

Section Program Committees

General Description

- Committee is standing
- Number of members is five including the Associate Secretary
- Term of appointed members is two years

There are four such committees for sectional meetings:

1. Eastern
2. Central
3. Western
4. Southeastern

Principal Activities

The Committee selects Invited Speakers for the AMS meetings of that Section and participates in the choice of organizers and subjects for special sessions but ordinarily leaves the administration of this part of the program to the Associate Secretary.

The Committee generates symposia.

Other Activities

The Committee is available to assist the Associate Secretary, as by refereeing, in difficult cases concerning the acceptance of contributed papers.

Equal Opportunities for Women

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

Resolved that:

The American Mathematical Society will work actively for equal opportunities for women in the following areas:

1. Employment at all levels: this will include the search for a recruitment of qualified women;
2. Advancement and tenure in academic positions;
3. Admissions to graduate schools;
4. Graduate and postdoctoral fellowships and assistantships;
5. Membership on advisory boards and panels; and
6. 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 following passage, directed to the Program Committee, applies equally well to these selection committees.

Invited addresses should emphasize very high level exposition and should be designed for fully trained mathematicians. The emphasis in choosing speakers should be on the quality of talk. The search for good young speakers should be pursued. The Program Committee should make systematic efforts to gather suggestions for speakers.

At the April 1989 Council meeting, the name of this committee was changed. It was previously known as the Committee to Select Hour Speakers for the _____ Section.

Note to the Chair

Committee chairs should be informed, at the beginning of each fiscal period, of the budget of their committees and cautioned to remain within the budget. Such items as travel reimbursement, accommodations, 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

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