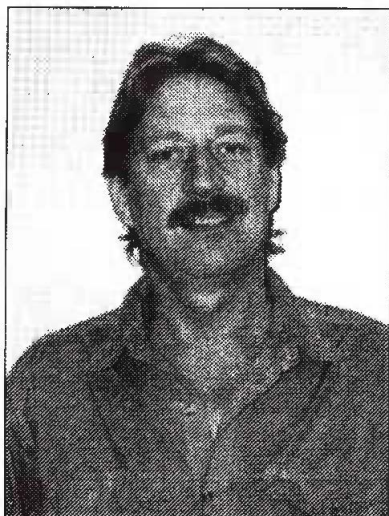


President's Report 1995–96



This report was presented at the AGM, at the Capri Hotel in Red Deer, November 2, 1996.

It has been a pleasure to serve as president of MCATA over the past year. The main services and activities to our membership of 422 were the following: the annual conference in Lethbridge in September 1995, the resource fair in Calgary in May 1996, and publications of *delta-K* and the *Mathematics Council Newsletter*. MCATA continues to financially support the following: junior high school mathematics contests in Edmonton and Calgary, and the Alberta High School Mathematics Contest; teacher inservice projects; and teaching and learning materials.

The executive met five times during the year. We established and worked toward goals that we felt were imperative for the successful operation of the Council. For the consideration of the general membership, the executive has a revised constitution and executive schemata which we feel better reflect the current realities of this council at this time and into the future.

The challenges faced by the executive have been interesting, informative and enjoyable. The opportunity to work with this dedicated group of professionals has been personally rewarding.

A number of people have been influential in the success of the Council over the past year. My personal thanks to Wendy Richards, past president, and Dave Jeary, ATA staff advisor, who both provided needed direction and guidance when requested. Donna Chanasyk, secretary, and Doug Weisbeck, treasurer, have been totally committed to positions that offer very little in profile but without their work and dedication would render the workings of the Council somewhat ineffective in comparison.

Directors responsible for assignments from conferences, publications, issues and regionals to public relations—Cynthia Ballheim, Linda Brost, Daryl Chichak, Cindy Meagher, Betty Morris and Sandra Unrau—have unselfishly given of their time and talents to support the efforts of the executive. The publication editors, Art Jorgensen and Klaus Puhmann, have provided expert publications for our membership.

By masterminding the successful “Math: Making Connections” conference, Graham Keogh demonstrated his ongoing dedication to the professional development of our colleagues. Margaret Marika, 1997 conference chair, is looking forward to similar successes which we are sure she will experience. Additional representatives and advisors—Dale Burnett, Mike Stone, Kay Melville and PEC Liaison Carol Henderson—have each contributed valuable input and guidance in our work over the past year.

Congratulations to Vice President Florence Glanfield, who was appointed to Chair of the Regional Services Committee with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM). Florence follows in a line of Canadians who have received the same honor. Two years ago, Richard Kopan, also a vice president, fulfilled the same responsibility with NCTM.

Your MCATA executive members attended a number of different conferences during this year. MCATA was represented at the NCTM annual conference and delegate assembly in San Diego in April by Betty Morris. As mentioned, Florence Glanfield serves as chair on the Regional Services Committee of the NCTM. Cindy Meagher and I attended the NCTM Canadian Leadership Conference in Montreal in July. Margaret Marika attended the ATA Summer Conference in Banff in August. Thanks to all the executive members who gave up their valuable holiday time to attend these conferences.

In closing, I wish to thank all members of the executive. We can all be very proud of what has been accomplished.

George Ditto