

Presidential Ponderings

I hope the summer is going well for all of you. I have found a few days to read, garden, fish, golf, and just plain relax after a busy school year. The months of work on writing the South Dakota Mathematics Standards document was draining but incredibly rewarding. I believe this document is a readable, user-friendly, credible complete body of work. Even the preface is replete with suggestions, clarifications, and other noteworthy information. After having opportunities to peruse other state standards documents, I believe we have one worthy of the excellent mathematics education that we in South Dakota work so hard to provide. My personal thanks go to all who worked on our Standards. Superb job!! Watch for more news this fall about the actual roll-out of the Standards.

Please check the back page of this newsletter to familiarize yourself with the new SDCTM Executive Board. You will notice some new names along with some of the veteran officers. I want to express my gratitude to Jean Gomer who performed her duties as President these past two years with a professional grace and class which distinguish her as a leader in our field. As Past President she remains a viable and valuable source of ideas and advice to me, to the Executive Board, and to the entire organization. Thank you, Jean.

In May I had the opportunity to represent the mathematics teachers of South Dakota in Baltimore at the NAEP State Mathematics Item Review. This was a gathering of mathematics specialists from each state. Our task was to review and adjust the questions on NCLB assessments. In addition to our specified objectives, I had the opportunity to visit with mathematics people from around the country. I can tell you that we are one of the leaders in the arduous struggle to meet the mandates of NCLB.

Craig Sherman and I attended the NCTM Leadership Conference in Omaha on June 11-13. We had the opportunity to meet our NCTM President Cathy Seely and other members of the NCTM Board of Directors. The conference provided us with an abundance of helpful material and connections.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is a **speaker form** for our Joint Spring Conference. I encourage you to submit a proposal and join us for a fun and educational weekend on February 3-5, 2005. We are especially in need of presenters at the elementary and middle school levels in mathematics. If you are a first time presenter and are a bit nervous, you should consider presenting with a colleague. Everyone has some expertise worth sharing. Please come to Huron and enrich your audience while you glean information from some of our 80 or more sessions. Despite the weather, the 2004 Conference was a huge success. Thanks to Jean Gomer of SDCTM and Ken Graupmann of SDSTA for a wonderful program and great presenters.

Our regional mathematics presenters at the 2005 Joint Spring Conference will be Penny Roberts (K-5) from Kentucky, Nancy Berkas (6-8) from Wisconsin, and Marsha Lillie (9-12) from Texas. Penny was here five years ago and dazzled her full sessions with amazing energy and detective work. Nancy is our NCTM Regional Affiliate Services Representative. She is an accomplished speaker. Marsha comes highly recommended by Bill Gripentrog. Also, I have just received an enthusiastic commitment from Dr. Rick Melmer to be our Banquet speaker. He is the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education. I am pleased that Dr. Melmer has accepted my invitation to speak to us. These are critical times for South Dakota educators in the fields of mathematics and science, and I am sure that his remarks will be noteworthy and inspirational.

As I close my lengthy first letter to the membership of SDCTM, I want to remind you of two things. Firstly, check our great website at **sdctm.org** (Thanks, Cindy!!). Secondly, SDCTM is a service organization. The Executive Board is here to address your questions, concerns, suggestions, proposals, etc. Please involve us when you need a partner, an advisor, an advocate, or a contact person. I am looking forward to the next two years as your President. Let's continue to do all of those great things we do in our South Dakota mathematics classrooms. Enjoy the rest of the summer and have a great school year.

Chuck Holmstrom SDCTM President

Summer 2004

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- July 24, 2004 SDCTM Symposium Registration Deadline
- August 6, 2004 -SDCTM Symposium at O'Gorman HS, Sioux Falls
- October 15, 2004 - SDCTM/SDSTA 2005 Speaker Forms Due

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SDCTM honors Dr. Curt Olson with the SDCTM Distinguished Service Award for Mathematics Education.

Know a Great 7-12 Math Teacher? Nominate him or her to receive the Presidential Teaching Award!

Dates to remember are: July 24, 2004 *Registration closes*; August 2, 2004 Refund deadline; August 6, 2004 SDCTM Summer Symposium at O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls

Thank You Curt & Happy Retirement

At the 2004 USD Merten Haase Mathematics Contest, the South Dakota Council of Teachers of Mathematics surprised Dr. Curt Olson with a presentation of the SDCTM Distinguished Service Award for Mathematics Education. (Check our website at sdctm.org to see photos of the presentation.) This award was originally scheduled to be presented to Curt in February at the 2004 SDCTM/SDSTA Joint Conference, but inclement weather prevented him from attending. Curt's USD colleagues, the USD student helpers, the school math advisors, and the hundreds of students competing in the contest applauded enthusiastically to express their appreciation for Curt's many years of service to USD, SDCTM, and the state of South Dakota. Curt is a past president of SDCTM and has been the SDCTM Newsletter editor for many years. We will miss his hard work, expert advice, and unique sense of humor. Congratulations Curt, enjoy your retirement, thank you for all you have done, and keep in touch.

