

AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

COUNCIL MINUTES

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16 May 1998

Abstract

The Council of the Society met at 7:00 PM on Saturday, 16 May 1998, at the Detroit Airport Marriott, Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

These are minutes for the meeting. Several items were discussed in Executive Session and are reported in these open minutes

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Part I

MINUTES

1 CALL TO ORDER.

1.1 Opening of the Meeting and Introductions.

President Jaffe called the meeting to order at 6:50. Members were introduced. Members present were: David Bressoud, Felix Browder, Jennifer Chayes; Robert Daverman (Associate Secretary with vote), Clifford Earle; Robert Fossum, Frederick Gardiner, Hugh Montgomery, Jane Hawkins, Arthur Jaffe, Karen Parshall, Franklin Peterson, Peter Shalen, Joel Spencer, Michael Starbird, B. A. Taylor, and Karen Vogtmann.

Also attending were: Roy Adler (BT), Michael Crandall (BT), John Ewing (ED), Timothy Goggins (AMS Staff), Ellen Heiser (AMS Staff), Andy Magid (BT), James Maxwell (AMS Staff), Don McClure (BT), Sam Rankin (AMS Staff), James Stasheff (Nominating Committee Chair), Kelly Young (AMS Staff).

President Jaffe presided.

The current membership of the Council (as of the end of the May 98 Council meeting) is listed in Attachment A.

1.2 1997 Elections.

The Society conducted its annual elections in the fall of 1997.

Council

The members who took seats on the Council as of 01 February 1998 were:

- **PRESIDENT ELECT**

Elected as the new president elect is Felix Browder from Rutgers University. Browder will serve as president elect for one year. On 01 February 1999, Browder will become president of the Society.

- **VICE PRESIDENT**

Elected as the new vice president is Jennifer Tour Chayes from Microsoft, Redmond, WA.

- **MEMBER-AT-LARGE OF THE COUNCIL** Elected as new members-at-large of the Council of the Society are

- **Robert L. Bryant** from Duke University
- **Jane M. Hawkins** from the University of North Carolina
- **Karen V. H. Parshall** from the University of Virginia
- **Mary Beth Ruskai** from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell
- **Michael Starbird** from the University of Texas at Austin

TRUSTEE

Re-elected as trustee is **Roy L. Adler** from IBM, Yorktown Heights, NY.

EDITORIAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

Elected as new members of the Editorial Boards Committee are

- **David Jerison** from Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- **Abel Klein** from the University of California, Irvine

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elected as new members of the Nominating Committee are

- **Paul H. Rabinowitz** from the University of Wisconsin
- **Elias M. Stein** from Princeton University
- **Sylvia M. Wiegand** from the University of Nebraska

2 MINUTES.

2.1 Minutes of the January 98 Council.

Minutes of the January 98 Council were distributed by mail and were available on the Web. The Secretary requested approval of and the Council approved the minutes as mailed.

2.2 Minutes of Business by Mail.

The Council elected a member of its Executive Committee, its representative to JPBM, and made appointments to editorial committees in business by mail. The minutes for these are found in Attachment E. The Secretary requested approval of these minutes. The Council approved these minutes.

3 CONSENT AGENDA.

There were no consent items in this agenda.

4 REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES.

4.1 Editorial Boards Committee (EBC).

Items 4.1.1 through 4.1.3 were considered in executive session.

4.1.1 Mathematical Reviews Editorial Committee.

The Editorial Boards Committee recommended and the Council approved the appointment of **YUJI ITO** (Keio University, Yokohama Japan) to the Mathematical Reviews Editorial Committee for a term of three years beginning on 01 February 1998 and ending on 31 January 2001.

4.1.2 Bulletin Editorial Committee.

The Editorial Boards Committee recommended and the Council approved the appointment of **DON SAARI** (Northwestern University) as Chief Editor of the Bulletin Editorial Committee for a term beginning on 01 February 1998 and ending on 31 January 2002.

4.1.3 Transactions and Memoirs Editorial Committee.

The Editorial Boards Committee recommended and the Council approved the re-appointments of **WILLIAM BECKNER** (University of Texas) and **LAWRENCE EIN** (University of Illinois Chicago) to the Transactions and Memoirs Editorial Committee for a term beginning on 01 February 1999 and ending on 31 January 2003.

4.2 Nominating Committee.

The AMS Nominating Committee recommended candidates to the Council for the election to be held in 1998.

