

## President's Corner

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Hello Colleagues! I hope that this message finds you well this fall semester. Although we have been in session for about a month, it has been eventful. Many of our students, their families and our families have been affected by the hurricane season. My prayers go out to our GMATYC community who has been affected.

The annual AMATYC Conference will be in San Diego this year. I hope that you will consider attending this conference. If you will not be presenting this year, then you should consider volunteering to serve as a presenter. I had the opportunity to serve last year and it was a lot of fun. You get to introduce the speakers and present them with a certificate at the end of their talk. It's just another way to participate and become "a part" of the conference. If you are not able to attend the conference this year, then consider submitting a proposal to present at next year's conference in Orlando, Florida. The request for proposals will open in November 2017. If you are not a member of AMATYC, please consider joining. It is a rewarding experience to connect with the national organization of which GMATYC is an affiliate.

### Bill Bompert Teaching Excellence Award

We will be asking for nominees for the Bill Bompert Teaching Excellence Award this semester. I know that we are doing some wonderful activities in our classrooms in Georgia. Please consider nominating a colleague or yourself for this honor. Remember that our winner will also become our state nominee for the AMATYC Teaching Excellence Award, a national teaching award. Please be prepared to answer the call for nominees this year. I know that some of Georgia's best educators are a part of GMATYC. Let's put our best foot forward and get Georgia the recognition it deserves.

### GMATYC Needs You

We will be holding elections for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer this year. Please consider running for one of these positions. Both the Secretary and the Treasurer will serve a two-year term. I hope that you will consider and be prepared to answer the call to serve GMATYC. We need you!

That's all for now. Thank you.

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**43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference**  
 San Diego, CA  
 November 9-12, 2017



**Please plan to attend !**



*GMATYC Members at the AMATYC Conference in Denver November, 2016.*

**The 31st Annual Mathematics Conference  
at Perimeter College - Georgia State University**

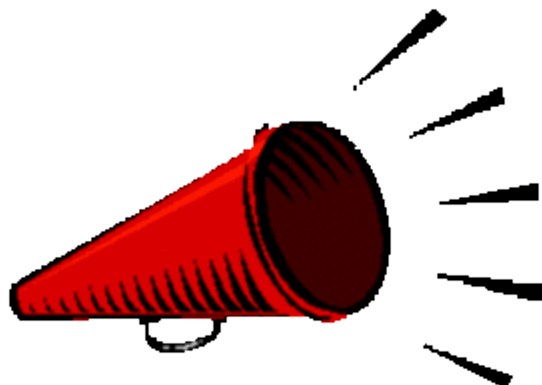
Submitted by Joanna Wilson, Math Conference Chair

The 31st Annual Mathematics Conference at Perimeter College - Georgia State University will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 16-17, 2018, on the Clarkston campus. This year’s theme is “Building STEM Majors”. Our keynote speaker this year will be Dr. Willie S. Rockward, Associate Professor of Physics, Chair — Department of Physics & Dual Degree Engineering Program Morehouse College.

The conference committee will soon accept proposals for topics related to learning support or undergraduate mathematics.

We will have student presentations on Saturday. Our student presentations were great last year.

We want to encourage students to present this year.



According to data compiled by the research firm Nielsen, there is a surge in the use of smartphones and mobile technology among young people today. Are cell phones in the classroom a teaching tool, a learning support, or a distraction?

**We’re Looking for  
Engaging Ideas.....**

Do you have ways in which mobile devices can be used effectively in the mathematics classroom? If so, then how do you ensure that their use stays academic?

Do you or does your institution have rules regarding the use of cell phones in the classroom ?

Can students use their cell phone as a calculator in your classroom? Why or why not?

Click the link here (or copy and paste into your browser) to share your ideas in this Google survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JMFDFGF>

## GMATYC Mission Statement:

**The Georgia Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges is a non-profit, educational association. Our mission is to:**

Ensure the preparation of scientifically and technologically literate citizens who are capable of making educated decisions, who have skills needed by business and industry, and who will continue to educate themselves by encouraging the development of effective mathematics programs;

Afford a state forum for interchange of ideas by serving as a network for communications and actions among faculty across the state of Georgia;

Develop and improve the mathematics education and the mathematics-related experience of students in their first two-years of college mathematics;

Promote the professional welfare and development of its members;

Promote support for and involvement in the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC), and to disseminate information from AMATYC.

