

# AMS Nominating Committee

## General Description

- Committee is a standing committee of the Council
- Number of members is nine
- Term is three years beginning on 01 January after year of election

## Principal Activities

The Nominating Committee recommends to the Council a slate of officers for election in the Fall election. (In the event that changes are made to the Bylaws that affect the election process, these charges are changed accordingly.)

1. Every odd year the committee recommends two nominees for election to the position of President Elect as well as a “Nominator” for each candidate.
2. Every year the committee recommends two nominees for election to the position of Vice President.
3. Every year the committee recommends up to ten nominees for election to the position of Member at Large of the Council.
4. Every year the committee recommends up to two nominees for election to the position of Trustee.
5. The committee makes other recommendations and nominations as requested by the Council.

The Council is charged with the task of actually “nominating” the candidates for election. This is why the term “recommends” is used in the items above. (The Council has been known to change a recommendation, but this has happened only infrequently.)

One of the duties involved in making these recommendations is to acquire from potential nominees willingness to stand for election and serve if elected.

1. In each odd year a new President-Elect is elected. The President-Elect serves in this position for one year, then serves as President for two years, and then serves as Ex-President for one year. The Council has requested that there be a contested election for this position, at least for the elections in 1991, 1993, and 1995 after which it will examine how well contested elections work. The committee is charged with reporting to the Council of January 1996 its experience with contested elections for the presidency. This report might contain information such as how many persons declined to run because the position is contested, how difficult it has been to obtain “nominators,” and the committee's views on the matter.

- 1<sup>bis</sup>. For each candidate for the Presidency there should be an article appearing in the *Notices* extolling the mathematical and other virtues of the candidate. It has been suggested that to have such an article published should be of such a great honor that even losing the election would not matter. That such an article will be published should be sufficient in order to convince a person to be nominated. Thus the choice of a “nominator” who would be willing to write such an article is of almost as important a task as finding a candidate for the

presidency. The choice of the first few nominators is especially vital, since they will set the standard for future nominators. It is envisioned that a nominating article would contain an overview of the mathematical contributions of the nominee as well as some biographical information. The article might run from 5 to 8 printed pages. The Council suggests that the nominee have input into the choice of a nominator.

- 2.,3. Contested Positions. The positions of Vice President and Member at Large of the Council are contested. The Nominating Committee normally recommends two candidates for each position. However candidates can also be recommended to the Council by petition. The petition procedure begins in November of the year before an election when the forms and rules are published in the *Notices*. The deadlines for receiving nominations by petition will be adjusted so as to approximate the deadline for the report of the Nominating Committee. Thus, if there are  $n$  nominees by petition for Member at Large, then the Nominating Committee may wish to recommend  $10 - n$  candidates. In the past, the Nominating Committee has recommended 2x the number of positions for Vice-President and nominations by petition have then been added, so that there were more candidates on the ballot than 2x the number of positions. The Council will merge the list of recommendations from its Nominating Committee with nominations by petition.

The Council of 12 January 1993 adopted the following guidelines:

In order to ensure communication between NC and Council, there shall be an agenda item for discussion of NC plans during executive session of the Winter meeting. The NC chair shall be invited to attend for this item, expenses being borne by the AMS.

It was moved, seconded and passed to amend this item by inserting the statement:

**provided this is requested either by the Chair of the NC or by the President, or a representative of the President**

at the end of the first sentence so that this item would read:

In order to ensure communication between NC and Council, there shall be an agenda item for discussion of NC plans during executive session of the Winter meeting provided this is requested either by the Chair of the NC or by the President, or a representative of the President. The NC chair shall be invited to attend for this item, expenses being borne by the AMS.

The Council then passed the amended resolution as follows:

- Procedures and scheduling for the nomination process shall remain as at present. The NC should make some start on its deliberations in December, but will not meet face-to-face until the Winter meeting.
- In order to ensure communication between NC and Council, there shall be an agenda item for discussion of NC plans during executive session of the Winter meeting provided this is

requested either by the Chair of the NC or by the President, or a representative of the President. The NC chair shall be invited to attend for this item, expenses being borne by the AMS.

- The NC chair or designated substitute shall attend Council in executive session at the Spring meeting for the discussion of the NC report, with expenses borne by the AMS.
- The Secretary shall keep the NC informed of any nominations by petition which appear likely to receive the prescribed number of signatures.
- The Secretary shall inform candidates for any office (including NC) of the duties and conditions of the office.
- The briefing of the NC shall include description of Council policies on nomination
- The chair of the Nominating Committee shall be elected by the NC from among its second year members.

The Council of 17 April 1993 passed the following resolution:

Any member in good standing of the Society is eligible for candidacy and election to office or for membership on committees of the Society. In particular, residence in North America is not a prerequisite for candidacy for nomination for an office in the Society or for membership on committees of the Society.

