

Task Force on Prizes

General Description

- Committee is standing
- Number of members is 8-10
- Term is two years

Principal Activities

This *ad hoc* committee is to carefully consider the principles by which the Society seeks and creates new prizes. This is spurred, in part, by the hope/expectation that additional money for prizes will be available due to substantial increases to the prize endowments, the consequence of which is that the very large endowment for the Steele Prizes no longer must be directed to support certain underfunded existing prizes. As a secondary impetus, donors occasionally approach the society with the intention of creating a new prize that will recognize an area or honor a person. The job of the task force is to enunciate the principles that apply in the formation and, to some extent, in the solicitation of new prizes, taking into account the practical constraints the AMS faces in seeking and using endowments.

Other Activities

Miscellaneous Information

The business of this committee can be done by mail, electronic mail, or telephone, expenses which may be reimbursed by the Society. An explanation of travel expense reimbursement of volunteers for this committee is attached. This committee has been designated at **LEVEL F**.

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

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Past Members

Year Members