

# Committee on the Profession (CoProf)

## General Description

- Committee is standing
- Number of members is fifteen
- Term is three years<sup>1</sup>

## *Membership is as follows:*

1. Three Council members, appointed by the President from among the Vice Presidents and Members at Large of the Council;
2. One member of the Board of Trustees<sup>1</sup>, appointed by the Chair of the Board;
3. The President of the Society;
4. The Executive Director of the Society (non-voting);
5. The Secretary of the Society; and
6. Eight at large members, appointed by the President.

The chair is appointed by the President to a one-year term as chair, with the possibility of extension, extending her (his) term on the committee if necessary.

The Associate Executive Director for Professional Programs and Services shall attend CoProf meetings and provide administrative and staff support.

## Principal Activities

Committee reports to the Council.

The Committee is to take a long range view of and provide major direction for Society activities on issues of a broad professional nature, concerning the status of the profession and the situation of mathematics and mathematicians in the U.S. and abroad.

## Issues to be addressed in this area include:

1. Human rights of mathematicians
2. Employment issues and opportunities
3. Professional Development
4. Increasing participation at all levels of under-represented groups (e.g., women, African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, native Americans)
5. Recognition and Awards
6. Membership and member services
7. Professional ethics and responsibilities
8. Increased communication and cooperation with other disciplines

Fundamental to these is the issue of increasing public awareness of and appreciation for the nature of mathematics and its role in modern society.

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<sup>1</sup> Trustees serve one-year terms.

The Committee will conduct an annual high-level review of the Society's efforts relating to these issues: evaluating progress toward Society goals, and reviewing Society activities and structure with an eye to how best accomplish these goals.

The Committee will conduct a dialog with the Society's membership, through presentations and open forums at meetings, articles in the *Notices*, and other appropriate means.

The Committee will coordinate with other professional organizations.

The 11 January 1994 Council approved the following resolution:

The Council charges the committees on Education, Meetings and Conferences, Profession, Publication, and Science Policy to carry out at least every six years reviews and appraisals of Society activities in the areas of their charges and to report the results of these reviews to the Executive Committee and to the Council.

### **Other Activities**

#### **Miscellaneous Information**

Ordinarily the Committee has one face-to-face meeting per year. In addition to face-to-face meetings, committee business may be transacted by mail, email, telephone, fax, and conference call, expenses for all of which may be reimbursed by the Society.

This committee has been designated at **LEVEL P**.

#### ***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**

Created by the Council on 12 January 1993.

Revised by the 7 Jan 97 Council.

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#### **Past Members**

A list of current and past members is available here:

<http://www.ams.org/about-us/governance/committees/coprof-past.html>