

Council Profiles

President

Ron Cammaert, Taber

Ron was born and raised in Calgary where he graduated from the University of Calgary with a BSc in mathematics in 1968. After a further year at university to pick up his education courses, he started teaching at Sunalta Elementary-Junior High School in Calgary. His experience in Calgary also included work at John G. Diefenbaker School and Sir Winston Churchill High School. In 1976, he completed his MEd from the University of Calgary. In 1977, Ron moved to Taber to become principal of Barnwell School. In 1983, Ron joined the staff of Alberta Education as Mathematics Consultant for the Lethbridge Regional Office.

Ron has been a member of the Mathematics Council since 1980, serving as director, monograph editor, vice-president, and president. He is married with four children.

Secretary

Mary-Jo Maas, Fort Macleod

Mary-Jo Maas has taught school for six years: one year in Taber, two years at St. Mary's on the Blood Indian Reserve, and at G.R. Davis in Fort Macleod. She presently teaches math, language arts, and science.

Mary-Jo received her BA in mathematics and BEd in 1978 from the University of Lethbridge and her MEd in math problem solving from the University of Oregon in 1983. She has been secretary of the South West Regional of the Council since its beginning in 1979 and has been secretary of the Mathematics Council for a year. She is presently serving a three-year term on the Mathematics Curriculum Coordinating Committee.

Mary-Jo enjoys sports, camping, reading science fiction, growing plants, finding math jokes that are groaners (see a groaner by Mary-Jo elsewhere in this issue), and riding her motorcycle.

Treasurer

Virinder Anand, St. Albert

Virinder has taught for 23 years, all at the senior high school level in Alberta. He holds MA and BEd degrees, as well as a Diploma in Educational Administration (Alberta), and he is a recipient of a Shell Merit Fellowship.

Virinder has been a member of the Mathematics Curriculum Committee, Alberta Education, since 1971. He has also been involved in many ATA committees and offices at the local level. Among the many PD activities in which he has been involved has been holding the office of treasurer of MCATA. During the summer, Virinder taught at Alberta College.

Newsletter Editor _____

Dr. Arthur O. Jorgensen, Edson

The newsletter editor sends the following propaganda:

I have been associated with MCATA for so long I don't remember when I started. I feel as if I were secretary since the time of Socrates. Fortunately, Mary-Jo came along to relieve me, or I would likely have been in that position until the Second Coming! I have enjoyed the position of newsletter editor.

The area of math education has interested me for a number of years, and I have been involved with it in a number of capacities which have included teacher at the school and university level, conference speaker, and Alberta Education resource person and textbook editor. I am presently employed as principal of Jubilee Junior High School in Edson, a position I have held off and on for the past 20 years. After 35 years in the classroom, however, I am beginning to think seriously of retirement.

Editor's Note: Art was named Edson Citizen of the Year for 1983 (see the report in the *ATA News* of May 14, 1984). Congratulations, Art! In addition, Art has been assistant superintendent of schools and a consultant for Yellowhead School Division No. 12. He was named School Administrator of the Year in Alberta in 1977. We hope he delays his retirement for a few more years yet.

Journal Editor _____

Gordon Nicol, Desmarais

Gordon was born and raised in Ontario where he studied philosophy, theology, social science, and teaching, receiving his BA, BD, BEd, and MSc. After seven years in the ministry, he took a leave in order to travel, start a business, and develop other opportunities.

After a two-year international development career in the Caribbean and Central America, he returned to Canada. Gordon joined the teaching staff of Northland School Division in 1977. He has been principal of two schools and is presently a Grade 6 teacher in Mistassiniy School.

Gordon is a volunteer community firefighter and member of the Peekiswetan ("Let's Talk") Crisis Committee. A past treasurer of Northland Local 69, he has been on the Math Council for a year. He is married with three children and enjoys photography, hunting, fishing, travel, and computing.