

Many things have happened in ACMS since the last Newsletter was mailed. We have had another election of Board members in the spring, followed by an excellent conference at Calvin College with a record attendance. The book written by several ACMS members under a Calvin Center grant was published by Eerdmans, and ACMS is planning three separate activities for the national meetings next January in San Diego.

#### Election of Board Members

To handle the added responsibilities caused by an increased number both of ACMS members as well as ACMS activities, the decision was made to increase the size of the Board from 6 to 8 members by 2003. Because of a tie vote for the fourth position on the ballot, it was decided to give one candidate a 2-year term and the other a 4-year term. We therefore now have an 8-member board. Greg Crow (Point Loma Nazarene University), Wayne Roberts (Macalester College) and Mike Stob (Calvin College) are the continuing Board members until 2003. The following new Board members were chosen in the recent election.

**Dale Hathaway** (Olivet Nazarene University); **David Lay**, (University of Maryland); **Sharon Robbert** (Trinity Christian College); **Ray Rosentrater** (Westmont College); and **Richard Stout** (Gordon College)

In addition, Wayne Roberts has been chosen to serve as President and David Lay to serve as Vice-President from July 1, 2001 until June 30, 2003. Our thanks go to Charles Hampton (College of Wooster) and Barbara Rose (Roberts Wesleyan College) who retire after a term of service on the Board.

#### Calvin Conference

The 13<sup>th</sup> biennial conference is now in the books as a well-attended, carefully planned, diverse conference that provided a profitable time for all who attended. Bill Dembski and Jim Keener served well as the featured speakers, along with a number of contributed papers, many from new members of ACMS. As usual, the conference Proceedings will be available for distribution this fall.

#### Eerdmans book

The book, Mathematics in a Postmodern Age was published this past spring by Eerdmans Press. It was written by a team of 10 authors, most of whom are ACMS members, whose research was supported by a grant from the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship. Many of these authors presented a version of their work at the Gordon Conference in 1999. A copy of the book was given to each delegate at the Calvin Conference by an anonymous donor. Copies may be purchased for \$28 directly from Eerdmans (eerdmans.com) if you wish. Consider giving a copy to your Dean, Philosophy Department, etc., to spread the visibility of mathematics at your school.

#### San Diego Meetings

Russ Howell (Westmont College) and Jim Bradley (Calvin College) were the driving force behind the Eerdmans project and they have obtained a place on the program of the San Diego meetings in January, 2002 for a panel discussion based on the ideas in this book. We have hoped for some time to have ACMS members sponsor a session at the national meetings, and encourage you to support their efforts by your attendance.

Another group of ACMS members led by Mike Stob and Chuck Hampton (who recently had double bypass heart surgery), plan to prepare a 7 a.m. Sunday worship service at the San Diego meetings. They will be looking for volunteers to help with this endeavor and you can let them know of your availability for this.

The third ACMS activity in San Diego will be the annual dinner meeting, likely scheduled for Tuesday evening. Details of location and speaker are still to be decided. Seventy-four attendees at the 2001 dinner meeting in New Orleans enjoyed a fine buffet dinner and an interesting talk by Barbara Rose on her overseas summer service activities.

#### Future Conferences

The 14<sup>th</sup> biennial conference will be held at Point Loma Nazarene University in May, 2003. Greg Crow and Maria Zack will serve as the coordinators for this conference. The Board is now considering possibilities for the main speakers, and as always suggestions are welcomed from any member. The 2005 conference will be held at a midwest location, and we have already had some possible sites offered to us.

#### Listserv

ACMS has a homepage at Calvin College, where relatively permanent items can be posted. One example is the announcement for a mathematics faculty member at Wheaton College beginning August 2002. In addition, we have recently set up a moderated listserv at Wheaton College. The purpose of this is to provide information about upcoming activities, news about items for prayer, questions about a course or problem, etc. If you want to subscribe, send a message to [majordomo@wheaton.edu](mailto:majordomo@wheaton.edu) and in the message body, write **subscribe acmslist**. You do not need to add your name unless you send your message from an address not your own. Then if you want to send an item to use for posting on the list, you should send it to [acmslist@wheaton.edu](mailto:acmslist@wheaton.edu).

#### Computer Science and ACMS

Until the time that computer science has a separate organization, we are happy for their involvement in ACMS. At the Calvin Conference, 12-15 delegates with a primary interest in computer science met for extended discussions. Gene Chase at Messiah College ([Chase@messiah.edu](mailto:Chase@messiah.edu)) has recently established a listserv ([CS-Christianity@lists.messiah.edu](mailto:CS-Christianity@lists.messiah.edu)) for sharing items of interest among Christian computer science faculty. We hope they will offer a session of papers for the 2003 ACMS conference. Please be sure your computer science colleagues are aware of this information.

#### Dues and Directory

The Board has approved a new dues schedule, where the 2-year dues (from July 1, 2001 until June 30, 2003) have been increased to \$25. Dues for retired members remain at \$15, while student dues are \$10. If you owe past dues, these are indicated on the enclosed sheet. While we have kept individuals with delinquent dues on the membership roll, these people will be removed if dues are not current by December 31, 2001. We also plan to publish a new Directory next year, so please let us know about any changes in your listing. You can order a copy of the Calvin Proceedings, and we will mail copies out by the end of 2001. A copy of the new ACMS brochure is enclosed for your own use, or to give to a potential ACMS member.