

# 2006 WSMC ELECTIONS

## Barbara Anderson for Vice-President East

I teach at Lakeside High School northwest of Spokane. This is my 20th year of teaching math. Although I've taught remedial math in the elementary and middle school, most of my years have been in the high school teaching Algebra and Geometry. For the last three years I have taught integrated high school math 1-3. Over the years I have been involved in Region 1 of WSMC. This has given me many friends, many opportunities to collaborate with other math teachers, and help provide math contests and math fairs to students. I have served as Region 1 director and Vice-president East. I would gladly serve as Vice-president East again. I would still like to help contribute to improving math in our state.

## Jane Bissonnette for Secretary

BS - Mechanical Engineering - UW  
Masters: - Business Administration - SU  
and - Secondary Math Certification - UW  
Before I decided to pursue an education degree I worked for twenty years as a telecommunications engineer. My expertise was in wireless 9-1-1 applications. I presented solutions for delivering location and phone number information on wireless phones at conferences and to 9-1-1 state coordinators across the nation. I also published several articles in 9-1-1 trade publications. I decided to change careers from telecommunications engineering to teaching mathematics because I love mathematics and I really enjoy working with high school students. I completed my student teaching at Shorecrest High School and was then hired on as a full-time substitute for the end of the school year. The last two summers I have taught math for the Upward Bound program at South Seattle Community College. This summer program is designed to boost academics for economically disadvantaged high school students who are first in their families to be college bound. It was one of the most rewarding teaching experiences I have had. I currently teach business courses, Business Law, Personal Finance and Office Applications, at Bishop Blanchet High School. To keep my math skills fresh I tutor four different high school students in mathematics after school. I am an active member of PSCTM and NCTM. I am excited about this opportunity to be involved in state-wide issues through WSMC.

## Don Rogers for Director Region 1

I am currently teaching at North Central High School in Spokane. I began my teaching career at St. John-Endicott High School and moved to Spokane after 6 years. Having experienced teaching in both large and small schools, I understand many of the advantages and challenges that each provide. My goal for region 1 is to increase enrollment and reinstate Spokane as a contest site for the Math Olympiad.

## Dick Sander for Director Region 5

I am a product of Shorecrest High School, University of Washington (M Ed), and Seattle University (BA). After a 3 year stint as a PGA golf caddy, I migrated to Alaska. This is my 25th year in public education, most of that time I have been a high school mathematics (and a bit of physics) teacher in three districts in Alaska. I taught at South Whidbey High School on Whidbey Island for two years in the mid 1980s, while in my graduate program at UW, and I am currently in my 2nd year as a mathematics facilitator (coach) in the Oak Harbor School District. My career highlights include active participation in the Alaska State Math Standards and Frameworks committee work, Alaska Council of Teachers of Mathematics, 4 years as a Woodrow Wilson Teacher Outreach Program summer instructor, PAESMT, and NBCT in 1999. I appreciate this chance to combine forces with the WSMC membership in a continuing effort to address the exciting, creative new horizons of mathematics. There is currently no lack of interesting challenges as we address *what* is important in mathematics, *how* students learn math, and how this impacts *teaching* in our classrooms. If we zoom out one level, the question becomes how this mathematics package fits into school, family, and community.

## Rosalyn O'Donnell for Director Region 4

I would be honored to continue serving as the director for WSMC, a group of people dedicated to promoting and improving mathematics education in the state of Washington. WSMC provides students and educators with a variety of resources and opportunities that complement the work being done by our state. It has been educational and rewarding to be a part of this motivated group of people the past few years.

As an elementary teacher, I have enjoyed having the opportunity to work with high school math teachers each year at the WSMC High School Math Contest and connect with teachers of all levels at the WSMC-sponsored Conference for Leaders and at each quarterly board meeting. Away from WSMC, I have been a part of the OSPI Materials Review of Mathematics, attended various OSPI-sponsored conferences as well as NW Math Conferences, and am currently working as a field-tester and consultant for The Math Learning Center. I take pleasure in sharing my learning with others. Locally, I have led our building math adoption, hosted family math nights, and provided staff in-service trainings in mathematics. As a National Board Certified Teacher, I also facilitate a support group for NB candidates through Central Washington University. I look forward to continuing to be able to serve other teachers through the role of Region 4 director.