

NCSM Affiliates by Carol Matsumoto, Affiliates Group Coordinator

At present NCSM has eighteen affiliates. Each of its affiliates has a page on the NCSM website (under Membership) and each affiliate's page has a link to its website.

An NCSM Affiliate is spotlighted in each issue of the NCSM newsletter. In this issue the affiliate, Texas Council of Teachers of Mathematics is spotlighted. TCTM became an affiliate in 2014. The questions below were answered by TCTM Board members Cynthia Schneider and Nancy Trapp for Carol Matsumoto, NCSM Affiliates Group Coordinator.

What is the purpose of your organization?

The mission of the Texas Council of Teachers of Mathematics (TCTM) is to promote mathematics education in Texas.

What are your successes?

TCTM supports the annual state conference for K-College teachers of mathematics, the Conference for the Advancement of Mathematics Teaching (CAMT). Each year over 5,000 teachers convene for three days in one of our major cities, rotating between Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio, to hear presentations by national and state experts in our field. At CAMT we hold our annual business meeting and reception. TCTM also provides ten grants of up to \$1200 and ten preservice teacher scholarships of up to \$2000 each year to deserving applicants. We have held two retreats for authors to create articles for the *Texas Mathematics Teacher*, which is published twice each year and mailed to our 5,000 members.

What are your challenges?

We continue to investigate ways to better communicate with and support our members. For example, we are planning a free webinar for elementary teachers on ways to use literature in mathematics lessons.

What events do you host?

In conjunction with the Texas Association of Supervisors of Mathematics and the Texas Section of the Mathematical Association of America, we host CAMT each summer.

What event/accomplishment as an organization are you most proud of and why?

We are quite proud of our ongoing scholarship support for preservice teachers. We provide these scholarships during the student-teaching year when working is not an option for many students.

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