4.2.1 Vice President.

The Nominating Committee recommended and the Council nominated **JAMES ARTHUR** (University of Toronto) and **JAMES SERRIN** (University of Minnesota) for election to the position of vice president for a term of three years from 1 February 1999 until 31 January 2002.

4.2.2 Member at Large of the Council.

The Nominating Committee recommended and the Council nominated **JONATHAN BORWEIN** (Simon Fraser University), **HAIM BREZIS** (Rutgers University), **ROBERT FEFFERMAN** (University of Chicago), **ROBERT HARDT** (Rice), **GLORIA HEWITT** (University of Montana), **ROGER HOWE** (Yale University), **ANATOLE KATOK** (Penn State University), **DONALD SAARI** (Northwestern University), **TATIANA TORO** (University of Washington), and **NOLAN WALLACH** (University of California San Diego) for election to the position of member at large of the Council (five to be elected). The term is three years beginning on 01 February 1999 and ending on 31 January 2002.

4.2.3 Trustee.

The Nominating Committee recommended and the Council nominated **HYMAN BASS** (Columbia University) and **LINDA KEEN** (CUNY) for election to the position of trustee for a term of five years beginning on 1 February 1999 and ending on 31 January 2004.

4.3 Executive Committee and Board of Trustees (ECBT).

4.3.1 Dues.

According to the bylaws, the Council sets the dues with the approval of the Board of Trustees. [Article IX, Section 2 states, in part, “The annual dues of an ordinary member [...] shall be established by the Council with the approval of the Trustees.”] The Executive Committee (EC) and the Board of Trustees (BT) met just before the Council. Together the two agreed that the EC would recommend to the Council that

1. First time regular members should pay dues at a rate of 50figure for the first five years of membership.
2. The current dues formula is maintained, setting dues for 1999 at \$128 for ordinary members and \$99 for the reduced rate. At the same time it recommended that the cut off be raised from \$45,000 to \$55,000.

Paragraph 4.3.1.1. Five year discount on Dues. The EC proposal to grant first time regular members a discount of 50the low dues figure for the first five years of membership was approved by the Council.

Paragraph 4.3.1.2. Dues for 1999. The Council has established a formula that ties annual increases in dues to the AAUP average salary increase. The cut off figure for paying the lower dues rate is not indexed in the same fashion and has not changed in several years.

The EC proposal to maintain the current cost of living adjustment formula and raise the cut off to \$55,000 was approved by the Council.

It was noted that the BT had approved these two items with the expectation that the Council would recommend them.

During the discussion several members of the Council asked that the dues issue be brought to the next meeting of the Council.

4.3.2 Recommendations for appointment of officers.

These items were considered in executive session. The Council appoints secretaries and treasurers upon recommendation by the ECBT that in turn is guided by a report from the ECBT Nominating Committee.

Paragraph 4.3.2.1. Associate Secretaries. The Society has four associate secretaries each responsible for a section of the United States (and Canada).

Eastern Section The ECBT recommended the re-appointment for another term of the current Associate Secretary **LESLEY SIBNER**. The Council concurred.

Southeastern Section The ECBT recommended the appointment of **JOHN BRYANT** (Florida State University) for a term as Associate Secretary for the Southeastern Section. The Council concurred.

Western Section The ECBT recommended the appointment of **BERNARD RUSSO** (University of California Irvine) as Associate Secretary for the Western Section to fill the remainder of the term of William Harris and for one additional term. The Council concurred.

Paragraph 4.3.2.2. Associate Treasurer. The Society has a treasurer and an associate treasurer. The ECBT recommended the re-appointment of **B. A. TAYLOR** (University of Michigan) as associate treasurer for one term. The Council concurred.

4.4 Committee on Education (COE).

The Committee on Education report was attached. The report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1998 as Report No. 980516-001.

4.5 Committee on the Profession (CPROF).

The Committee on the Profession met in late March. The chair of the committee, Don McClure, gave an oral report on the activities of the committee. The committee proposed several items for Council action. These were first considered by the ECBT and the recommendation of those committees was reported to the Council.

4.5.1 Statement on Tenure.

The Committee on the Profession requested that the Council adopt a statement on tenure in the name of the Society (see the relevant section of the bylaws attached concerning “speaking in the name of the Society”). The report from the Committee on the Profession about this item was attached. The action proposed was to adopt the following statement in the name of the Society:

STATEMENT ON TENURE

The American Mathematical Society strongly supports the institution of tenure. Tenure plays an essential role in guaranteeing academic freedom and institutional integrity, benefiting institutions, students, faculty, disciplines, and society at large.

- **Tenure maintains the strength of academic institutions, as it is the permanent faculty that provides leadership and direction. Tenure provides stability and mitigates the effects of fads and fashions. Tenure helps to renew academic disciplines by ensuring the continued supply of individuals who will dedicate their careers to advancing those disciplines.**
- **Tenure helps maintain academic quality by establishing a set of high standards that must be met for continued employment. Standards for ongoing contract renewals are typically less stringent.**
- **Tenure supports work on significant long-term projects.**
- **Tenure provides strong protection for free flow of ideas, guaranteeing the right to express views without fear of dismissal.**
- **Tenure provides the benefit of job security, which helps attract highly talented individuals to teaching and research.**

Tenure has played a central role in establishing and maintaining the strength and quality of American higher education. When tenure is abused, we should address those abuses directly, rather than eliminating one of the cornerstones of our educational system.

After lengthy discussion, it was moved and seconded to amend the last sentence to read: **“When tenure is abused, individual abuses should be addressed directly. We should preserve tenure, one of the cornerstones of our educational system.”** This amendment was approved. The Council approved, by a vote of 14 to 1, to send this to the Council by mail ballot for approval “in the name of the Society”.

4.5.2 Beal Prize.

The Committee on the Profession recommended that the Council approve the proposal concerning the Beal Prize found in Attachment C. The Council approved the prize and the lecture as described.

4.5.3 Whiteman Prize.

The Society has been offered a generous contribution to endow the ALBERT LEON WHITEMAN MEMORIAL PRIZE. The Council approved the prize as described in Attachment B.

4.5.4 Joint Public Service Award.

The AMS proposes to discuss with the American Physical Society, the American Chemical Society, and other scientific/engineering societies the establishment of a public service award to be given annually to current or former Members of Congress or other distinguished public service officials who have demonstrated a commitment to the support of science, mathematics, and engineering. A joint award such as this will require some agreement by the various organizations. The Council was asked to approve and did approve the award **in principle** with the understanding that the draft proposal will most likely be modified and returned to Council for final approval. See the attachment for the draft proposal.

4.6 Committee on Science Policy (CSP).

The Committee on Science Policy met in April 1998. An oral report was given.

4.7 Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE).

The Committee on Professional Ethics report was attached. The report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1998 as Report No. 980516-002.

4.8 Joint Committee on Women (JCW).

The report from the Joint Committee on Women was attached. The report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1998 as Report No. 980516-003.

4.9 AMS-MAA-IMS Data Committee.

The Data Committee report was attached. The report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1998 as Report No. 980516-004.

4.10 President's Report.

President Jaffe reported to the Council. The report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1998 as Report No. 980516-005.

4.11 Executive Director's Report.

Executive Director John Ewing reported to the Council. His report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1998 as Report No. 980516-006.

4.12 Council Representative to the Canadian Mathematical Society.

Sylvia Wiegand reported to the Council. The report has been filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1998 as Report No. 980516-007.

5 REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

There were no reports from Special Committees.

6 UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

There was no unfinished business.

7 NEW BUSINESS.

7.1 Amendment to the Bylaws revising the title of office ex-president.

The Council agreed to submit to the membership in the 1998 election amendments to the Bylaws that would change

1. all instances of the word “president-elect” to the phrase “president elect”,
2. all instances of the word “vice-president” to the phrase “vice president”,
3. all instances of the word “ex-president” to the phrase “immediate past president”,
and
4. all instances of the word “member-at-large” and variations to the phrase “member at large”.

These recommended changes are found in the Attachment below.

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS, INFORMATION AND RECORD.

8.1 Job Seekers List.

This is a special message being sent to academic departments of mathematics. The AMS is again offering a free service beginning April 1: the 1998 Job Seekers List. This list is intended to serve Ph.D. mathematicians in the academic job market and academic employers as a central source of information about who is still in the job market late in the hiring season. A job seeker announces his or her current availability by entering a name and very brief contact information into this list. Employers who need, late in the hiring season, to go back to applications which may have been received months ago, can check for the names in this list to find out who may still be in the job market. There is no attempt to collect information on job seekers regarding qualifications or background, so this is not a screening tool or a resume service. So, if you have received applications earlier this year for a position in your department, and need to go back to those in the next couple of months, you will probably find it helpful to consult this list to find out which applicants are still seeking employment. Of course, absence from the list may mean that the job seeker has not learned about the service, or has chosen not to participate. However, any individuals on the list are still seeking a position for fall, 1998. Job seekers re-enter their information every two weeks, to keep the list up to date. This is an electronic service; no paper forms or reports are available. The URL is <http://www.ams.org/jobseekers/> Questions should be directed to emp-info@ams.org. James W. Maxwell Associate Executive Director American Mathematical Society

9 ADJOURNMENT.

The Council adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Part II

ATTACHMENTS

A COUNCIL, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERSHIP.