NEWS BRIEF

We're looking for outstanding 7-12 math teachers for the 2005 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The awards are sponsored by the White House and administered by the National Science Foundation.

Every year up to 108 National Awardees each receive a \$10,000 award, a paid trip for two to Washington, DC to attend a week-long series of networking opportunities and recognition events, and a special citation signed by the President of the United States.

The program is now accepting nominations of 7-12 teachers for the nation's highest honor for mathematics and science teachers. Anyone can nominate a teacher. Teachers should submit completed application materials by May, 2005. For more information, including nomination and application forms, please visit www.nsf.gov/pa or www.sdctm.org and click on the awards link.

SDCTM Symposium

How does your teaching and curriculum match the new South Dakota Mathematics Standards? The South Dakota Council of Teachers of Mathematics is again sponsoring a Summer Symposium. The theme this year is "Finding the new Mathematics Standards in your curriculum" and we have planned something for every level of mathematics teacher. The new document contains much information in addition to the actual Standards. We will help you use this entire document to find the standards in your curriculum, adapt or correct your curriculum as needed, and create useable lesson plans and tests.

Educators and administrators from across South Dakota are invited to participate in this one-day symposium, starting at 8:00 am and ending at 3:30 pm. Agendas will be sent to all participants.

Our presenters (Jean Gomer, Cindy Kroon, Roxie Ahlbrecht, Diana McCann, Ellie Cooch, and Steve Caron) are members of the South Dakota Mathematics Standards writing team. They are experienced and exceptional mathematics educators from around the state. They have been integral participants throughout the entire standards-writing process.



In a Hurry? STEP on it!

A. The South Dakota Highway Patrol uses the following **Bond Schedule** to calculate fines for speeding tickets issued on interstate highways.

Mph over posted Speed limit	Fine (\$) (includes court costs)		
1-5	66		
6-10 11-15	70 110		
16-25	186		
26 and over	236		

- 1. Generate a scatterplot that displays this information. Display mph over the posted speed limit on the x-axis, and \$ fine on the y-axis.
- 2. Which is the independent variable? Which is the dependent variable? Explain.
- 3. Is this relationship a function? Explain.
- 4. Calculate the linear regression equation associated with this data. Explain in words what the linear regression equation represents. Does it adequately describe the graph? Explain.
- 5. What type of function would best describe the behavior of this graph? Explain.

B. On other South Dakota Roads, the following Bond Schedule is used:

Mph over posted	Fine (\$)
Speed limit	(includes court costs)
1-5	\$51
6-10	71
11-15	91
16-25	111
26 and over	171

- 6. Generate a scatterplot that displays this information. Display mph over the posted speed limit on the x-axis, and \$ fine on the y-axis.
- 7. Which is the independent variable? Which is the dependent variable? Explain.
- 8. Is this relationship a function? Explain.
- 9. Calculate the linear regression equation associated with this data. Explain in words what the linear regression equation represents. Does it adequately describe the graph? Explain.
- 10. What type of function would best describe the behavior of this graph? Explain.

Source: South Dakota Highway Patrol (November 2002)

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MPH over posted speed limit (interstate highways)

(2) Speed is the independent variable, amount of fine is the dependent variable.

(3) Yes, there is a single value of Y (fine) for each value of X (speed).



Fine = 6.28(mph over limit) + 56.92

It does not adequately describe the graph because the graph is horizontal in many places.

(5) A step function would describe the behavior of this graph because there is a large change in Y-value (fine) for a small change in X-value (speed.)

(6) Fine (\$)



MPH over posted speed limit (other SD roads)

(7) Speed is the independent variable, amount of fine is the dependent variable.

(8) Yes, there is a single value of Y (fine) for each value of X (speed).

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It does not adequately describe the graph because the graph is horizontal in many places.

(10) A step function would describe the behavior of this graph because there is a large change in Y-value (fine) for a small change in X-value (speed.)

South Dakota Council of Teachers of Mathematics **SDCTM**

A Symposium for Teachers in Grades K-12 Sponsored by SDCTM

"Finding the new Mathematics Standards in your curriculum"

Friday, August 6, 2004 O'Gorman High School, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

REGISTRATION FORM

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SCHOOL ADDRESS	
HOME ADDRESS	
SCHOOL PHONE	HOME PHONE
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GRADE LEVEL	YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Registration will close July 24, 2004. No refunds will be awarded after August 2, 2004.

This application and a check for \$50, made out to SDCTM should be mailed to: Chuck Holmstrom 4508 Chippewa Circle, Apt. #19 Sioux Falls, SD 57106

Any questions should be directed to Chuck Holmstrom at the above address or at **holmstromc@sf.k12.sd.us** or at (605) 361-5154. Also check our website **sdctm.org** for this and other information.

SPEAKER / PRESENTER FORM FOR THE JOINT CONFERENCE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS and SOUTH DAKOTA SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION HURON, SOUTH DAKOTA FEBRUARY 3-5, 2005.

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