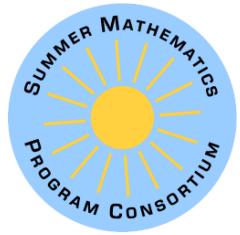


Summer Mathematics Programs Consortium

2026 Committee Descriptions



There is no fee for being a Member or Affiliate of the Consortium. Instead, we ask each program to designate individuals who will commit time to Consortium activities, including at least one representative serving on a committee. Committee service is the primary way that Members and Affiliates contribute their time, expertise, networks, and wisdom to our shared work.

The recommended number of volunteers depends on the program's annual operating budget:

- Up to \$500k: 1 or 2 individuals
- \$500k – \$1.5 million: 2 or 3 individuals
- Greater than \$1.5 million: 3 or 4 individuals

Some committees have more consistent workloads throughout the year (such as Broadening Participation and Online Hub); others have busier and quieter seasons (such as Conference and Incubator). All committees break during the summer program season in July. Brief descriptions of each committee follow below.

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Goal: Lead the transition of the Consortium from its origins as a project of MFOA to an independent non-profit organization, governed by an inter-program Board of Directors.

About the work: This committee handles the legal and administrative tasks involved in establishing the Consortium as an independent entity, including filing paperwork, drafting bylaws that codify our governance structures, and managing the transition process.

Chair: Tim All, Ross Mathematics Program

Broadening Participation

Goal: Develop the Consortium's vision for broadening participation in our space and propose how the Consortium may achieve it.

About the work: This committee explores and implements initiatives to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion across member programs. Work includes surveying Consortium members to identify needs and priorities, developing and implementing training sessions, creating peer support systems like a buddy program, building resources for member programs, and responding to issues that emerge from the community.

Chair: Reimi Hicks, MITES

Conference

Goal: Organize the annual Conference for Consortium members, affiliates, incubator participants, and guests, as well as the pre-conference Workshop.

About the work: This committee plans and executes the annual fall conference for members, affiliates, incubator participants, and guests. Work includes selecting venues and coordinating logistics; organizing talks from both community members and outside speakers who bring new perspectives; planning social programming that builds community; and strategically inviting participants who will benefit from and contribute to the conference. The conference is the Consortium's primary in-person community-building event of the year.

The committee also organizes a pre-conference workshop where small groups of participants work collaboratively on projects that advance the Consortium's strategic goals. Workshop projects might include developing outreach materials, building internal resources, or creating tools to strengthen the ecosystem. Workshop outputs inform future Consortium work.

Chair: Marisa Debowsky, Canada/USA Mathcamp

External Relations

Goal: Coordinate the Consortium's external messaging and outreach; ensure effective communication of the Consortium's mission.

About the work: This committee coordinates how the Consortium presents itself to the world, provides editorial guidance on public communications including website content and publications, and helps determine the most effective ways to share our work with the broader community. The committee reviews materials before they are published, helps shape the Consortium's messaging strategy, and selects which outreach opportunities to pursue (such as conference sessions or articles for publication).

Chair: Dan Zaharopol, BEAM

Fundraising

Goal: Support fundraising for Consortium projects and activities.

About the work: This committee supports the Executive Director's fundraising efforts by identifying and proposing potential funding sources, leveraging committee members' networks to make connections with funders, drafting and reviewing pitch materials and proposals, and developing new fundraising strategies and ideas.

Chair: Stan Chou, Campersand

Incubator

Goal: Run the Consortium's Incubator program, providing resources and mentorship to support the successful launch of new math enrichment summer programs.

About the work: This committee provides structured support to help new programs get off the ground. Work includes reviewing applications, matching participants with mentor programs, developing resources and guidance for launching summer programs, offering drop-in office hours, administering seed grants of up to \$13,000, and supporting the incubator cohort throughout their 18-month journey from February through the following summer when their programs launch.

Co-Chairs: Co-Chairs: Ania Łeń, Maths Beyond Limits, and Mira Bernstein, Canada/USA Mathcamp

Internal Document Repository

Goal: Build the Consortium's internal document repository of summer program manuals, policies and other documents for member and affiliate programs to share best practices.

About the work: This committee creates and manages a shared repository where member programs can access operational documents and best practices. Work includes developing privacy policies, organizing the repository structure, and working with member organizations to contribute materials.

Chair: Cody Patterson, Mathworks

Internal Relations

Goal: Foster year-round community and connection among Consortium members, affiliates, and incubator participants.

About the work: This committee builds community beyond the annual conference through a variety of activities: organizing the Consortium seminar series, planning social and professional gatherings, moderating online spaces and posting conversation prompts to encourage engagement, coordinating director exchanges and summer visit systems between programs, and developing peer support systems like a buddy program to help directors connect with colleagues who can advise on specific challenges.

Chair: April Verser, MathPath

Online Hub

Goal: Design and implement an outward-facing online hub, which will serve as a resource for parents, educators, and prospective students in navigating the ecosystem of summer programs.

About the work: This committee creates and maintains a public-facing website that serves as a resource for families and educators seeking information about summer math programs. Work includes designing site architecture, developing and refining the questionnaire for program profiles, gathering content from member programs, and building out features to launch and sustain the site.

Chair: Jim Fowler, Ross Mathematics Program