A.1 1998 Council

AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY
effective 980516

1998 OFFICERS

President	Arthur M. Jaffe	Harvard University	1998
President-elect	Felix Browder	Rutgers	1998
Vice Presidents	Michael Aschbacher	Caltech	1998
	Jennifer Chayes	Microsoft	2000
	H. Blaine Lawson	SUNY at Stony Brook	1999
Secretary	Robert M. Fossum	University of Illinois	1998
Associate Secretaries	Robert Daverman	University of Tennessee	1998
	Susan Friedlander	University of Illinois at Chicago	1999
	Lesley Sibner	Polytechnic Inst. of NY	2000
	Bernard Russo	University of California Irvine	2001
Treasurer	F.P. Peterson	MIT	1998
Associate Treasurer	B.A. Taylor	University of Michigan	2000

Representatives of Committees

Bulletin Editorial Comm	Haynes Miller, Chair	MIT	1998
Colloquium Editorial Comm	Susan Friedlander, Chair	U Illinois at Chicago	1998
Journal of the AMS	Dick Gross, Chair	Harvard	1998
Math Reviews Editorial Comm	Hugh Montgomery, Chair	U Michigan	1998
Math Surveys Editorial Comm	Tudor Ratiu, Chair	U California, Santa Cruz	1998
Math of Computation Comm	Lars B Wahlbin, Chair	Cornell U	1998
Proceedings Editorial Comm	Clifford Earle, Chair	Cornell U	1998
Transactions and Memoirs Comm	Peter B. Shalen, Chair	U Illinois at Chicago	1998
Executive Committee	Steven Krantz	Washington U	1998

Members at Large

Francis Bonahon	U Southern California	1999
David M. Bressoud	Macalester College	1998
Robert L. Bryant	Duke	2000
Gail A. Carpenter	Boston University	1998
John B. Conway	University of Tennessee	1998
Frederick P. Gardiner	Brooklyn College (CUNY)	1999
Jane M. Hawkins	North Carolina	2000
Krystyna Kuperberg	Auburn University	1998
Andrew Odlyzko	AT&T Bell Labs	1998
Karen V. H. Parshall	Virginia	2000
Gail D.L. Ratcliff	U Missouri at St Louis	1999
Mary Beth Ruskai	U Mass Lowell	2000
Michael Starbird	Texas	2000
Joel H. Spencer	NYU-Courant Inst.	1999
Karen Vogtmann	Cornell U	1999

1998 Executive Committee

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

John A. Conway	University of Tennessee	2000
Robert M. Fossum	University of Illinois	1998
Arthur M. Jaffe	Harvard University	1999
Steven Krantz	Washington U	1998
Felix Browder	Rutgers	1998
Andrew Odlyzko	AT&T Bell Labs	1999
Joel Spencer	NYU	2001

1998 Board of Trustees

TRUSTEES

Roy Adler	IBM Watson Lab	2002
Hyman Bass	Columbia U	1998
Michael G. Crandall	U California, Santa Barbara	2000
Arthur M. Jaffe	Harvard U	1998
Andy Roy Magid	U Oklahoma	2001
Donald E. McClure	Brown U	1999
F.P. Peterson	MIT	1998
B.A. Taylor	U Michigan	1998

B Albert Leon Whiteman Memorial Prize.

The Society has received a gift from Mrs. Sally Whiteman, the income from which is to be used to memorialize her husband, the late Albert Leon Whiteman. This would be accomplished through the establishment of a quadrennial prize for a notable exposition on the history of mathematics, to be known as the Albert Leon Whiteman Memorial Prize. Ideas expressed and new understandings embodied in the exposition awarded the Whiteman Prize will be expected to reflect exceptional mathematical scholarship. The gift will amount to \$25,000, which the Society will treat as an

endowment for the award. The award will be activated after completion of Mrs. Whiteman's pledge. It is estimated that in a four-year period, Mrs. Whiteman's gift will provide an accumulation of useable income amounting to between \$4000 and \$4500. The Committee on the Profession considered this proposal at its March 1998 meeting and voted to recommend Council approval. The Secretary recommended that Council approve the prize and the establishment of a Committee on the Albert Leon Whiteman Memorial Prize, composed of distinguished mathematicians appointed by the President. This committee will recommend for approval by the Executive Committee the individual selected to receive the award. The Committee will be appointed by the President of the Society at least one year before the date for the award.

