

Committee to Select the Winner of the Albert Leon Whiteman Memorial Prize

General Description

- Committee is standing
- Number of members is three
- A new committee of three is approved for each award (every three years). Members are appointed by the AMS President.

Principal Activities

The prize was established in 1998 using funds donated by Mrs. Sally Whiteman, in memory of her husband, the late Albert Leon Whiteman. Mrs. Whiteman requested that the prize be established for notable exposition and exceptional scholarship in the history of mathematics. Ideas expressed and new understandings embodied in the exposition awarded the Whiteman Prize will be expected to reflect exceptional mathematical scholarship. The prize is awarded every three years at the Joint Annual Mathematics Meeting. Award is in the amount of \$5,000.

Comment

The Council is responsible for awarding the prize which it would do by approving the report of this committee. However, it has delegated this responsibility to its Executive Committee (EC). The committee will recommend, for approval by the EC, the individual selected to receive the award. This selection is communicated to the Secretary who then notifies the winner.

The recommendation should include the names of the individual, his/her institution, citations of the potential awardee, and anything else the committee feels will be useful for the EC for its approval

Other Activities

Miscellaneous Information

The Whiteman Prize is to be presented at the Prize Ceremony at the Annual Joint Mathematics Meetings. The description of the prize, along with a full citation, and biography of the winner is published in the *Notices*. A response from the winner may also be published. The response at the ceremony should be brief (approximately 2 minutes).

Appointments

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

5/16/88 Council Minutes, item 9.5.3; 1/7/07 Council, item 4.7.3. Updated 8/09; 1/14 Note, members

Past Committees

A list of current and past committee members is available here:

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

Past Awards

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

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