

# CPNMI FALL NEWSLETTER

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## Fall Edition

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## CPNMI goes to Self-Administration

In our continued efforts to make this program easier to administer for the memberships, the board has decided to self-administer our state memberships. Beginning immediately you will no longer have to register for membership twice. Now you can log on to our website at [www.ImagiNM.org](http://www.ImagiNM.org) and download the registration form. Then simply fill out and fax, e-mail or U.S. Mail it to us. You only have to make out one check or purchase order to CPNMI. Send the whole works to us and you are done. Materials will be sent to you on CD to print at your leisure. If you had a membership last year you still use the same passport number. **Important!** You still check the DI website [www.](http://www.destinationimagination.org)

[www.destinationimagination.org](http://www.destinationimagination.org) for challenge clarifications. If you have trouble downloading information from the website please contact me at (505)836-0573.

## Program Changes

There have been some significant changes to the program this year. You will want to read the Rules

of the Road very carefully. Probably the most significant change is that each **team** will be registered with DI individually, so each team will have its own unique Passport Number. In a 5-Pak Team Passport membership, multiple teams in the same division can opt to solve the same challenge. Also new this year, the membership sponsorship rule has been relaxed--single team registrations need not be affiliated with a school or group. Which means an individual or business may sponsor a team. However, 5-pack Team registrations **MUST** be affiliated with a school or group. These groups include but are not limited to; Girl/Boy Scouts, School Clubs, Home School Organizations, Veterans of Foreign Wars, YMCA, etc. The sky is the limit. Go for it.

## Membership Registration

The membership dues for competition year 2001/02 are \$190.00/team or \$265.00/5 pack (5 teams) for all New Mexico schools. These prices include both the National dues and state dues. There is no upgrade option by DI national. For example if

you buy a single team membership for 190.00 and you find enough interest for an additional team you must buy another single team or a 5 Pack membership from DI. There are no additional state membership dues but your cost to register the second team would still be at least \$100.00. So if you think you will have more interest buy the 5-Pak.

To register download and complete the registration form located on our website or attached to this newsletter and fax, e-mail or U.S. Mail it to us. Our address and fax number are included on the form.

## **www.ImagiNM.org**

Yes!!! We are on the Web!!! Thanks to the continued efforts of our interim web master/trainer/TM James Gruetzner. Due to domain name challenges we have changed our website address. The address is up and running so keep checking the site for updates. Please e-mail our webmaster with your suggestions on how we might improve the site.

On the website you will find a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) link. Also, when available you will also find the contact numbers for the State Challenge Masters. (formerly called the State Problem Captains). There

will also be a link to the T-shirt/Pin designs for viewing. Most important though is the schedule for training. Some of the upcoming dates follow however, you should check our website often for updates.

## **Training Schedule**

### **IMPROV Workshop**

This is a very popular training for all so watch the website for dates, places, and times.

### **Judges Training**

State Judges training is not yet scheduled. It generally occurs in February. Please watch the website for details.

### **Team Manager Training (TM)**

We currently have a Destination ImagiNation Information night scheduled for 7pm on 17 Oct. at Sandia High School Media Center. Check our website for updates.

Team Manager Training is scheduled for 8:30 am – 12 noon on 3 November at Govenor Bent Elementary School. The school is located at 5700 Hendrix NE. (one block south of Montgomery at San Padro). Training will be conducted by our local

trainers and TM Midge Nichelason and James Gruetzer. No RSVP is necessary but it is always good to have an idea of how many are coming. Please e-mail me at [pbcheck@hotmail.com](mailto:pbcheck@hotmail.com) or James at [jkgruet@unm.edu](mailto:jkgruet@unm.edu). As usual the training is free to everyone.

### **Comprehensive Training for TM and Coordinators**

There is a two-day comprehensive training for TMs and Coordinators scheduled for the weekend of 13 and 14 October in Tucson Az. Satori Elementary School, 3727 North First Ave., Tucson AZ will host the training. Saturday: 8-4, and Sunday 8-3pm. Rosemary Gognar a trainer for DI will present the material. Contact Rob Seaman for reservations. (520) 318-8248, or [seaman@noao.edu](mailto:seaman@noao.edu). Cost of training is free. Details are also included on our website at [www.imaginm.org](http://www.imaginm.org).

### **T-shirt Design**

So far we have received one design entry. If you have an idea for the pin/t-shirt design then write it up, color it in, or take a picture of it, but get it in as soon as you can. The deadline to submit a design this year is 1 Dec. 2001. The deadline is fast approaching so hurry.

## **.IMAGINM State Tournament**

NM State Competition is scheduled for 6 April 2002 at Sandia High School. The school is located on the Northeast corner of Pennsylvania and Candelaria. Thanks to Sandia HS for having us back again this year.

## **Destination 2002 (D2K.2)**

Global competition, D2K.2, will be held at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN on 23 - 26 May 2002. As usual, the first place winners at state competition in each challenge/division are eligible to continue to Global Finals competition. The DI Board has extended the contract with UT for another three years so you can plan on Global Finals being in Knoxville for the next 5 competition years.

## **VOMBO Scholarship Opportunities**

VOMBO, a booster club for Creative Problem Solving, is offering scholarships to eligible High School Seniors and college students. The scholarships will be in the form of cash awards. Exact amount to be determined by VOMBO scholarship board. Watch for more details and deadlines on the VOMBO

webpage at [www.vombo.org](http://www.vombo.org).

## **CPNMI Executive Board News**

Welcome to our newest member of the board Claudia Allen. She joins us as our new Treasurer. She will handle your registration forms and make sure your materials are sent to you. Her fax number is listed at the bottom of the registration form. Claudia is a teacher and DI TM from Garfield Middle School here in Albuquerque.

## **Board Openings**

We still have board openings;

### **Northwestern Liaison**

This position acts as contact for DI in their local area to Team Managers. We count on them to relay information to the board about questions, suggestions, and schedules. They are full members of the board. Please contact one of our other Liaisons with specific questions and concerns you may have about the position. You will find them listed on our website.

We are also still looking for a **webmaster**. Anyone interested in internship credit or just to volunteer your time please contact James Gruetzner for details at [jkgruet@unm.edu](mailto:jkgruet@unm.edu).

We also have the Vice President position open on the board. Please contact me for details at 836-0573.

## **Team Manager's Corner**

We would like to highlight ideas and suggestions from TMs within our NM membership. If you have an idea or tip you want to share with the rest of the of us please write a paragraph or several and e-mail it to me at [pbcheck@hotmail.com](mailto:pbcheck@hotmail.com). I will include your article in the next newsletter. Probably only one or two different articles per newsletter, because of space, but it should be a fun and informative item for everyone.