## **Other Activities**

### Equal Opportunities for Women

The Business Meeting of the January 19, 1972 passed the following resolution:

Resolved that:

1. the American Mathematical Society will work actively for equal opportunities for women in the following areas:
  - a. employment at all levels: this will include the search for a recruitment of qualified women.
  - b. advancement and tenure in academic positions.
  - c. admissions to graduate schools.
  - d. graduate and postdoctoral fellowships and assistantships.
  - e. membership on advisory boards and panels; and
2. the Society will include more women on
  - a. Society programs and panels, including invited speakers and section chairmen.
  - b. Society committees and governing boards.

The Council of August 29, 1972, instructed the Secretary to call part two of the resolution regularly to the attention of individuals in charge of various parts of Society programs.

The Secretary proposes to do this by distributing this sheet from time to time as follows:

Colloquium Editorial Committee  
Committee on Summer Institutes  
Committee on Applied Mathematics  
Organizing Committees for Institutes, Seminars, and Symposia  
Associate Secretaries

He asks in turn that the Associate Secretaries see that their Section Program Committee and the organizers of informal sessions and chairmen of invited twenty minute papers receive copies.

### **Miscellaneous Information**

The Committee usually meets at the Annual Meeting and makes several reports annually to the Council. Travel expenses for attending this meeting are reimbursed. The chair of the committee is requested to attend the meetings of the Council at which reports of the committee are submitted. Other work by the committee is done by mail, telephone, electronic mail. Expenses incurred for these are also reimbursed.

An explanation of travel expense reimbursement of volunteers for this committee is attached. This committee has been designated at **LEVEL B**.

### Election to membership on the Nominating Committee

Three members are elected to the committee each year in the Annual Election by the Membership. The President nominates candidates. Candidates may also be nominated by petition, a process that runs parallel to the nomination by petition for other contested positions of the Council.

### Chair of the Committee.

The President appoints the chair of the Committee.

### ***Note to the Chair***

Committee chairs should be informed, at the beginning of each fiscal period, the budget of their committees and cautioned to remain within the budget. Such items as travel reimbursement to, accommodations for, and meals for guests of any kind fall within these budgets.

Work done by committees on recurring problems may have value as precedent or work done may have historical interest. Because of this, the Council has requested that a central file system be maintained for the Society by the Secretary. Committees are reminded that a copy of every sheet of paper should be deposited (say once a year) in this central file. Confidential material should be noted, so that it can be handled in a confidential manner.

### **Authorization**

Committee was established in 1955.

Procedures have been changed over the years, the most recent in March 1991.

## Past Members

### Year   Members

- 1976 Armand Borel, Phyllis Cassidy, Edward B Curtis, Chandler Davis, Kevin McCrimmon, David A Sanchez, Dorothy Maharam Stone, Raymond O Wells, Jr.
- 1977 Hyman Bass, Phyllis Cassidy, Edward B Curtis, Chandler Davis, Irving Kaplansky, Seymour V Parter, Jean E Taylor, Raymond O Wells, Jr.
- 1978 Hyman Bass, R Creighton Buck, Wendell H Fleming, Irving Kaplansky, Calvin C Moore, Barbara L Osofsky, Seymour V Parter, Jean E Taylor
- 1979 R D Anderson, R Creighton Buck, Wendell H Fleming, Judy Green, Paul Halmos, Victor Klee, Calvin C Moore, Barbara L Osofsky
- 1980 D Anderson, Martin D Davis, Judy Green, Paul Halmos, Victor Klee, Hugh L Montgomery, Jane Cronin Scanlon, Karen Uhlenbeck
- 1981 Martin D Davis, Ronald G Douglas, Reuben Hersh, Hugh L Montgomery, Ivan Niven, Jane Cronin Scanlon, Karen Uhlenbeck, Guido L Weiss
- 1982 Ronald G Douglas, Reuben Hersh, David Mumford, Ivan Niven, Ralph S Phillips, Linda P Rothschild, Guido L Weiss, George W Whitehead
- 1983 Linda Keen, O Carruth McGehee, David Mumford, Ralph S Phillips, Linda P Rothschild, Wolfgang M Schmidt, James D Stasheff, George W Whitehead
- 1984 Heini Halberstam, Linda Keen, Robert P Langlands, O Carruth McGehee, Wolfgang M Schmidt, Barry Simon, Harold M Stark, Raymond O Wells, Jr.
- 1985 Heini Halberstam, Robert P Langlands, Vera S Pless, Mary E Rudin, Michael Shub, Barry Simon, Harold M Stark, Raymond O Wells, Jr.
- 1986 John T Baldwin, James W Cannon, Catherine L Olsen, Vera S Pless, Burton Rodin, Mary E Rudin, Michael Shub, Raymond O Wells, Jr.
- 1987 John T. Baldwin, M. Salah Baouendi, James W. Cannon, Paul C. Fife, Catherine L. Olsen, Carl Pomerance, Burton Rodin, William P. Ziemer
- 1988 Roger C. Alperin, M. Salah Baouendi, Ronald A. DeVore, Paul C. Fife, Jane P. Gilman, Carl Pomerance, Leonard L. Scott, William P. Ziemer
- 1989 Roger C. Alperin, Joan S. Birman, Ronald A. DeVore, Jane P. Gilman, James E. Humphreys, Victor Klee, Leonard L. Scott, Alan D. Weinstein
- 1990 Joan S. Birman, James E. Humphreys, Barbara Keyfitz, Victor Klee, Ray A. Kunze, Alan D. Weinstein, Robert F. Williams
- 1991 Michael Aschbacher, Joan S. Birman, James E. Humphreys, Jerry Kazdan, Barbara Keyfitz, Victor Klee, Ray A. Kunze, Walter David Neumann, Alan D. Weinstein, Robert F. Williams
- 1992 Michael Aschbacher, Daniel M. Burns, Jr., Jerry Kazdan, Barbara Keyfitz, Ray A. Kunze, Joseph Lipman, Walter David Neumann, Robert F. Williams, Carol Wood
- 1993 Michael Aschbacher, Daniel M. Burns, Jr., Jerome Goldstein, Vaughan F.R. Jones, Jerry Kazdan, Joseph Lipman, Walter David Neumann, Nancy K. Stanton, Carol Wood
- 1994 Daniel M. Burns, Jr., Jerome Goldstein, Morris Hirsch, Vaughan F.R. Jones, Joseph Lipman, Hugh L. Montgomery, Linda Rothschild, Nancy K. Stanton, Carol Wood
- 1995 Jerry L. Bona, Ingrid Daubechies, Jerome Goldstein, Morris W. Hirsch, Vaughan F.R. Jones, Hugh L. Montgomery, Linda Rothschild, Nancy K. Stanton, Susan Gayle Williams
- 1996 Jerry L. Bona, Sylvain Cappell, Ingrid Daubechies, Eric Friedlander, Jane P. Gilman, Morris W. Hirsch, Hugh L. Montgomery, Linda Rothschild, Susan Gayle Williams
- 1997 Jerry L. Bona, Sylvain Cappell, Ingrid Daubechies, Eric Friedlander, Jane P. Gilman, Barbara

