

# American Mathematical Society Committee on Science Policy

## Committee Charge

### General Description:

- . Committee is standing
- . Number of members is fourteen to sixteen
- . Term is three years<sup>1</sup> effective 01 February

The members shall consist of 3 Council members (chosen from the Vice Presidents and Members-at-Large), a member of the Board of Trustees<sup>1</sup>, the President, the President Elect/Past President, the Executive Director, the Chair of the Committee on Education, and 4-6 at-large members. The Secretary will serve as a non-voting member.

The Chair of the Committee on Science Policy shall serve ex-officio on the Committee on Education.

### Principal Activities:

To discuss and act on questions of policy as it affects the discipline.

1. To serve as a forum for dialogue about matters of science policy involving representatives of the AMS, government and quasi-government officials and other interested parties.
2. To be responsible for the selection of those elements of AMS meeting programs, such as lectures and panel discussions, which bear directly on such policy questions as are within the purview of the Committee.
3. To provide occasional advice to the Society on matters of broad scientific policy.
4. As a committee, and individually upon request, to interact with Federal agencies and policymakers.
5. To provide occasional advice about ways in which the Society can work favorably with other organizations on matters of science policy.
6. To conduct periodic reviews and appraisals of Society activities in areas of science policy, for example:
  - Policy Forums
  - The Society's relations with international societies and the international community
  - Scientific policies promoted by the Society, and strategies used to implement them
  - The ways in which the Society collaborates with other organizations on matters of science policy

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

7. To prepare an annual report on the Committee's activities and goals for the AMS Council and for possible publication in the *Notices*.

### **Miscellaneous Information:**

The Committee does its work by mail, telephone and usually one face-to-face meeting per year. Members are reimbursed for travel and incidental expenses that are not covered from some other source. For purposes of travel reimbursement, this committee has been designated at LEVEL B.

### **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:**

10/74 Council minutes, p.4  
11/81 ECBT minutes, item 5.1  
01/86 Council minutes, item 4.10  
01/93 Council minutes, item 4.5  
01/94 Council minutes  
01/04 Council minutes, item 4.3.6

Updated 2/22/93; 8/24/94; 4/27/95; 7/16/03; 2/6/04

### **Past Members:**

**1987** Hyman Bass, Felix E Browder, Carl de Boor, Ronald G Douglas, Frederick Gehring, Ronald Lipsman, James W Maxwell, G Daniel Mostow, Robert Osserman, Judith D Sally, David Sanchez, William Thurston, Guido L Weiss

**1988** Hyman Bass, Carl de Boor, Ronald G Douglas, Frank L Gilfeather, James G Glimm, Ronald Lipsman, James W Maxwell, G Daniel Mostow, Robert Osserman, Seymour V Parter, John C Polking, Judith D Sally, David A Sanchez, William P Thurston, Guido L Weiss

A list of current and past members (from 1989 onwards) is available here:

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