



American Regions Mathematics League

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Dear ARML Coaches,

I would like to welcome all of you to ARML's 42nd competition this year. From its origins in the New York State Mathematics League, to the Atlantic Regions Mathematics League, to the American Regions Mathematics League of today, our contest continues to grow with over 150 teams and 2200 students competing. With IRML, ARML Local, and the ARML Power Contest, our contest reaches more students and more countries than ever before. In fact, ARML Local has expanded to China, South Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, Hong Kong, and Taiwan this year.

Our executive board has shifted a bit this year, with 2016 presidential candidate Jason Mutford taking on the site coordinator responsibilities at Penn State and George Reuter taking over the head writer responsibilities for the contest from P.J. Karafiol. P.J. has been the head writer for the contest since 2009 and has done an amazing job of producing a very high-quality and challenging contest every year. My thanks to him and the rest of the writing team for all of their hard work.

I appreciate all of the input we received about the new division structure. In addition to our existing prizes, we are going to add an additional prize for the top JV team in each division. A team may designate itself as a JV team if it consists entirely of students who have not yet entered the 11th grade at the time of the contest. These teams are still eligible for regular top team prizes, although the JV team award will go to the top team that places outside the top 9 in Division A or top 7 in Division B. For obvious reasons, it is impractical to verify JV eligibility at the contest, so we sincerely request that coaches form these teams in the spirit in which they were intended, namely to give less experienced participants chances at an award.

I want to recognize all of the people who volunteer your time and efforts to helping ARML happen every year. This includes coaches, chaperones, our site coordinators and their assistants, our board, and our question writers and editors. Thank you to all of you, this competition simply could not exist without your efforts. I will be at the Georgia site this year, and look forward to seeing everyone there.

Good luck to your students, and I hope that everyone has a great 42nd ARML. It is my hope that this year we discover the answer to the ultimate question of life, the universe, and everything.

Sincerely,

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