

# **2017 OCTM Representative Report**

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**OCTM's Mission:** *Oregon Council of Teachers of Mathematics promotes a comprehensive, collaborative mathematics community to support educators in implementing effective and engaging practices for the teaching and learning of mathematics for all students.* [www.octm.org](http://www.octm.org)

## Oregon Math Leaders Conference

- August 4-5, 2017 Willamette University, Salem, Oregon

Theme: Connecting with Mathematics Education

Keynote speakers: Don Crossfield and Tammy Anderson

OML is a great way to connect with teachers from around the state of Oregon. I like to call OML our summer math camp experience. We would love to have you attend and/or present to share your passion for mathematics and for mathematics teaching. OML is held for 2 to 3 days during the first week of August each year.

## 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwest Math Conference

- October 12-14, 2017 Portland, Oregon – Red Lion Hotel on the River at Jantzen Beach

Theme: Building Bridges for Future Mathematical Success

Keynote speakers are Dan Meyer, presenter of TED Talk “Math Class Needs a Makeover” and Chief Academic Officer of Desmos, and Fawn Nguyen, math teacher, presenter, curriculum writer, and author of several online curricular resources including [visualpatterns.org](http://visualpatterns.org) and [mathtalks.net](http://mathtalks.net).

Featured speakers include Chris Shore of the Math Projects Journal, Graham Fletcher, Annie Fetter of the Math Forum, Robert Kaplinsky, Andrew Stadel, Catherine Towney Fosnot, Kim Sutton, and Jason Zimba.

Registration is open at <http://www.northwestmathconf.org/NWMC2017/>

Please encourage the math teachers you know to attend. Volunteers are needed to help as hall captains and at registration. Contact is Jennifer Bell, [j.johnson.bell@gmail.com](mailto:j.johnson.bell@gmail.com)

FYI - The NWMC rotates in the Pacific Northwest between Oregon, Canada, and Washington... this conference is hosted by OCTM and is held in Portland once every three years.

## OCTM Scholarships

- Scholarship article in September/October TOMT and on the OCTM website.
- The next due date is January 20, 2018 for attending a math conference in the spring. Generally, this scholarship is used for the NCTM conference in April, but can be used for any conference at that time of year. At a minimum, this scholarship would pay for registration and 50% expenses.
- Please encourage first year teachers and teachers teaching less than five years to apply for the Sunrise Scholarship. This is an annual scholarship (due April 15) with a two year commitment to attend Oregon Math Leaders (registration) and the recipient agrees to volunteer at an OCTM professional development training some other training in their region (see article in September/October issue of TOMT or the octm website).

## OCTM Membership

- Please consider having preservice teachers in your classes join and use the TOMT for assignments to help them get connected professionally before they begin teaching.  
Student memberships are \$10.00
- First year teachers and “new to Oregon” teachers get a free e-membership
- Email membership information to Ralph Schubothe, Membership Secretary, [ralph.schubothe@frontier.com](mailto:ralph.schubothe@frontier.com)

NCTM-ASC Western 2 Representative – Nancy Swarat, [swaratn@umatillasd.org](mailto:swaratn@umatillasd.org)

- Please consider establishing an NCTM student affiliate on your campus. The fee is very low and student memberships are free.

The OCTM board discussed the following at their August board meeting:

*Student Affiliate* - Nancy Swarat - NCTM is pushing for student affiliates from each college. Nancy has concerns about the students moving away after being involved for only a couple of years.

*Proposal* - A student affiliate of OCTM from each teacher preparation university program to attend TOTOM and meet there and be a separate sub-entity of OCTM with one representative chosen to be on the OCTM board. Help to have a younger voice and move the organization forward. They would be a separate NCTM affiliate for free.

The OCTM board decided to move forward through TOTOM to see if students want this and if their professors are willing to support and pursue support from NCTM. If both are yes, there will be further board discussion.

#### TOMT Pre Service Teachers' Place Article Sign Up

- There are 5 issues of TOMT each year.
- TOMT Editors are Cheri Clausen, [cclausenmath@gmail.com](mailto:cclausenmath@gmail.com) and Marie Cramer, [cramer.marie27@gmail.com](mailto:cramer.marie27@gmail.com)
- Even if you are not signed up for an article, you can always send in articles. The editors prefer to have articles ahead of time and to have extra articles to run when there is space available. Sample articles and discussion of what each of us have submitted.
- Sample TOMT's are available for you to take with you along with a flyer of benefits of OCTM membership.

#### **Benefits of an OCTM membership:**

- One year subscription to *TOMT, The Oregon Mathematics Teacher*, published five times a year by OCTM... Nationally recognized as an outstanding journal/newsletter by NCTM!
- Reduced rates for the Northwest and regional mathematics [conferences](#)
- Eligibility for [OCTM Scholarships](#)... support for your professional development interests!
- [Access to a huge network of educators](#) who promote quality mathematics teaching and learning... others who are passionate about mathematics and teaching mathematics!
- Opportunities for [developing leadership skills](#)... you are the specialist in your classroom everyday and it's important to inform administration and others of that important work!