



# HCTM Newsletter

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## President's Message

Scott Powell, 2016 – 2017 HCTM President

Aloha,

As another school year is coming to a close, mathematics educators from around the state are preparing for finals, end of the course exams or national tests. We have had a very productive year with your help and a lot of hard work. I would like to thank our current board members as they have worked tirelessly to bring you the highest quality professional development. We are very excited as we learn, grow and make changes to bring us up to speed with the needs of mathematics educators through the 50<sup>th</sup> state.

For those of you who have expressed interest in helping out we haven't forgotten about you and will be contacting you in the next few days and months to let you know about what the board needs help with. If at any time you have ideas, thoughts or just want to chat visit our website [www.hctm.org](http://www.hctm.org).

Sincerely Yours

Scott





## Calendar of noteworthy events:

### Discovering Geometry with Michael Serra

May 30 – 31, 2017

Kamehameha Schools Kapalama Campus

Have another event you think others in our community would like to know about?

Feel free to submit interesting websites and articles as well!

Email [egabriel@sacredhearts.org](mailto:egabriel@sacredhearts.org)

### Discovering Geometry with Michael Serra

Professional Development Opportunity for Teachers of Grades 8-12

Kamehameha Schools Kapalama Campus will host two, 2-day workshops with Michael Serra, author of Discovering Geometry. The first workshop will focus on teaching Geometry through an inductive approach. This workshop will use the materials found in Discovering Geometry 5<sup>th</sup> ed but all teachers of Geometry can use the methodology discussed at this workshop in her Geometry curriculum.

Dates: May 30, (half day session)

12:00 – 3:15 pm

\*\*supplies and snacks provided

May 31, (full day session)

8:00 am – 2:15 pm

\*\*supplies, snacks, and lunch provided

Place: Kamehameha Kapalama Campus

Kaiwakiloumoku Building – Ululani Hale

Limited space available. Workshop is open to a maximum of 25 teachers. No cost for the workshops but a nominal fee \$5 will be assessed to reserve a seat. Register on the Hawaii Council of Teachers of Mathematics website <http://www.hctm.org> by: **May 19th**

## **Candidates for Election to the Hawaii Council of Teachers of Mathematics Executive Board for 2017 - 2018**

Additional candidates may be nominated by petition, provided it is signed by five or more members in good standing with the candidate indicating that he or she is willing to run for that office. The petition must be received by the election chair, Elizabeth Gabriel (egabriel@sacredhearts.org), at most two weeks after the notification of the nominees in the May newsletter.

### President

#### **Stacie Kaichi-Imamura**

Stacie Kaichi-Imamura is an educator with just over 20 years with the Hawaii Department Education. Currently, she is the State Mathematics Resource Teacher with the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Support. Stacie currently serves as the Elementary Director on the Hawaii Council Teachers of Mathematics Executive Board. She is a National Board Certified Teacher since 2007 (and just renewed her certification for another 10 years) and was the 2004 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching mathematics awardee for Hawaii.

### Vice President

#### **Linda Kodama**

Linda Kodama has taught both at the high school (in California) and the two-year college levels (Kapi'olani and Windward CCs) but is currently fully retired from classroom instruction. She continues to share an interest in helping students become better learners... e.g., in the Teaching Reading across the Disciplines, and Thinking Outside the Box (i.e., non-linear problem solving). She is an active member of AMATYC (the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges...which featured David Masunaga as the Saturday morning breakfast speaker) and has attended its conferences for the past 15 years.

### Secretary

#### **Jody-Lynn Storm**

Aloha, my name is Jody-Lynn Storm and I am running for the office of secretary for the Hawaii Council of Teachers of Mathematics Board. I have taught mathematics at Windward Community College for the past nine years. As an HCTM member I have taken full advantage of the professional development opportunities provided and would be honored to support this wonderful organization in its continued service of Hawaii's educators. Thank you for considering me for this office.

### Treasurer

#### **Michael Ida**

My name is Michael Ida and I would like to respectfully express my interest in continuing to serve as your HCTM secretary. I am a National Board Certified Teacher who has been teaching at Kalani High School for the past twenty-one years where I have taught classes ranging from General Math to Advanced Placement Calculus, and where I continue to serve as Department Head, Oahu Mathematics League team coach, and National Honor Society advisor. I am currently a member of NCTM as well as the Mathematical Association of America, American Mathematical Society, and Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics. I have also served as secretary and treasurer for my church's parish vestry and would be honored to have the privilege of supporting my colleagues and fellow educators through an organization which we can truly call our own, and through which we have the potential to improve not only the lives of our students, but the dignity of our profession and the stature of the mathematical sciences as well.

## Elementary School Director

### **Phyllis Nakama-Kawamoto**

Phyllis Nakama-Kawamoto has been an educator with the Hawaii Department of Education for over 30 years. She currently is a State Resource Teacher with the Executive Office on Early Learning. Phyllis is a National Board Certified Teacher and also a 2001 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching mathematics awardee for Hawaii.

## Middle School Director

### **Keith Ishihara**

Keith Ishihara is running for the position of Director of Middle Schools for the Hawaii Council of Teachers of Mathematics. He is a certified 20+ year teacher of the Department of Education for Secondary Education in Mathematics and is currently teaching at Kawananakoa Middle School. His duties are Department Chairperson, 8th grade Math, Algebra I, Math Team Coach, and CTE/Business teacher (2015-16). His previous schools were Nanakuli High & Intermediate School, Kapolei Middle School (where he was a Media and Yearbook Elective teacher), and Moanalua High School teaching Algebra I, Modeling Our World I, Geometry and Algebra II. He worked with Curriculum Research and Development Group (CRDG) at the University of Hawaii to consult on the Modeling Our World I high school mathematics curriculum. He is looking forward to providing learning experiences for middle school math teachers.

## High School Director

### **Yannabah Weiss**

Yannabah Weiss has taught 9-12 grade mathematics in Hawaii from pre-algebra through AP Calculus for approximately 25 years. She currently leads a PD project for Algebra teachers to integrate Desmos with the HDOE curriculum. Yannabah received the National Milken Educators award in 2007 and the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in 2009.

## 2 year College Director

### **Jean Okumura**

I have taught at Windward Community College for the past 36 years. I believe that HCTM provides teachers of mathematics with a wonderful opportunity to engage in professional development and networking. I enjoy the opportunity to help this organization provide activities to enhance the teaching and learning of mathematics and hope that I can continue to do so for another year.

## 4 year College Director

### **Seanyelle Yagi**

I am an Assistant Specialist in mathematics education at the Curriculum Research & Development Group, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. I have twenty years' experience as a classroom, complex area resource and state resource teacher in the Hawaii Department of Education, and joined the CRDG in 2015. I am passionate about providing students with a meaningful and positive experience in learning mathematics through which they come to view themselves as mathematical thinkers and problem solvers. As 4-Year College Director, I would work to connect the HCTM membership with my colleagues at institutions of higher education and support building relationships and partnerships between practicing teachers and post-secondary educators and researchers in mathematics education. I humbly ask for the opportunity to serve as 4-Year College Director for the HCTM Board.

## Membership Director

### **Deborah Kula**

I am currently the Math Department Chair at Sacred Hearts Academy. I am a strong supporter of the professional development opportunities and collaborative activities offered by HCTM. I have served on the HCTM board in the past as High School Director and President and am honored to continue service to the mathematics community in Hawaii.