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Dear ARML Coaches,

I would like to welcome all of you to ARML's 44th 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.

I mentioned in last year's letter that there would be increases to team and per person fees to cover increasing costs due to background checks and increasing charges assessed by our sites to cover housing, food, and classroom/meeting space. The team fees will be \$600 per team (\$40 per alternate), and the per-person cost at all sites will be \$85.

I would like to thank all coaches at the Iowa, Georgia, and UNLV sites for being so responsive to getting background checks completed in a timely manner last year. The bad news is that we will have to renew them annually. The good news is that if you've already submitted your information to HRTruCheck, you won't have to do it again, but we will be sending around a list of names of people who were checked last year. If there are people on the list who will no longer be attending ARML, please let me know so that we do not have to pay for unnecessary background checks. Coaches and volunteers at Georgia will have additional requirements imposed on us by the university, which I'll follow up about via e-mail. If there are new coaches and volunteers, they will have to submit information to HrTruCheck via the same process as last year. Penn State is still not requiring background checks, but we expect that to change in the near future.

I want to recognize all 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 UNLV site this year and look forward to seeing everyone there. Additionally, AMS is sponsoring two events at ARML this year: Who Wants to be a Mathematician will be at Iowa, and Bjorn Poonen from MIT will be giving the Arnold Ross Lecture at Penn State. I encourage your students to attend these events.

Good luck to your students, and I hope that everyone has a great 44th ARML.

Sincerely,

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