- Osofsky, John Polking, James Stasheff, Susan Gayle Williams
- 1998 Sylvain Cappell, Eric Friedlander, Jane P. Gilman, Barbara Osofsky, John Polking, Paul Rabinowitz, James Stasheff, Elias Stein, Sylvia Wiegand
- 1999 William Browder, Lisa Claire Jeffrey, Barbara Osofsky, John Polking, Paul Rabinowitz, Marc Rieffel, James Stasheff, Elias Stein, Sylvia Wiegand
- 2000 William Browder, Ruth Charney, Ramesh Gangolli, Lisa Claire Jeffrey, Irwin Kra, Frank Morgan, Paul Rabinowitz, Marc Rieffel, Cora Sadosky
- 2001 William Browder, Ruth Charney, Ramesh Gangolli, Lisa Claire Jeffrey, Irwin Kra, Frank Morgan, Marc Rieffel, Cora Sadosky, Steven Weintraub
- 2002 Sheldon Axler, Ruth Charney, Robert Fossum, Ramesh Gangolli, Jane Hawkins, Irwin Kra, Frank Morgan, Cora Sadosky, Steven Weintraub
- 2003 Sheldon Axler, Annalisa Crannell, Nathaniel Dean, Robert Fossum, Richard Hain, Jane Hawkins, Arthur Jaffe, Irwin Kra, Krystyna Kuperberg, Cora Sadosky, Joel Spencer, Steve Weintraub
- 2004 Sheldon Axler, Annalisa Crannell, Nathaniel Dean, Robert Fossum, Richard Hain, Jane Hawkins, Arthur Jaffe, Krystyna Kuperberg, Joel Spencer
- 2005 Annalisa Crannell, Nathaniel Dean, Phillip Griffith, Richard Hain, Arthur Jaffe, David Jerison, Linda Keen, Krystyna Kuperberg, Joel Spencer
- 2006 Michael Crandall, Annalisa Crannell, Phillip Griffith, Arthur Jaffe, David Jerison, Linda Keen, M. Susan Montgomery, Joel Spencer, Lisa Traynor

Additional Information:

FROM THE AUGUST 1975 COUNCIL MINUTES

The Nominating Committee shall consist of eight members. Each year (after the first year) four members will be elected, each for a two-year term. Nominees for the election will be selected as follows six candidates will be nominated by the President; nomination by petition will be allowed; if fewer than two candidates are nominated by petition the President shall nominate enough candidates to make a slate of eight. \*\*After the Committee is formed, any vacancies that occur will be filled by the President.\*\* In the first year, four members will be appointed by the President for a one-year term; the remaining four members of the Committee will be elected as described above. The President shall name the Chairman from among the members; after the first year, the Chairman shall be one of the continuing members. Each year the election shall be carried out by the preferential vote known as the "single transferable vote" with the "senatorial rules" as described in Appendices IV and V of "Voting in Democracies", Lakeman & Lambert, Faber & Faber, 1955.

The proposal was then adopted for one year only, to be used in the election of 1975 in selection of the Nominating Committee of 1976. There were no dissenting votes. The plan is to be reviewed at the meeting of April 1976, with options of continuing, modifying, or dropping it.

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The above plan was reviewed by the April 1976 Council and extended for another year. It was permanently adopted by the April 1977 Council.

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