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Sample email to NeXTers in your area

Dear Project NExTers in Michigan,

I am a newly minted Silver 2019 dot and was excited about the diverse pedagogical discussions at Mathfest. I am working with a few others (see below my email signature) to build and sustain a regional community to support IBL instructors in the state of Michigan. This email is to invite all interested mathematics instructors in Michigan to join the Michigan Inquiry Based Learning Consortium (MI-IBLC). We are in the beginning phases, but hope to grow and expand this professional learning community in the coming months and years.

This community provides:

- A listserv for sharing ideas about teaching and information on nearby events and workshops. Sign up [here](#).
- A support network among IBL practitioners. In particular, we offer mini-grants for pedagogical collaborations among colleagues working on their IBL classrooms.
- Professional development through workshops. Practitioners at all stages of IBL teaching experience can participate, and we will be making a concerted effort to support the development of new workshop facilitators through an apprentice model. Mini-grants are available to support participant travel.

If you are in Michigan (or nearby) and you'd like to connect with other IBL instructors, join our community! If you are no longer near Michigan, but interested in such communities, there are more popping up that we can connect you with. And you can find more information about some of them at <https://www.iblcommunities.org/>

We are inviting you all as Project NExTers, who are collectively known as a bunch of passionate practitioners who enjoy community. However, we hope to reach well beyond the Project NExT alums. Please **share widely** with your colleagues!

Find out more at <https://sites.google.com/view/mi-iblc/home>

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Sample email to regional MAA listserv

The Alliance for Michigan Inquiry-Based Learning (AMiIBL) is a statewide professional learning community for college mathematics instructors. Through live events (virtual for now) and a listserv, instructors can meet, communicate, and support each other as they use inquiry in their classrooms. It is part of the COMMIT network (<https://www.comathinquiry.org/>) and partially funded by NSF Grant (NSF-DUE #1925188/).

For more information, check out our website: www.amiibl.org! Here you can join the listserv, apply for mini-grants, get information about future workshops, and learn more about the community. A few highlights we'd like to point out:

- Join the AMiIBL listserv at <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/amiibl/join> to stay up to date on all events.
- Our latest initiative is a series of (virtual) lunch socials where we chat about pedagogy, share tips and resources, and de-stress with a friendly bunch of colleagues! Our next social will be on January 26, 2021 at 1 pm ET and it will be held on the platform Gather.Town <https://gather.town/app/gjlsk07K0ziPHqbP/lunch> (Password: lunch). *All instructors welcome.*
- Through the NSF grant funding AMiIBL is offering \$500/person mini-grants to support collaborations among instructors. You can see the official call for proposals at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H-bfvqP5f6MGWT_hBK3ZmtTT_ugkID5lhamO8lWNdf4/edit. You may also skip the application form and send a very short email pitch directly to Nina White (whitenj@umich.edu).

Sample cold call email to someone in your region

Dear [Name],

I enjoyed your talk on [topic] at [conference]! I'm on the organizing committee of a workshop for the [COMMIT name here], and I am writing to invite you to be one of our [speakers, panelists, workshop leaders]. The meeting will be held at [location / online] on [dates] and the organizing

committee will be meeting to make plans on [earlier dates]. We can offer you an honorarium of [amount].

Sample Cold call email with workshop or event announcement

Dear so and so,

[I met you one time]

We're trying to spread the word about this free workshop for math faculty interested. Could you forward this workshop ad to your colleagues? It's a great opportunity for faculty to meet others in Michigan and nearby areas who are interested in thinking about and discussing teaching and learning college mathematics.

[insert event description here]