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South Dakota Council Teachers of Mathematics Newsletter

Presidential Ponderings

I love the fall. There is no greater season in South Dakota. When people ask why do I live up north where it is cold in the winter and hot in the summer, fall is one on the biggest reasons I give. Whether it is the harvest moon, the cold nights and warm day or the pheasants, there is little that beats the fall.

A committee of members was formed last year to revise the constitution. A main reason was to make sure that the math and science presidents' terms don't end the same year as we have had some trouble the past few years with transitions. It is time for a vote.

There will be a general membership meeting on December 8 at 2:00 pm at Deubrook High School in White, South Dakota for the purpose of approving the new constitution. If you have any comments or questions about the proposed constitution, please feel free to email me at William.gripentrog@k12.sd.us

Don't forget to schedule your calendars to attend the annual professional development conference in Huron February 7-9. We will also have a general business meeting on Friday of the conference. Remember, our organization is only as strong as the involvement of all the members. We need your input. Looking forward to seeing you in Huron Feb 7-9 if not on December 8!

Bill Gripentrog
SDCTM President

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- *Advance Registration for the SDCTM/SDTA Conference due January 20, 2008*
- *February 7-9, 20078 SDCTM/SDTA Conference in Huron*
- *PAEMST Applications due May 2008*

Constitution of the South Dakota Council Teachers of Mathematics
Adopted 1985 Revised 1992, 1993, 2003, 2007

Article I—Name

The name of this organization shall be the South Dakota Council of Teachers of Mathematics. This organization is affiliated with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Article II—Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage and maintain an active interest in and appreciation of mathematics, promote growth, to provide a forum for exchange of the views regarding the teaching of mathematics, and to promote cooperative study of mathematics education at all levels.

Article III—Membership

Any person interested in mathematics education shall be eligible for membership and may become a member by paying the required dues.

Article IV—Officers

The officers of this organization shall be 1) President 2) President-elect 3) Vice-president 4) Secretary 5) Treasurer 6) NCTM representative.

Article V—Meetings

Section I. This organization shall have at least one meeting per year. Section II. The privilege of holding office making motions, debating, and voting shall be determined by the president. Participation in meetings is limited to members. Section III. The president shall determine a quorum.

Article VI—Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any meeting provided that the amendment shall have been proposed at a preceding meeting or sent to the members at least 30 days prior to any scheduled meeting.

Article VII—Dissolution Clause

If, at any time, the council shall cease to carry out the purposes as herein stated, all assets and property held by it, whether in trust or otherwise, shall, after payment of its liabilities, be paid over to an organization, selected by the final Executive Board of the council, which has similar purposes and has established tax-exempt status 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as now enacted or as it may hereafter be amended, and such assets and property shall be applied exclusively for such charitable, scientific, and educational programs.

Bylaws of the South Dakota Council of Teachers of Mathematics

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Article I—Duties of Officers

Section I. President. The president shall preside at all meetings of the council and shall serve as chairman of the Executive Board. He/She shall appoint the newsletter editors, webmaster, special projects director and committee chairs. He/She will represent SDCTM as a delegate at national meetings or appoint a delegate if unable to attend. He/She shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office.

Section II. Vice President. The vice president shall perform the duties of the president in his/her absence. The vice-president shall also act as registrar and conference co-chair on the program committee for the annual spring conference.

Section III. President Elect. The president-elect shall work in close association with the president and shall assist the vice-president in his/her duties. In absence of the president, and vice-president, he/she shall preside at meetings of SDCTM. The president-elect shall serve as the government relations representative.

Section IV. Secretary. The secretary shall keep the records of SDCTM including minutes of the executive board and the business meetings of the council. The secretary shall provide a summary of the minutes to the webmaster for posting on the SDCTM website, and to the newsletter editor for inclusion in an upcoming issue. The secretary shall perform other duties assigned to him/her by the president and executive board.

Section V. Treasurer. The treasurer shall receive all monies of the council; keep an accurate record of receipts, expenditures, and dues structure; and shall pay all routine bills and bills approved by the Executive Board. He/she shall keep an accurate list of members of SDCTM, with the appropriate addresses, and send copies to the NCTM representative and the newsletter editors.

He/she shall prepare an annual report and present it to the Executive Board and the membership for approval at the annual spring conference. The treasurer's accounts shall be examined annually by an Auditing Committee of not less than two members.

Section VI. NCTM Representative. The NCTM Representative shall maintain current membership lists of SDCTM and the South Dakota members of NCTM, promote NCTM membership and activities, and carry out the duties as prescribed in the NCTM Handbook for Association of Mathematics Teachers.

Article II—Terms of Office

The terms of officers of SDCTM shall be two years, with the elections to be held at the annual spring conference in the odd-numbered years. The new officers shall take office on April 1 following their election. Officers serving during the 2006-2008 term will have their terms extended to three years to allow the next election to be held during an odd-numbered year (2009).

Article III—Executive Board

The executive board shall consist of the officers of the organization, the immediate past president, newsletter editor, special projects manager, and committee heads. Ad-hoc members shall be the SDCTM webmaster, South Dakota math curriculum specialist, and the State Coordinator of the Presidential Awards. The executive board shall transact necessary business as may be referred by the SDCTM membership.

