

From the President's Pen

The previous MCATA president, Cynthia Ballheim, has moved to Columbus, Ohio, and is teaching mathematics at a Catholic high school. Because of the distance and logistical problems, Cynthia found it too difficult to continue to serve as president. She intends to stay in touch with MCATA and will be consulted as needed. I have agreed to move from vice-president to serve as president until June 2004, when the executive positions will be reviewed.

I have been a mathematics teacher for 29 years with the Edmonton Catholic School District, except for a one-and-a-half-year secondment with Alberta Learning. Currently, I am coordinator of mathematics and sciences at Holy Trinity High School in Edmonton. I have served on the MCATA executive for four years, and I hope to continue to provide the kind of leadership that Cynthia demonstrated during her many years of service.

delta-K continues to be MCATA's academic publication and is organized by our new editor, Craig Loewen of the University of Lethbridge. The executive is moving toward making *delta-K* a refereed journal, as Craig explained in his editorial. We look forward to reading the high-quality articles published in *delta-K* in the future.

Speaking of reading, if you enjoy reading books that connect mathematics to society, nature and other areas of life, I recommend the following:

- *The Millennium Problems: The Seven Greatest Unsolved Mathematical Puzzles of Our Time*, by Keith Devlin (Basic, 2002)
- *The Computational Beauty of Nature: Computer Explorations of Fractals, Chaos, Complex Systems, and Adaptation*, by Gary William Flake (MIT Press, 1998)
- *Numbers in the Dark and Other Stories*, by Italo Calvino (translated from the Italian by Tim Parks) (Knopf, 1995)

Enjoy the books, and thank you for continuing to support MCATA.

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