## WHY BOTHER GOING TO CONFERENCES ANYMORE?

In today's world, we are fortunate to have such easy access to information. The web offers us so many different ways to meet, learn, collaborate, and express ourselves. It is painless to quickly connect, research, and share. Since there are many great ways to learn and sharpen one's skills these days, one may wonder *why bother with the time and expense of an in-person conference?* Is there even any need to leave work and attend live professional events anymore?

**Yes!**

Perhaps now more than ever before there is a need to join other members of your profession at a live conference.

**Why?**

1. **Renew your excitement about the work you do.** Getting out and hearing from people who are doing what you do, but differently, can reignite your enthusiasm.
2. **Meet online friends and colleagues from other regions face-to-face.**
3. **Learn about current trends and augment your knowledge base.**
4. **Share your ideas, research, and best practices.** You may even develop ideas for other content based sessions.
5. **Evaluate new vendors.** You may find new tools as vendors are eager to share their latest and greatest products and services.
6. **Get out and just have fun.** People who include fun in their lives tend to be happier, healthier, and less stressed. There's a lot to be said for getting away from your day-to-day work life and having fun....while learning!

## Future AMATYC Conferences



November 9 - 12, 2017  
San Diego, CA



November 15 - 18, 2018  
Orlando, FL

# Does your campus need a good idea for professional development? Consider an AMATYC traveling workshop.

## Make It Yours

Equip your mathematics faculty with curricular, pedagogical, and technology tools to ensure that all students will have the mathematics they need to succeed in the 21st century. Bring in a Traveling Workshop for your campus professional development event or for a regional conference.

Traveling Workshops are customized to fit the needs of your event and audience. Traveling workshops can provide training for up to 30 participants; this is very cost-efficient compared to the cost of sending only a few faculty to an off-campus event. Traveling workshops are convenient – you choose the date and plan the on-site logistics; the facilitator will plan the learning activities and provide activities and curriculum.

### How do I become a workshop facilitator?

If you are interested in becoming an AMATYC Traveling Workshop Facilitator, a good first-step is to submit a proposal to present at an AMATYC Conference. If you have already presented at an AMATYC Conference (or affiliate conferences), please fill out the Traveling Workshop Facilitator Form, located at <http://www.amatyc.org/?page=TWFAQ>

Retrieved from [www.amatyc.org](http://www.amatyc.org)

Traveling Workshop facilitators are currently available in the following topic areas:

- Developmental Mathematics
- Teacher Preparation
- Statistics
- Technology
- *Beyond Crossroads*
- Mathematics Across the Curriculum
- Discovering the Art of Mathematics

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How much does a Traveling Workshop cost?

When you plan for a Traveling Workshop, your organization will need to plan for the following costs:

- Facilitator Honorarium of \$750 per workshop day
- Travel, lodging, and meal expenses for workshop facilitator
- Site for workshop
- Copying of handouts
- Refreshments for workshop participants

### Who are the facilitators for an AMATYC Traveling Workshop?

Our Traveling Workshop Facilitators are AMATYC members, mathematics faculty, and administrators with an outstanding presentation record. Every workshop facilitator is evaluated at each of the events they facilitate.

### Who chooses the facilitator for an AMATYC Traveling Workshop?

The client chooses. The Professional Development Coordinator will forward CVs for facilitators who are available for the proposed workshop date(s). The client can examine the experience of potential facilitators and choose the right facilitator for their event.

### Who plans the schedule for the workshop?

The client and the chosen facilitator work together to build a schedule for the workshop. The agenda is tailored to the needs of the client and the expertise of the facilitator.

### Who arranges the travel and lodging?

Typically, the facilitator arranges for travel and lodging and is then reimbursed at the conclusion of the workshop. However, if the institution or organization needs to make the arrangements for budget purposes, that is fine, too. The client and the facilitator should work together to make sure arrangements are satisfactory to both parties.

**Interested? Contact the Traveling Workshop Coordinator at : [tw@amatyc.org](mailto:tw@amatyc.org)**

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