

ACMS NEWSLETTER

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WHEATON 2009 CONFERENCE

The 17th ACMS Conference was a great experience for the 110 delegates in attendance. There were 6 invited talks and 32 presented papers on a wide range of topics. The delegates survived cold nights in the dorm and construction fences. The Friday night entertainment arranged by Sharon Robbert and Kim Jongerius set a new standard of excellence that will be hard to ex-

ceed in the future. Terry Perciante did an excellent job as Conference Coordinator and deserves much of the credit for providing an excellent conference program. About 15 delegates came a day early to work on possible ACMS writing projects. A report by Russ Howell on this is provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

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ACMS IN SAN FRANCISCO

The annual ACMS dinner will be held on Friday, January 15, 2010 at the InterContinental Hotel. We are very pleased that Glen Van Brummelen from Quest University will be our speaker. Glen will also be giving an invited MAA address during the joint meetings. Last year, almost 100 delegates at-

tended the dinner in Washington D.C. We will be taking reservations for the dinner in November. Information will be posted on the ACMS website and an email message will be sent. We also plan to make available on the website a list of ACMS members who will present papers at the 2010 meetings.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **January 15, 2010**
Dinner meeting at MAA joint meetings in San Francisco
- **June 1-4, 2011**
18th Biennial Conference at Westmont College

WESTMONT 2011 CONFERENCE

The 18th ACMS Conference will be held from June 1-4, 2011 at Westmont College, which was the site of the 1993 conference. Russ Howell will be the Conference Coordinator and is interested in receiving your suggestions for main speakers or special themes for the program. A call for

papers will go out in the fall of 2010.

We are also looking for a host school for the 2013 ACMS Conference, which is scheduled to be a Midwest location. Let us know if your school is interested in being considered.

CS INPUT

ACMS continues to offer a home for Christians in the computer science field. Derek Schuurman of Redeemer University College is the new CS liaison on the ACMS Board. Kim Kihlstrom (Westmont) and

Lori Carter (Point Loma Nazarene) are assisting in this task as well. Please send your questions and ideas to any of these individuals.

REPORT ON NEW WRITING PROJECTS

At the request of the ACMS board, Jim Bradley (Calvin College) and Russell Howell (Westmont College) convened a writing workshop on Tuesday and Wednesday (May 26-27) just prior to the 17th biennial conference held at Wheaton College. Three suggested projects were on the agenda. As discussion progressed it seemed wise based on interest and experience to form groups dedicated to two different tasks: one (ten ACMS members) was coordinated by Jim and Russ; the second (six ACMS members) was coordinated by Bob Brabeneck.

1. Mathematics through the Eyes of Faith

The goal of this effort is to produce a book dealing with faith-learning issues in the mathematics curriculum that will be accessible to first or second-year students. Modeled after the CCCU "Through the Eyes of Faith" series, this book is currently being considered for inclusion by the publisher, HarperOne. Based on work done during the writing workshop, Jim and Russ have submitted a prospectus, and are cautiously optimistic that a decision to proceed will shortly be announced. ACMS members who participated in this subgroup are Matt DeLong

(Taylor University), Kim Jongerius (Northwestern College, Iowa), Stephen Lovett (Wheaton College), Robert Myers (Bethel College), Ray Rosentrater (Westmont College), Kristen Schemmerhorn (Dominican University), Anthony Tongen (James Madison University), and Kevin VanderMeulen (Redeemer University College).

2. Curricular-Specific Faith-Learning Modules

This subgroup focused on the production of web-based resources for specific courses. For example, Bishop Berkeley's famous essay, "The Analyst" is good fodder for use in a calculus course, but how exactly should it be used, and what kinds of comments might a Christian educator make that would be germane both to students' faith, and their appreciation of calculus? ACMS members who participated in this effort were Paul Bialek (Trinity International University), Loredana Ciurdariu (Romania), Dave Klanderma (Trinity Christian College), Donna Pierce (Whitworth University), and Mary Vander-school (Wheaton College).

NEW DUES STRUCTURE

A statement for dues for the two year period from July 1, 2009 until June 30, 2011 is enclosed. You will notice that the dues have been increased to \$40 for a two year membership (\$20 for students and retired persons). New members who joined after January 1, 2009 need not pay additional dues at this time.

The Conference Proceedings will no longer be included as part of a member benefit. You must order a written or CD version of the 2009 Proceedings separately. A Table of Contents for these Proceedings has been

placed on the ACMS website for your information. We will update our membership list and send a new Directory in the spring of 2010 to all members whose dues are current. Be sure to include your updated directory information on the enclosed dues statement.

A copy of the new ACMS brochure is enclosed, and we encourage you to share it with an acquaintance who is not yet an ACMS member. Encourage your majors who plan to attend graduate school as well as recent graduates to become a member.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

During the Wheaton conference, the new officers and Board members were announced. Matt DeLong (Taylor) will serve as President, Kim Jongerius (Northwestern IA) will serve as Vice President and Mike Stob (Calvin) will serve as Secretary until June 30, 2011. Steve Lovett (Wheaton) will take over as webmaster from Bryan Dawson, and Chuck Hampton (College of Wooster, emeritus) is serving as Online Journal Editor in place of Jim Bradley.

In the spring election, Jonathan Senning (Gordon) and Maria Zack (Point Loma Nazarene University) were elected for a 4 year term until June 30, 2013. Kim Jongerius and Francis Su (Harvey Mudd) were elected to serve a second term on the Board. Our thanks go to Sharon Robbert (Trinity Christian) and Roy Rosentrater (Westmont) who completed 8 years of service on the Board, each serving very capably as President and Vice-President during that time.