Article VI—Dues

The dues of the organization shall be set by the general membership. In the event that no action is taken on the dues structure, the dues shall remain the same. There shall be six (6) categories of membership: K-6 @ \$5 per year; 7-12 @ \$20 per year, Departmentalized Middle School @ \$20 per year; Postsecondary @ \$20 per year, Full time student \$5, and retired \$5

Article V—Committees

Section I. The standing committees of the council shall be: 1) Membership 2) Education 3) Programs 4) Nominations

Section II. The chairman of each committee shall be appointed by the president of SDCTM.

Section III. Duties of committees

- 1) The membership committee shall plan methods of recruiting new members and encouraging members to participate actively in the programs of SDCTM, and perform other duties that are relevant to membership.
- 2) The education committee shall plan educational opportunities for the membership of SDCTM and other mathematics educators. This committee has the responsibility for developing responses to agencies requesting input in regard to mathematics education at all levels.
- 3) The programs committee shall be responsible for SDCTM's portion of the annual joint spring conference with SDSTA.
- 4) The nomination committee shall present a slate of candidates for election of officers of SDCTM.

Article VI—SDCTM Newsletter

The name of the SDCTM Newsletter shall be Wahpe Woyaka pi (Talking Leaf). The president of SDCTM shall appoint the editor(s). The newsletter shall be published quarterly; publication dates will be determined by the editor(s).

Article VII—Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern this council in all cases in which they are applicable and which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws.

Article VIII—Amendments

These by-laws may be amended at any scheduled meeting of the council by a majority vote of the members present and voting, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which they are to be amended.



The scholarship is good for a free one or two day registration at the Joint SDCTM/SDSTA Conference.

“The Jim Goehring Scholarship for Future Leaders” has been established to encourage new teachers of math and science to become professionally involved on the state level. The scholarship, which is good for a free one or two day registration at the Joint Conference of the South Dakota Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the South Dakota Science Teachers Association, is available to teachers who meet the following criteria:

- Is a K-12 teacher of math or science who is in their first year of teaching in SD
- belongs to SDCTM or SDSTA Applicants must pay their own dues to their chosen organization.

The application process is simple. It involves filling out the form below, getting it signed by your building principal, and mailing it to Steve Caron along with the regular conference registration form which is available at www.sdctm.org.

Name: _____

School District: _____

Teaching Assignment: _____

Membership Information:

_____ I am already a member of SDCTM SDSTA (Circle one or both)

_____ I am joining SDCTM and/or SDSTA (Circle one or both)

I am enclosing a check for

_____ \$5.00 for elementary per organization

_____ \$10.00 for Middle/High School per organization

<p>(Name) _____ is in his/her first year of teaching in SD at _____ School District during the 2006-2007 school year and is thus eligible for 'The Jim Goehring Scholarship for Future Leaders.'</p> <p>Signed: _____, Building Principal</p>

SDCTM/SDSTA JOINT SPRING CONFERENCE

Crossroads Events Center, Huron South Dakota
February 7-9, 2008

Conference information and program
booklets will be available online at
www.sdctm.org and www.sdsta.org

ADVANCE REGISTRATION (Postmark by January 20, 2008)

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
E-mail _____ School _____
Home phone _____ School Phone _____

Please check the appropriate categories for membership, conference registration, and payment.

1. SDCTM/SDSTA MEMBERSHIP(s) and DUES

Please check the appropriate categories. You may join one, both, or neither organization.

Begin/renew SDCTM (math) for one year

_____ Elementary \$5
_____ Middle School \$20
_____ High School \$20
_____ Post-Secondary \$20
_____ Student \$3
_____ Retired \$5
_____ Other \$10

Begin/renew SDSTA (science) for one year

_____ Elementary \$5
_____ Middle School \$10
_____ High School \$10
_____ Post-Secondary \$10
_____ Student \$3
_____ Retired \$5
_____ Other \$10

2. CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

*Please check the appropriate categories. Noon luncheon is included for each day that you register.
NOTE: The Friday night banquet is NOT included. Banquet tickets may be purchased for \$20 each.*

I will attend the conference on (check one): _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____ Both days

SDCTM or SDSTA Member

_____ One day \$40
_____ Two days \$60

Non-Member

_____ One day \$70
_____ Two days \$90

Student

_____ One day \$15
_____ Two days \$25

College credit will be available; information/registration available at the conference registration table.

3. PAYMENT

*All checks/vouchers should be made payable to SDCTM.
Purchase orders will NOT be accepted.*

Membership SDCTM \$ _____
Membership SDSTA \$ _____
Registration \$ _____
Friday Night Banquet (\$20 each) \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Requests for refunds must be received by January 20, 2008

4. SEND THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT

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Email: Steve.Caron@aberdeen.k12.sd.us

Advance registration must be postmarked by January 20, 2008

Please check here if you have also submitted a
speaker proposal form for the 2008 Conference.

Contact SDCTM with any special needs requests as defined by ADA by emailing Jean Gomer at jean.gomer@k12.sd.us by January 13, 2008



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