

Phillip Mahler Elected President of AMATYC

Philip Mahler, Middlesex Community College, former Northeast Section Newsletter editor (1984-1987) and two-year college representative, is the current president of the American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges (AMATYC) (Nov. 2001 - Nov. 2003). His main goal is to maintain and strengthen AMATYC during his two year term. However one large project which is starting up on his watch is the updating of the AMATYC "Crossroads in Mathematics" document which came out in 1995. It is a "reform" standards document for mathematics preceding calculus, including paths not leading to the calculus, and was in some sense a follow-up to the 1989 NCTM Standards documents. He has had ongoing contacts with MAA President Ann Watkins, and Tom Banchoff before Ann, and MAA Executive Director Tina Straley, and of course , he plans to maintain a cordial and cooperative relationship between the MAA and AMATYC. As he put it, "as a loyal MAA member since 1977 and Northeastern Section member since 1983 this is as important to me personally."