American Mathematical Society

Council Minutes

Chicago, Illinois

05 April 2008 at noon

Prepared 17 April 2008

Abstract

The Council of the Society met at noon on Saturday, 05 April 2008, in the Athens/Berlin Room of the Hilton Chicago O’Hare Airport Hotel, Chicago, IL, 60666. These are the minutes of the meeting. Although several items were discussed in Executive Session, all actions taken are reported in these minutes.
I. AGENDA

1. Call to Order

1.1. Opening of the Meeting and Introductions

AMS President James G. Glimm called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. CDT and presided throughout. He asked those present to introduce themselves. Other Council members present were: George E. Andrews, Robert L. Bryant, Sylvain E. Cappell, Ruth M. Charney, Robert J. Daverman, Ronald A. Fintushel, John M. Franks, Rebecca F. Goldin, William M. Goldman, Robert Guralnick, Jonathan I. Hall, Craig L. Hunke, Judy A. Kennedy, Bryna Kra, Donald E. McClure, Ken Ono, Irena Peeva, Frank S. Quinn, Marjorie Senechal, Chi-Wang Shu, Joseph H. Silverman, Katherine St John, Francis Edward Su and Sarah J. Witherspoon. Other interested parties and guests were: Sandy Golden (Administrative Assistant, AMS Secretary), John Ewing (AMS Executive Director), Ellen Maycock (AMS Associate Executive Director), Hema Srinivasan (AMS Nominating Committee representative) and Ronald J. Stern (AMS Committee on Science Policy).

1.2. 2007 Elections and More

Newly elected or appointed members of the Council took office on 01 February 2008, and they are:

- President Elect: George E Andrews
- Vice President: Bernd Sturmfels
- Members at Large: Rebecca F. Goldin, Bryna Kra, Irena Peeva, Joseph H. Silverman, Sarah J. Witherspoon

1.3 List of Council Members

A list of current Council members can be found in Attachment A.

2. Minutes

2.1. Minutes of the January 2008 Council

The minutes of the January 2008 Council were distributed by mail prior to the meeting. The Council approved the minutes as distributed.
2.2. Minutes of Business by Mail

The Council conducted business by mail since its January 2008 meeting. Minutes for this business are attached (Attachment B). The action taken was to elect Craig L. Huneke to the Executive Committee of the Council for a four-year term 01 Feb 2008 - 31 Jan 2012. Council approved these minutes.

3. Consent Agenda

There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

4. Reports of Boards and Standing Committees

4.1. Nominating Committee [Executive Session]

The AMS Nominating Committee made its recommendations to the AMS Council for the Society’s 2008 election. Hema Srinivasan presented the Nominating Committee report.

4.1.1. Vice President

The Nominating Committee recommended the appointment of KARSTEN GROVE (Notre Dame University) and FRANK MORGAN (Williams College) as candidates for election to one post as Vice President for a term of three years, beginning 01 February 2009 and ending 31 January 2012.

4.1.2. Members at Large of the Council

The Nominating Committee recommended the appointment of SCOTT BALDRIDGE (Louisiana State University), AARON BERTRAM (University of Utah), HECTOR CENICEROS (University of California, Santa Barbara), DAVID MANDERSCHEID (University of Nebraska), WILLIAM MASSEY (Princeton University), DANIEL K. NAKANO (University of Georgia), PANAGIOTAS E. SOUGANIDIS (University of Chicago), MICHELLE WACHS (University of Miami), DAVID WRIGHT (Washington University) and HORNG T泽ER YAU (Harvard University) as candidates for election to positions as Member at Large of the Council. Five people are to be elected. The term is three years, beginning 01 February 2009 and ending 31 January 2012.

4.1.3. Trustee

The Nominating Committee recommended the appointment of DAVID R. MORRISON (University of California, Santa Barbara) and RONALD J. STERN (University of California, Irvine) as candidates for election to one post as Trustee for a term of five years, beginning 01 February 2009 and ending 31 January 2014.

The Council appointed all of the above as candidates for election.
4.2. Editorial Boards Committee

The Editorial Boards Committee (EBC) suggested one editorial board appointment that required Council approval.

4.2.1. Mathematical Reviews Editorial Committee

The Editorial Boards Committee recommended extending the term of JONATHAN I. HALL as chair of this committee for another year (01 February 2009 - 31 January 2010). The Council reappointed Hall for that term.

4.3. Bulletin Editorial Committee

Susan Friedlander, Editor in Chief of the Bulletin of the American Mathematical Society, recommended that ROBERT L. DEVANEY be reappointed as Book Reviews Editor for another three year term (01 February 2009 - 31 January 2012). The Council reappointed Devaney for that term.

Friedlander also recommended that GREGORY F. LAWLER (University of Chicago) and DANIEL S. FREED (University of Texas) be appointed as Associate Editors for Bulletin Articles, each for a three year term (01 February 2009 - 31 January 2012). The Council appointed both of them as Associate Editors for the specified term.

4.4. Report from the Committee on Academic Freedom, Tenure and Employment Security

The annual report of this committee has been filed in the AMS Committee Report Book as Report Number 080124-002.

4.5. Report from the Representative to the Canadian Mathematical Society

The annual report of this committee has been filed in the AMS Committee Report Book as Report Number 071220-014.

