

1997 AMS Election

Nominations by Petition

Vice-President or Member-at-Large

One position of vice-president and member of the Council *ex officio* for a term of three years is to be filled in the election of 1997. The Council intends to nominate at least two candidates, among whom may be candidates nominated by petition as described in the rules and procedures.

Five positions of member-at-large of the Council for a term of three years are to be filled in the same election. The Council intends to nominate at least ten candidates, among whom may be candidates nominated by petition in the manner described in the rules and procedures.

Petitions are presented to the Council, which, according to Section 2 of Article VII of the bylaws, makes the nominations. The Council of 23 January 1979 stated the intent of the Council of nominating all persons on whose behalf there were valid petitions.

Prior to presentation to the Council, petitions in support of a candidate for the position of vice-president or of member-at-large of the Council must have at least fifty valid signatures and must conform to several rules and operational considerations, which are described below.

Editorial Boards Committee

Two places on the Editorial Boards Committee will be filled by election. There will be four continuing members of the Editorial Boards Committee.

The President will name at least four candidates for these two places, among whom may be candidates nominated by petition in the manner described in the rules and procedures.

The candidate's assent and petitions bearing at least 100 valid signatures are required for a name to be placed on the ballot. In addition, several other rules and operational considerations, described below, should be followed.

Nominating Committee

Three places on the Nominating Committee will be filled by election. There will be six continuing members of the Nominating Committee.

The President will name at least six candidates for these three places, among whom may be candidates nominated by petition in the manner described in the rules and procedures.

The candidate's assent and petitions bearing at least 100 valid signatures are required for a name to be placed on the ballot. In addition, several other rules and operational considerations, described below, should be followed.

Rules and Procedures

Use separate copies of the form for each candidate for vice-president, member-at-large, or member of the Nominating and Editorial Boards Committees.

1. To be considered, petitions must be addressed to Robert M. Fossum, Secretary, P.O. Box 6248, Providence, Rhode Island 02940, and must arrive by 28 February 1997.
2. The name of the candidate must be given as it appears in the *Combined Membership List* (CML). If the name does not appear in the list, as in the case of a new member or by error, it must be as it appears in the mailing lists, for example on the mailing label of the *Notices*. If the name does not identify the candidate uniquely, append the member code, which may be obtained from the candidate's mailing label or the Providence office.
3. The petition for a single candidate may consist of several sheets each bearing the statement of the petition, including the name of the position, and signatures. The name of the candidate must be exactly the same on all sheets.
4. On the next page is a sample form for petitions. Copies may be obtained from the secretary; however, petitioners may make and use photocopies or reasonable facsimiles.
5. A signature is valid when it is clearly that of the member whose name and address is given in the left-hand column.
6. The signature may be in the style chosen by the signer. However, the printed name and address will be checked against the *Combined Membership List* and the mailing lists. No attempt will be made to match variants of names with the form of name in the CML. A name neither in the CML nor on the mailing lists is not that of a member. (Example: The name Robert M. Fossum is that of a member. The name R. Fossum appears not to be.)
7. When a petition meeting these various requirements appears, the secretary will ask the candidate to indicate willingness to be included on the ballot. Petitioners can facilitate the procedure by accompanying the petitions with a signed statement from the candidate giving consent.

Nomination Petition for 1997 Election

The undersigned members of the American Mathematical Society propose the name of

as a candidate for the position of (check one):

- Vice President**
- Member-at-Large of the Council**
- Member of the Nominating Committee**
- Member of the Editorial Boards Committee**

of the American Mathematical Society for a term beginning 1 February, 1998.

Name and address (printed or typed)	_____ Signature
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