

# President's Report 1994–95

*The following was presented at the annual general meeting in Lethbridge on September 29, 1995.*

As I look back on my two years as MCATA president, I have many fond memories. Our conferences have been a source of much enjoyment. Meeting with, learning from and socializing with other math teachers has been fun! Working with the dedicated group of professionals that comprises our council has been a wonderful experience. During my term, I have traveled to other parts of Canada and have met and worked with mathematics educators from across the continent. My appointment to curriculum advisory committees with the ATA and Alberta Education, and my involvement with the Western Canada Protocol for a common math curriculum, result directly from my position as MCATA president. I am honored to have had some input in curriculum decision making.

As we look at MCATA's 1994–95 activities, I regret to announce that four executive members have resigned: Dennis Burton, Bob Hart, Myra Hood and Bob Michie. Their service is greatly appreciated, and we wish them well in their future endeavors. Welcome to new executive members Klaus Puhmann, coeditor of *delta-K*; Linda Brost, public relations director; Sandra Unrau, regional activities director; and Kay Melville, Department of Education representative.

The executive had one teleconference and met four times last year—twice in Red Deer, once at the annual conference and once at our annual "Thinkers' Conference" in Edmonton. We continued to work on the four focus areas of service to our members: publications, conferences, membership and issues. In view of the recent enormous changes in education, we spent considerable time reexamining MCATA's structure and purpose.

Conferences are the Council's ongoing source of pride. The Edmonton Regional of NCTM held in October '94 was a great success, attracting 1,500 participants. Congratulations to Florence Glanfield and her committee members. Mary Jo Maas and her committees have spent countless hours over the last two years organizing "Math Trek—The Next Generation" in Lethbridge. We thank them for their efforts and

enthusiasm. Thanks to Myra Hood and Florence Glanfield for organizing a highly successful parent conference in Edmonton and a mini-conference in Calgary.

One strength of MCATA continues to be our excellent publications. Art Jorgensen, publications coeditor, has kept members well informed via five issues of the newsletter and three issues of *delta-K*. I would also like to commend Art and Joan Worth for their fantastic job in gathering materials for *Thirty-Four Years and Counting*. I know that Art would like to publicly commend the publications staff at Barnett House for the wonderful job they did in putting it together. Thank you, all.

Executive members attended a number of different conferences during the year. MCATA was represented at the NCTM annual conference and delegate assembly in Boston in April. Executive members serving on NCTM committees were Florence Glanfield on the Regional Services Committee and George Ditto on the Conventions and Conference Committee. I attended a Canadian Mathematics Society Forum in Education in Mathematics in Quebec City in May. MCATA sent Richard Kopan and Betty Morris to the NCTM Leadership Conference in Regina in July. Thanks to Past President Bob Hart for representing MCATA as an observer to ARA in Edmonton in May. Donna Chanasyk and Graham Keogh attended the ATA Summer Conference in Banff in August. Thanks to all executive members who gave up holiday time to attend these conferences.

The Council financially supported three math contests (Junior High Contests in Edmonton and Calgary, and the Alberta High School Math Contest), as well as a teacher inservice project.

In closing, I would like to thank all executive members for their work this past year. They can be proud of all that MCATA has accomplished. Special thanks and recognition again go to Past President Bob Hart and ATA Staff Advisor Dave Jeary for all their help while I was president.

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