4.6. Report from the Library Committee

The annual report of this committee has been filed in the AMS Committee Report Book as Report Number 0801181-001.

4.7. Report from the Committee on Human Rights of Mathematicians

The annual report of this committee has been filed in the AMS Committee Report Book as Report Number 071203-012.
5. Old Business

There were no items of Old Business on the agenda.

6. New Business

6.1. Report from the Task Force on the First Year Mathematics Experience

The Task Force, appointed last year by AMS President James Glimm, proposes collecting information, using an on-line survey, about the experiences of mathematics departments that use web-based assignment and testing systems, particularly for the automated grading of homework. It will seek support from NSF for the collection effort. The report to this effect is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book as Report Number 080405-004.

6.2. Discussion

As a repeat of an agenda item first scheduled in April 2002, the Council devoted a portion of this meeting to a topic of one of the items in its purview. At its meeting in November, 2007, the Executive Committee of the Council decided that the discussion should focus on International Programs and the AMS. Background material was transmitted to Council members that detailed the range of activities in which the AMS is currently engaged. The Council brainstormed about other steps the Society might take. No action was taken on matters related to Item 6.2 itself.

6.3. Report of the Executive Director

The Executive Director, John H. Ewing, gave his annual report to the Council. This year he discussed the history of the society. Ewing’s report has been filed in the AMS Committee Report Book as Report Number 080405-003.

7. Announcements, Information and Record

7.1. Centennial Fellowship Award

The AMS Centennial Fellowship Committee has announced that Christopher Hoffman (University of Washington) is the winner of the 2008 Fellowship competition. Hoffman has accepted the award. The amount of this fellowship for 2008-9 will be $70,000, with an additional expense allowance of $7000.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m. CDT.
2008 AMS GOVERNANCE

2008 COUNCIL

Officers

President
James G. Glimm
SUNY at Stony Brook
2009
President Elect
George E. Andrews
Pennsylvania State Univ.
2011
Vice Presidents
Bernd Sturmfels
Univ. of California, Berkeley
2010
Robert L. Bryant
Duke Univ.
2009
Ruth M. Charney
Brandeis Univ.
2008
Secretary
Robert J. Daverman
Univ. of Tennessee
2010
Associate Secretaries
Michel Lapidus
Univ. of California, Riverside
2009
Matthew Miller
Univ. of South Carolina
2010
Susan Friedlander
Univ. of Illinois at Chicago
2009
Lesley Sibner
Polytechnic Inst of NY
2008
Treasurer
John M. Franks
Northwestern Univ.
2010
Associate Treasurer
Donald E. McClure
Brown Univ.
2010

Representatives of Committees

Bulletin Editorial
Susan J. Friedlander, Chair
Univ. of Illinois, Chicago
2011
Colloquium Editorial
Paul J. Sally, Jr., Chair
Univ. of Chicago
2011
Executive Committee
Sylvain E. Cappell
Courant Institute
2009
Journal of the AMS
Robert Lazarsfeld
Univ. of Michigan
2009
Math Reviews Editorial
Jonathan I. Hall, Chair
Michigan State Univ.
2008
Math Surveys & Monographs
J. T. Stafford, Chair
Univ. of Michigan
2008
Mathematics of Computation
Chi-Wang Shu, Chair
Brown Univ.
2011
Proceedings Editorial
Ronald A. Fintushel
Michigan State Univ.
2009
Transactions and Memoirs
Robert Guralnick, Chair
Southern California
2008

Members at Large

Robert L. Devaney
Boston Univ.
2009
Rebecca F. Goldin
George Mason Univ.
2010
William M. Goldman
Univ. of Maryland
2008
Craig L. Huneke
Univ. of Kansas
2008
Judy A. Kennedy
Lamar University
2008
Byrna Kra
Northwestern Univ.
2010
Ken Ono
Univ. of Wisconsin
2008
Irena Peeva
Cornell Univ.
2010
Frank S. Quinn
Virginia Tech
2009
Marjorie Senechal
Smith College
2009
Joseph H. Silverman
Brown University
2010
Katherine St. John
Herbert H Lehman College (CUNY)
2009
Francis Edward Su
Harvey Mudd College
2009
Judy L. Walker
Univ. of Nebraska
2008
Sarah J. Witherspoon
Texas A&M Univ.
2010
## 2008 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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<td>2011</td>
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In a mail ballot dated 14 February 2008, there were 26 ballots cast, by:

George E. Andrews  Robert Lazarsfeld  
Robert L. Bryant  Donald E. McClure  
Ruth M. Charney  Ken Ono  
Robert J. Daverman  Irena Peeva  
Robert L. Devaney  Frank S. Quinn  
Ronald A. Fintushel  Paul J. Sally, Jr.  
John M. Franks  Marjorie Senechal  
Susan Friedlander  Chi-Wang Shu  
William M. Goldman  Joseph H. Silverman  
James G. Glimm  J. T. Stafford  
Robert Guralnick  Katherine St. John  
Jonathan I. Hall  Francis Edward Su  
Bryna Kra  Judy L. Walker

In the election to the Executive Committee the result was:

Craig Huneke  13  
Ken Ono  12  
Susan Friedlander  1 (write-in vote)

Accordingly, Huneke is declared elected, effective immediately, and ending when a replacement is determined in the election of February 2012.

Robert J. Daverman  
Secretary  
March 15, 2008