

David P. Robbins Prize Committee

General Description

- Committee is standing
- Number of members is five
- Term is 3 years

Principal Activities

The committee selects the awardee. It should submit its semifinal short list to the Secretary by October 1 of the year prior to the award, for comment by the Executive Committee, based on which the committee then makes the final choice.

The amount of the prize is \$5,000 contingent upon receipt and acceptance of the Board of Trustees of the required endowment funds. The prize is awarded every three years for a paper with the following characteristics:

1. The paper selected shall report on novel research in algebra, combinatorics or discrete mathematics and shall have a significant experimental component.
2. It shall be on a topic which is broadly accessible and shall provide a simple statement of the problem and clear exposition of the work. Papers published within the six calendar years preceding the year in which the prize is awarded are eligible for consideration. The selection committee should include at least one member whose career is primarily in industry or government.

Other Activities

Miscellaneous Information

The business of this committee can be done by mail, electronic mail, or telephone, expenses which may be reimbursed by the Society.

Note to the Chair

Committee chairs should be informed, at the beginning of each fiscal period, the budget of their committees and cautioned to remain within the budget. Such items as travel reimbursement to, accommodations for, 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

Standing committee appr. Council (May 2005 ECBT, Item 2E.5); est. Council 1/05; *updated 8/09*

Past Members

A list of current and past members is available here:

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

Winners

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

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