

**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. Huneke, 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 MANDERSCHIED** (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 TZER 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
	Robert J. Daverman	Univ. of Tennessee	2010
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
	John M. Franks	Northwestern Univ.	2010
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

George Andrews	Pennsylvania State Univ.	<i>ex officio</i>
Sylvain E. Cappell	NYU-Courant	2009
Ruth M. Charney	Brandeis University	2010
Robert J. Daverman	Univ. of Tennessee	<i>ex officio</i>
James G. Glimm	SUNY Stony Brook	<i>ex officio</i>
Robert M. Guralnick	Univ. of Southern California	2008
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## 2008 TRUSTEES

John B. Conway	George Washington Univ.	2010
John M. Franks	Northwestern Univ.	<i>ex officio</i>
Eric M. Friedlander	Northwestern Univ.	2009
James G. Glimm	SUNY at Stony Brook	<i>ex officio</i>
Linda Keen	CUNY	2008
Donald E. McClure	Brown Univ.	<i>ex officio</i>
Karen Vogtmann	Cornell University	2012
Carol S. Wood	Wesleyan University	2011

**AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL  
BUSINESS BY MAIL  
15 March 2008**

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