

Quantitative Literacy Conference

(I received this notice from Judith Moran via Donna Beers. You may remember that Judith was a speaker at our Fall meeting in 2000. I thought the membership might be interested in this.–Editor)

The sixth annual meeting of NECQL (North East Consortium for Quantitative Literacy) will take place at Trinity College on Saturday, April 20.

PR and QL: How Do We Get the Message Out?

10:00-10:30 Continental breakfast, Smith House

10:30-11:15 Public Relations for Quantitative Skills Centers: how do we make quantitative skills centers more effective and user-friendly?

11:30-12:15 Public Relations for Quantitative Literacy in Academe – updates on several national initiatives, collaborations and grant possibilities and professional opportunities.

12:30-1:30 Lunch, Smith House

1:30-2:30 Public Relations for Quantitative Literacy Among Colleagues on Campus –Caren Diefenderfer will talk about her experiences creating a QL program at Hollins

2:45-3:30 Funding opportunities for NECQL and member schools through the NNN

3:30-4:00 Coffee and wrap-up: formation of committee to plan and host next spring's meeting and coordinate interaction with the NNN.

The major focus of our meeting is usually information sharing. This year there is a lot to share. As many of you have probably noticed, there have been several articles in FOCUS in the last few months addressing QL. Two particularly informative articles are Bernie Madison's "Quantitative Literacy: Everybody's Orphan" in the Sept/Oct 2001 issue and Lynn Steen's "Quantitative Literacy: Why Numeracy Matters for Schools and Colleges" in the current Jan/Feb 2002 issue. Lynn spoke to our group two years ago when we met at Amherst College. His article reports on a national forum on QL held in DC last December at the National Academy of Sciences, and the formation of a National Numeracy Network to "support schools and colleges that are exploring ways to infuse QL into their curricula." In particular, Trinity is one of the centers belonging to the NNN, and the NNN is supporting our meeting by bringing Caren Diefenderfer from Hollins University in Virginia to talk about the Quantitative Literacy program there.

The NNN wants to know how it can support and encourage us next year. This includes financial as well as moral support! Please come with ideas!

Since the Dean of Faculty's office is providing refreshments and lunch, please RSVP to the Math Center Administrative Assistant Adam.Wittenberg@mail.trincoll.edu so we'll know how many stomachs are coming.