

From the President's Pen



Mathematics education is changing because our mathematical needs have changed over time. These changes include, but are not limited to, the role of technology, the needs of society, international competitiveness and what we know about how children learn. We must not look back because the "good ol' days" are gone forever.

People must look toward the future and so should organizations. The MCATA executive met the weekend of January 22–23. We renewed our commitment to provide leadership to encourage the continuing enhancement of the teaching, learning and understanding of mathematics. We have heard from many members their concerns regarding our fall conference. We have achieved our success and our influence by being responsive to our members and, as such, a good part of our January Thinkers meeting was devoted to working with John Thorpe, NCTM executive director, to establish ways to make our affiliation a strong and mutually beneficial one. Please continue to let your MCATA executive know about your concerns and how we can better serve your needs.

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