

## **NCSM Affiliates by Carol Matsumoto, Affiliates Group Coordinator**

At present NCSM has twenty-four affiliates. Each of its affiliates has a page on the NCSM website and each affiliate's page has a link to its website.

An NCSM Affiliate is spotlighted in each issue of the NCSM newsletter. In this issue the affiliate, the Arizona Mathematics Leaders (AML) is spotlighted. AML became an affiliate in 2014. The questions below were answered by Kim Rimbey, AML NCSM representative, for Carol Matsumoto, NCSM Affiliates Group Coordinator

### **What is the purpose of your organization?**

The Arizona Mathematics Leaders (AML) group exists to build collaboration and share expertise among mathematics leaders throughout the state. AML provides ongoing experiences, information, and support to enable mathematics educators to assume leadership roles. In addition, AML establishes and maintains a communication network among mathematics and educational leaders.

### **What are your successes?**

AML brings mathematics leaders together in three ways in different parts of the state. First, the AML annual conference offered learning opportunities that focused on vision casting and mathematical mindset. AML's regional conferences take place in the northern and southern parts of the state. And finally, AML members gather together quarterly to discuss important issues and trends relevant to the work we do.

### **What are your challenges?**

Membership and outreach always present a challenge, as it true with many organizations.

### **What events do you host?**

- 1) Annual conference, usually in September
- 2) Regional conferences, usually in the spring
- 3) Quarterly network and learning meetings

### **What event/accomplishment as an organization are you most proud of and why?**

Our annual and regional conferences bring in national-level presenters to work with math leaders from across Arizona. Speakers such as Tim Kanold, Ted Coe, Nora Ramirez, Matt Larson, and Emily Diehl have inspired our leaders to set high expectations for all.