C Beal Prize.

In the December 1997 NOTICES, Andrew Beal announced a \$50,000 prize for the correct solution of a conjecture in number theory (ATT. #9). He established a prize committee of Ron Graham (AT&T), Charles Fefferman (Princeton), and Daniel Mauldin (North Texas University), and accepted the help of Dan Mauldin in administering the day-to-day operations, which required considerable correspondence. Mr. Beal has now asked the AMS to be the trustee of the \$50,000 prize fund. The Committee can be amended or enlarged by the Society. Professor Dan Mauldin has indicated that he is willing to continue administering the operations. The prize may be incremented at a future date if no solution is submitted. The Committee on the Profession reviewed the proposal at its March 1998 meeting and voted to recommend approval to the Council. There is a second part to this proposal. Mr. Beal has suggested that the income from the \$50,000 prize be used to fund an annual lecture in honor of the late Paul Erdos, to be held at one of the meetings of the Society. This proposal has been forwarded to the Committee on Meetings and is being discussed by the Secretariat.

The Committee on the Profession reviewed the proposal at its March meeting and voted to recommend to the Council approval of the AMS's involvement with the prize. At its May 15-16 meeting, the BT considered Beal's request that AMS act as Trustee for the Beal prize funds. The BT approved of the plan to (a) act as Trustee, and (b) use the income to fund an annual lecture. The Secretary recommended that the Council approve the establishment of a Committee to Award the Beal Prize composed of distinguished mathematicians appointed by the President. This committee will recommend for approval by the Executive Committee the individual(s) to receive the award.

D Relevant Sections of the Bylaws.

Those are those sections of the Bylaws in which changes in names of officers are to be amended. In the changes below, the current wording is indicated by underlined text, and the changes proposed are indicate by **bold italic text**.

Article I

Officers

Section 1. There shall be a president, a president-elect **president elect** (during the even-numbered years only), an ex-president **immediate past president** (during the odd-numbered years only), three vice-presidents **vice presidents**, a secretary, four associate secretaries, a treasurer, and an associate treasurer.

Article V

Executive Committee

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Council, consisting of four elected members and the following *ex officio* members: the president, the secretary, the president-elect **president elect** (during even-numbered years), and the ex-president **immediate past president** (during odd-numbered years).

Article VII

Election of Officers and Terms of Office

Section 1. The term of office shall be one year in the case of the president-elect **president elect** and the ex-president **immediate past president**; two years in the case of the president, the secretary, the associate secretaries, the treasurer, and the associate treasurer; three years in the case of vice-presidents **vice presidents** and members-at-large **members at large** of the Council, one vice-president **vice president** and five members-at-large **members at large** retiring annually; and five years in the case of the trustees. In the case of members of the editorial committees and appointed members of the communications committees, the term of office shall be determined by the Council. The term of office for elected members of the Executive Committee shall be four years, one of the elected members retiring annually. All terms of office shall begin on February 1 and terminate on January 31, with the exception that the officials specified in Articles I, II, III, IV, and V (excepting the president-elect **president elect** and ex-president **immediate past president**) shall continue to serve until their successors have been duly elected or appointed and qualified.

Section 2. The president-elect **president elect**, the vice-presidents **vice presidents**, the trustees, and the members-at-large **members at large** of the Council shall be elected by written ballot. An official ballot shall be sent to each member of the Society by the secretary on or before October 10, and such ballots, if returned to the secretary in envelopes bearing the name of the voter and received within thirty days, shall be counted. Each ballot shall contain one or more names proposed by the Council for each office to be filled, with blank spaces in which the voter may substitute other names. A plurality of all votes cast shall be necessary for election. In case of failure to secure a plurality for any office, the Council shall choose by written ballot among the members having the highest number of votes. The secretary, the associate secretaries, the treasurer, and the associate treasurer shall be appointed by the Council in a manner designated by the Council. Each committee named in Article III shall be appointed by the Council in a manner designated by the Council. Each such committee shall elect one of its members as chairman in a manner designated by the Council.

