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AWM Announces Search for New Executive Director

Over the last few years, the Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM) has seen many changes—from hiring an association management company to hiring a new Executive Director to restructuring the Executive Committee with task-oriented portfolios. Recently, Executive Director Jennifer Quinn announced that she was stepping down effective June 30, 2007 to accept a position at the University of Washington, Tacoma. “I consider myself very fortunate to have served as Executive Director of AWM,” says Quinn, “It was a rare opportunity to work with *many* creative, dedicated, and talented women mathematicians.”

During her time as Executive Director of AWM, Quinn supported the work of the volunteer officers on the AWM Executive Committee and actively engaged with the AWM membership at the Joint Mathematics Meetings, the SIAM Annual Meeting, MathFest and other events in which AWM participates. Quinn’s influence can be seen in the success of recent membership drives, grant writing and reporting, press releases, volunteer efforts, and new initiatives.

Barbara Keyfitz (University of Houston), Past-President of AWM and current Director of the Fields Institute in Toronto reacted with mixed emotion: “As a society, we are dedicated to the principle of helping women to achieve their full potential, and Quinn’s career has *professor* written all over it. I am delighted that a university has recognized her talent and I know she will deliver more than full value. She has shown AWM how much we can achieve within our new office structure with an effective professional Executive Director.” Current AWM President Cathy Kessel says: “I’m very pleased for Quinn. I’d like to add that leaving for a tenured full professorship surely accentuates the status of AWM Executive Director. I hope that helps us to attract some good applicants.”

The search for a new executive director is now under way. AWM seeks an outstanding individual who is passionate about supporting women in mathematics. The part-time position can be combined with an existing academic appointment via course reductions. The AWM office is in the DC area, but the geographic base of the Executive Director can be anywhere in North America.

Nominations, inquiries, and leads may be directed to Kessel at cbkessel@earthlink.net. For more information on the position and application details see www.awm-math.org/EDsearch. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

The AWM is dedicated to achieving full participation and equity for women and girls in the mathematical sciences. In support of this mission, AWM seeks to promote awareness and recognition of women's achievements in the mathematical sciences, to administer programs that encourage women and girls, and to build community among all mathematical scientists.