

# Mathematical Surveys and Monographs Editorial Committee

## General Description

- Committee is standing
- Number of members is four or five
- Term is four years
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## Principal Activities

This Editorial Committee is charged with selecting for publication by the AMS books which exposit research-level mathematics of current interest to the mathematical community. These books are frequently suitable as texts for an advanced graduate class; however, that is not a necessary requirement.

The principal function of a book editorial committee is to decide the appropriateness of proposed book projects for publication. Because the AMS is competing vigorously with other mathematics publishers, it is extremely important that the committee make its decision in a timely manner, usually within weeks and always within two months' time.

A committee will often seek the advice of one or more outside experts in order to facilitate its decision process, but this is not always necessary. The AMS Acquisitions Staff is available to help the committee in any possible way, including communication with outside experts suggested by the committee.

Although most proposals will come to a committee from an AMS Acquisitions Editor, the Editorial Committee itself may solicit proposals.

## Other Activities

It is a tradition that a member of this committee serve as a representative to the University Lecture Series.

## Miscellaneous Information

The chair will be elected by the Council, upon nomination by the Editorial Boards Committee. Other members are appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the EBC. The business of this committee, such as postage and telephone charges, may be reimbursed by the Society. Travel reimbursement for this committee has been designated at **LEVEL B**.

From the charge to the Editorial Boards Committee:

*The [Editorial Boards] Committee shall recommend appointees to certain editorial committees to the AMS President and the Council. To that end, it shall solicit suggestions for those editorial committees by consulting with managing editors, current editorial committees, and other interested parties. The committee should take into account both the interests of the publications and the overall interests of the Society.*

**Note to the Chair**

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 records of work should be kept and submitted annually to the Secretary for archival purposes. Confidential material should be noted, so that it can be handled in a confidential manner.

**Authorization**

Committee formed in 1944. Bylaws, Article III, Section 1.

Updated: 2/14/90; 10/31/90; 5/04/95;8/9/96; 6/11/97; 3/31/99;8/09; 8/11; 1/12;

Updated per 01/09/2015 Council Item 3.3;

*09 January 2018 Council Item 4.7.3:* Clarified appointment process.

**Past Members**

A list of current and past members is available here:

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