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South Dakota Council Teachers of Mathematics Newsletter

## Presidential Ponderings

My encore term as SDCTM president is rapidly drawing to a close. I have truly enjoyed representing South Dakota's finest educators: you! It has been a great ride, and I'm sorry to see it come to an end. As I ride off into the sunset, I owe a debt of everlasting gratitude to all members of the executive board, and so many others who have worked selflessly and tirelessly to promote the improvement of mathematics education in South Dakota. I once received some great advice from SDCTM past-president Chuck Holmstrom. He said, "Surround yourself with good people and they will make you look good." I did, and they did. A heartfelt thank you to all. It has been an honor to associate with such a great group.

A special thank you goes to Jean Gomer. As conference coordinator, Jean makes it all work in Huron each February. This year's 25<sup>th</sup> annual conference was another outstanding event. If you attended, you heard fantastic speakers, attended great sessions, and connected with friends both old and new. Conference photos for 2017 are online now at [www.sdctm.org](http://www.sdctm.org). A new feature this year, the opening *Ignite* session was well attended. Larry Browning talked about the Co\$ of Personal Power, and I shared Leadership Lessons from NCAA Basketball. We would appreciate some feedback from those who attended. What did you think? Should we continue an opening session? Did you like the Ignite format? Do you have suggestions for speakers? Or maybe you would like to jump into the arena yourself?

For me, Brad Fulton's banquet keynote, *Teach With All Your Heart*, was the highlight of this year's event. I know there were several times that you couldn't find a dry eye in the house during his message based on *The Velveteen Rabbit*. I aspire to become a "real" teacher. If you attended the banquet, you know what I mean. If you missed it, put February 8-10, 2018 on your calendar and vow to attend next year.

Exciting events loom on the horizon. South Dakota has now transitioned away from the Common Core (CCSSM), and begun the hard work of creating and adopting our own state mathematics standards. SDCTM officers and members have been active at all levels of standards development. Leading the work, we welcome SDDOE math specialist Nicol Reiner to the team. ([nicol.reiner@state.sd.us](mailto:nicol.reiner@state.sd.us)). Nicol is already working on plans for professional development once the new standards are approved and implemented. SDCTM plans to work closely with Nicol and DOE to make the transition as smooth and successful as possible. Please consider the role that you can fill in the upcoming transition. South Dakota's math educators have a big stake in the outcome. Let's get involved in the process. It is critical for SDCTM members to be included in the posse.

It has been an honor to represent you, the outstanding math educators of South Dakota. Next month, I will hand over the reins to incoming SDCTM President Allen Hogie from Brandon-Valley High School. There's a new sheriff in town.

Giddy-up!

Cindy Kroon  
SDCTM (Past) President



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### Calendar Notes:

- *SDCTM Summer Symposium*  
July 12, 2017
- *PAEMST Nominations Due*  
April 1, 2017
- *PAEMST Applications Due*  
May 1, 2017
- *SDCTM/SDSTA Conference*  
February 8-10, 2018





















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