Section 3. The president becomes ex-president **immediate past president** at the end of the term of office and the president-elect **president elect** becomes president.

Section 5. The president and vice-president **vice presidents** shall not be eligible for immediate re-election to their respective offices. A member-at-large **member at large** or an *ex officio* member of the Council shall not be eligible for immediate election (or re-election) as a member-at-large **member at large** of the Council.

Section 6. If the president of the Society should die or resign while a president-elect **president elect** is in office, the president-elect **president elect** shall serve as president for the remainder of the year and thereafter shall serve the regular two-year term. If the president of the Society should die or resign when no president-elect **president elect** is in office, the Council, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, shall designate one of the vice-presidents **vice presidents** to serve as president for the balance of the regular presidential term. If the president-elect **president elect** of the Society should die or resign before becoming president, the office shall remain vacant until the next regular election of a president-elect **president elect**, and the Society shall, at the next annual meeting, elect a president for a two-year term. If the ex-president **immediate past president** should die or resign before expiration of the term of office, the Council, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, shall designate a former president of the Society to serve as ex-president **immediate**

past president during the remainder of the regular term of the ex-presidency. Such vacancies as may occur at any time in the group consisting of the **vice-presidents vice presidents**, the secretary, the associate secretaries, the treasurer, and the associate treasurer shall be filled by the Council with the approval of the Board of Trustees. If a member of an editorial or communications committee should take temporary leave from duties, the Council shall then appoint a substitute. The Council shall fill from its own membership any vacancy in the elected membership of the Executive Committee.

Section 8. If any member-at-large **member at large** of the Council should die or resign more than one year before the expiration of the term, the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by the Society at the next annual meeting.

Article IV, Section 8. Speaking in the name of the Society.

Section 8. The Council shall also have power to speak in the name of the Society with respect to matters affecting the status of mathematics or mathematicians, such as proposed or enacted federal or state legislation; conditions of employment in universities, colleges, or business, research or industrial organizations; regulations, policies, or acts of governmental agencies or instrumentalities; and other items which tend to affect the dignity and effective position of mathematics. With the exception noted in the next paragraph, a favorable vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the Council shall be necessary to authorize any statement in the name of the Society with respect to such matters. With the exception noted in the next paragraph, such a vote may be taken only if written notice shall have been given to the secretary by the proposer of any such resolution not later than one month prior to the Council meeting at which the matter is to be presented, and the vote shall be taken not earlier than one month after the resolution has been discussed by the Council. If, at a meeting of the Council, there are present twelve members, then the prior notification to the secretary may be waived by unanimous consent. In such a case, a unanimous favorable vote by those present shall empower the Council to speak in the name of the Society. The Council may also refer the matter to a referendum by mail of the entire membership of the Society and shall make such reference if a referendum is requested, prior to final action by the Council, by two hundred or more members. The taking of a referendum shall act as a stay upon Council action until the votes have been canvassed, and thereafter no action may be taken by the Council except in accordance with a plurality of the votes cast in the referendum.

E Minutes of Business By Mail.

AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

BUSINESS BY MAIL

25 March 1998

In a mail ballot dated 18 February 1998 there were twenty-six ballots cast by Michael Aschbacher, Francis Bonahon, David Bressoud, Felix Browder, Robert Bryant, Gail Carpenter, Jennifer Chayes, John B. Conway, Robert M. Fossum, Susan Friedlander, Frederick Gardiner, Benedict Gross, Arthur Jaffe, Steven Krantz, Jane Hawkins, Krystyna Kuperberg, H. Blaine Lawson, Hugh Montgomery, Andrew Odlyzko, Karen Parshall, F.P. Peterson, Gail Ratcliff, Marc Rieffel, Mary Beth Ruskai, Lesley Sibner, and Karen Vogtmann.

ELECTION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In the election to the Executive Committee the result was

Robert Bryant 12

Joel Spencer 13

There was one write-in vote. Accordingly, Spencer was elected.

Election To The Joint Policy Board Of Mathematics

In the election of the Council representative to the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics the result was

Lesley Sibner 11

Susan Friedlander 15

Accordingly, Friedlander was elected.

MATHEMATICAL SURVEYS AND MONOGRAPHS EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

The appointments of the Mathematical Surveys and Monographs Editorial Committee passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert M Fossum, Secretary

25 March 1998 980325

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