



NYSOMA Newsletter

Creative problem solving through teamwork

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The New York State OM Association, Inc, exists to administer, promote, and execute the guidelines, objectives, and rules of the Odyssey of the Mind program in New York State.



Dates to remember:

October 22, 2010:
Regional Directors meeting

December 15, 2010:
Deadline for state registration and payment

January 8, 2011:
Problem Captain/Head
Judge training

March 26, 2011:
State Tournament

April 9, 2011:
Champs meeting

May 26-29, 2011:
World Finals



First Former OMer Selected as International Problem Captain

Odyssey of the Mind announced this past June that Matt Lopez has been selected as International Problem Captain for Problem 3, the Classics problem. Not only is Matt the first former OMer to be so honored, but he is also a very important part of NYSOMA.

Besides his many years as an Omer, Matt has also been involved in Odyssey of the Mind as a coach and as Assistant Problem Captain at both the State and International levels. Matt also serves on the NYSOMA Board of Directors.

Matt keeps busy as a middle-school math AIS teacher and director of his school's plays and musicals. At home, he is married and the proud father of a newborn daughter.

Congratulations, Matt!

Help Wanted: Pin Ideas Needed!

NYSOMA is always on the lookout for new pin ideas, and it's not too late to send in your ideas for this program year. You can draw your idea and scan it, or send it via regular mail. Or you can just describe it, and send it by way of e-mail.

At our State Tournament last March, we had a special area set up for ideas from those who attended. We got some great suggestions, but we're sure there are lots more out there! So get those creative juices flowing, and submit your ideas to the following:

(US mail)

Jackie Otte, State Association Director
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Schenectady, NY 12303

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Message from State Director

Welcome to what promises to be another exciting year in New York Odyssey of the Mind. No matter which long-term problem a team selects to solve, each member will develop his or her creative problem solving skills through experimentation, original thinking, and risk taking. The skills the students learn will provide them with the ability to solve all types of problem throughout their lifetimes.

It is important to remember that at every level, our existence and success depends on volunteers who serve in a variety of capacities. It is impossible to thank them adequately for all of their time, energy, and efforts. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming involved in the Odyssey of the Mind Program, please contact one of the NYSOMA Board Members or officers. Their contact information can be found on the NYSOMA website.

We look forward to welcoming all the regional winners at the NYSOMA State Tournament on March 27, 2011. We hope you will be able to join us at Binghamton University for this celebration of creativity.

Sincerely,
Jackie Otte, State Director

State Registration Procedures Updated

Work has been completed on some modifications to the process for registering for your state membership. The changes were made to make the process easier to follow.

Your first step, as always, is to obtain your National membership. You will need your national registration number before you can complete the state registration form. Please don't wait until the last minute to register at that level.

Registering online with NYSOMA is not complete until you have finished two pages. Once the process has been

completed successfully, you will receive a confirmation letter via e-mail for each membership. Please forward this letter for each membership to your school's business office (or other entity responsible for paying the registration fee). *You cannot compete at your regional tournament until all memberships are paid.*

If you have any questions or problems, you can contact the NYSOMA registrar (Kim Lamparelli) by e-mail at klamparelli@nysoma.org or by calling 518-458-5354.



Check out our website (www.nysoma.org) for more pictures taken by NYSOMA representatives at World Finals.

If you have pictures you would like to add, please send them to webmaster@nysoma.org.

Spontaneous Workshop Update

Once again, two Spontaneous Workshops are being held for the 2010-2011 program year. The first, held on Saturday, July 17th, at Glendaal Elementary School in Scotia, NY, was attended by thirty participants. The second will be held at the Olean Center of the Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES in Olean, NY, on Saturday, November 6th.

The Workshop focuses on skills

and techniques for solving Spontaneous problems. A segment on long-term style will also be offered, as well as information for coaches and officials.

Registration is \$25.00 each and includes lunch and snacks. More information can be found at our website (www.nysoma.org) or by contacting Kim Lamparelli at klamparelli@nysoma.org.



World Final Results

Congratulations to all New York State teams who travelled to World Finals in Michigan earlier this year! NYSOMA was proud of all those who participated.

The teams who received recognition at the Awards Ceremony were:

Problem 1, Nature Trail'R

Division III, First Place: Pine Bush High School

Division III, Sixth Place: Sherburne Earlville High School

Problem 2, Return to the Gift of Flight

Division II, Third Place: Crispell Middle School, Pine Bush, NY

Problem 3, Discovered Treasurers

Division I, First Place: Cato-Meridian Middle School Team A

Division III, Third Place: Monroe-Woodbury High School, Harriman, NY

Problem 4, Column Structure

Division II, Fifth Place: Circleville Middle School, Pine Bush, NY

Problem 5, Food Court

Division III, Sixth Place: Warwick High School

Congratulations also go out to all those who helped with NYSOMA's entry in the float and banner parade. Once again, we came home with a trophy for qualifying as one of the ten finalists. Good job!

