Committee on Publications

General Description

- Committee is standing
- Number of members is approximately fourteen. The members shall consist of 3 Council
members (chosen from the Vice Presidents and Members at Large), a member of the
Editorial Boards Committee, a member of the Board of Trustees, the President, the
Publisher and 4-6 at large members. The Secretary, Executive Director and Publisher are
all ex officio members. The Secretary and Publisher are voting members of CPub. Only the
Executive Director is a non-voting member.
- Term is three years

Principal Activities

The primary responsibility of the Committee on Publications (CPub) is to keep itself informed on
matters of scholarly publishing and the AMS publishing program, including books, research
journals, and member publications (Bulletin, Notices, and Abstracts). The main focus should be on
matters of policy. When appropriate, the committee should recommend to Council changes in
policy or other actions that might support and improve the AMS publication program and
scholarly publishing more generally. Since policy recommendations formulated by CPub may
require commitments of staff and other resources, CPub shall also recommend priorities for
actions to the Council and the Board of Trustees.

CPub also has the responsibility for high-level oversight of the Society's publications and will
review all aspects of the publication program on a continuing basis, reporting its findings to the
Council along with possible recommendations. The committee will conduct detailed periodic
reviews of certain activities in a four year cycle, as follows:

[Year 1:] Primary journals (JAMS, PAMS, TAMS, Math of Comp)
[Year 2:] All other journals
[Year 3:] AMS book program
[Year 4:] Member Journals (Bulletin, Notices, Abstracts)

The primary responsibility for Mathematical Reviews (MR) remains with the MR Editorial
Committee. In the course of its work, however, CPub may occasionally find it expedient to
consider matters that involve MR in a secondary way. In particular, the Committee should keep
itself informed about the interplay of Mathematical Reviews and the rest of the Society's
publications.

CPub should keep its attention fixed on long term policy questions, and the committee as a whole
should not allow itself to be diverted from this goal by getting involved with day to day
operational details of the Society's publication program.
**Miscellaneous Information**

The Committee does its work by mail, electronic mail, telephone and usually one face-to-face meeting a year.

Members are reimbursed for travel and incidental expenses that are not covered from some other source for attending these meetings. Normal expenses such as telephone and postage are also reimbursed by the Society. This committee has been designated at **LEVEL P**.

**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**

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**Past Members**

A list of current and past members is available here: