005. The dues for this period are \$25 for regular membership and \$10 for students and retired persons. We have indicated if our records show past dues are owed.

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

During the ACMS elections last spring, four new board members were elected to serve a four year term until June 30, 2007. These people are James Bradley

(Calvin College), Matt DeLong (Taylor University), Charles Hampton (College of Wooster), and Angela Hare (Messiah College). Our thanks go to Greg Crow, Dale Hathaway, Wayne Roberts and Mike Stob who completed their term of service on the Board on June 30, 2003. Wayne also served most ably as our President during the past two years. David Lay (University of Maryland) is serving as President and Sharon Robbert (Trinity Christian College) is serving as Vice-President until June 30, 2005. A copy of the new ACMS brochure is included for your information, or to pass on to a colleague who is not yet an ACMS member.

## 2005 CONFERENCE AT HUNTINGTON COLLEGE

The site of Huntington College in Indiana has been approved for the 15<sup>th</sup> biennial conference during June 1-4, 2005. The faculty members at Huntington who will serve on the planning committee include Patrick Eggleton, Francis Jones, and Win Wetherbee in mathematics and Jeff Lehman in computer science. There will be an official call for papers next fall, but you are encouraged to begin planning now for your participation in this event. Your suggestions for main speakers and conference features may be sent to ACMS board members or to the faculty at Huntington.

## ACMS DIRECTORY AND PROCEEDINGS

Members whose dues are current will receive the ACMS Directory and conference Proceedings at no additional charge. The newest ACMS directory was mailed during

the summer of 2003. If you did not receive a copy, it was because your dues were not current. Upon payment of dues, a copy will be sent to you. When you receive your Directory, let us know of any changes or corrections. We are working on the Proceedings for the 2003 conference at Point Loma, and hope to mail these to members early in 2004 as part of the privilege of membership. Additional copies may be purchased for \$12 each.

### **ACMS WEBSITE**

During the ACMS conference at Point Loma Nazarene University, a decision was made by the Board to have Bryan Dawson from Union University prepare a website for our organization. An initial version is now available at [www.acmsonline.org](http://www.acmsonline.org). Check it out frequently as we expect that its features will continue to develop.

### **FACULTY SEARCHES**

Three colleges have provided information about faculty needs at their school for the coming year. Other open positions are listed at [www.acmsonline.org](http://www.acmsonline.org).

North Park College in Chicago, Illinois offers a tenure-track position in mathematics beginning August 2004. Contact Alice Iverson at [aiverson@northpark.edu](mailto:aiverson@northpark.edu).

Point Loma Nazarene University is looking for a person in Information Systems to give leadership to an expanded program in this area. The job description is at [www.mcs.ptloma.edu/ISS](http://www.mcs.ptloma.edu/ISS) and the contact person is Maria Zack at [mzack@ptloma.edu](mailto:mzack@ptloma.edu).

Wheaton College is looking for a faculty member in computer science to begin in August 2004 and join two other faculty members in computer science. Contact Robert Brabenec at [Robert.L.Brabenec@wheaton.edu](mailto:Robert.L.Brabenec@wheaton.edu) for more information.

### **CCCU WORKSHOP**

Thanks to the efforts of Harold Heie and the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU), for the past few years summer 'faith-learning' workshops in several disciplines were held at a variety of locations. The purposes of these gatherings were to assist Christian scholars in their thinking of the bearing Christian perspectives have on their disciplines, how their disciplines affect their understanding of the Christian faith, and/or pedagogical issues in their fields.

Last summer (May 22 – 27) Russell Howell was privileged to convene the CCCU disciplinary workshop in mathematics and computer science at Westmont College. W. James Bradley (Calvin College) and Gene Chase (Messiah College) joined him as mentors of the 21 workshop participants. The group was very enthusiastic and diverse, and the projects spanned a wide array of issues, some of which were: applying scripture to courses; philosophical, theological, or literary connections; developing capstone courses; organizing a national reform movement in complex analysis; writing a textbook. Many participants also attended the ACMS conference at Point Loma and reported briefly on their experiences.

Generally, the days began with a plenary session, transitioned to an individual reflection time, and finally reconvened for a recapitulation at the end of the day. There was also time for recreation. If you want a good laugh, ask one of the participants about the guide at the Santa Barbara Courthouse tour. The plenary sessions, list of participants (as well as their project descriptions), and complete itinerary can be found by visiting <http://www.westmont.edu/~howell/cccu/index.html>. Alternatively, you can visit [www.cccu.org/conferences](http://www.cccu.org/conferences), click on the link to past conferences (upper left hand corner), then select the one for mathematics and computer science.