

Committee to Select the Winner of the Veblen Prize

General Description

- Committee is standing
- Number of members is three
- A new committee is appointed for each award

Principal Activities

The award is made every three years at the Annual (January) Meeting, in a cycle including the years 2001, 2004, and so forth. The award is made for a notable research work in geometry or topology that has appeared in the last six years. The work must be published in a recognized, peer-reviewed venue.

The committee recommends a winner and communicates this recommendation to the Secretary for approval by the Executive Committee of the Council.

Past winners are listed in the November issue of the *Notices* in odd-numbered years.

About this Prize

This prize was established in 1961 in memory of Professor Oswald Veblen through a fund contributed by former students and colleagues. The fund was later doubled by a gift from Elizabeth Veblen, widow of Professor Veblen. In honor of her late father, John L. Synge, who knew and admired Oswald Veblen, Cathleen Synge Morawetz and her husband, Herbert, substantially increased the endowed fund in 2013. The award is supplemented by a Steele Prize from the AMS under the name of the Veblen Prize. The current prize amount is \$5,000.

Miscellaneous Information

The business of this committee can be done by mail, electronic mail, or telephone, expenses which may be reimbursed by 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

Prize was established in 1961 by the Trustees.

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09 January 2018, Item 4.6.2: Geographic and membership restrictions were removed, the venue of acceptable publication was broadened and the approval process was more accurately described.

Past Members

1964 no record

- 1966 Raoul Bott, S S Chern (Chair), G T Whyburn
1971 Raoul Bott (Chair), Morton Brown, Stephen Smale
1976 Shiing S Chern, Robion C Kirby, John W Milnor (Chair)
1981 Raoul H Bott, Eugene Calabi, William Thurston (Chair)
1986 R H Bing, Richard K Lashof, Shing-Tung Yau (Chair)

A list of current and past members from 1990 onwards is available here:
<http://www.ams.org/about-us/governance/committees/veblen-past.html>

Past Winners

<http://www.ams.org/profession/prizes-awards/pabrowse?purl=veblen-prize>

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