Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

The Council has approved two amendments to the bylaws for ratification by the membership in the election this fall (October 1998). These amendments will be printed in the election material that will be sent with the ballot to all members of the Society in September 1998. The full text of the bylaws of the Society appears in the November issue of the Notices in odd-numbered years. The amendments approved in the November election are not reflected in the printed version of the bylaws.

The ballot will require two votes, since there are two substantially different items.

Amendment Concerning the American Journal of Mathematics

Amendment I: When the Society and Johns Hopkins University terminated the agreement under which the Society co-sponsored the American Journal of Mathematics, some remnants of the agreement remained in the bylaws. The amendments proposed below are “house cleaning” in that they remove references to the American Journal from the bylaws. The relevant article is Article XI. In what follows, text in [brackets] denotes text that is to be deleted from the bylaw. Text in **bold italic** is text that is to be added to the bylaw (there is none in Amendment I).

Article XI. Publications

Section 1. The Society shall publish an official organ called the Bulletin of the American Mathematical Society. It shall publish four journals, known as the Journal of the American Mathematical Society, the Transactions of the American Mathematical Society, the Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society, and Mathematics of Computation. It shall publish a series of mathematical papers known as the Memoirs of the American Mathematical Society. The object of the Journal, Transactions, Proceedings, Memoirs, and Mathematics of Computation is to make known important mathematical researches. It shall publish a periodical called Mathematical Reviews, containing abstracts or reviews of current mathematical literature. It shall publish a series of volumes called Colloquium Publications which shall embody in book form new mathematical developments. It shall publish a series of monographs called Mathematical Surveys and Monographs which shall furnish expositions of the principal methods and results of particular fields of mathematical research. [It shall cooperate in the conduct of the American Journal of Mathematics.] It shall publish a news periodical known as the Notices of the American Mathematical Society, containing programs of meetings, items of news of particular interest to mathematicians, and such other materials as the Council may direct.

Section 2. The editorial management of the publications of the Society listed in Section 1 of this article, with the exception of the Notices, [and the participation of the Society in the editorial management of the American Journal of Mathematics] shall be in the charge of the respective editorial committees as provided in Article III, Section 1. The editorial management of the Notices shall be in the hands of a committee chosen in a manner established by the Council.

Amendment Concerning the Titles of Officers

Amendment II: Names of officers in the current bylaws are hyphenated, for example: vice-president, member-at-large, and president-elect. Accepted usage is: vice president, member at large, and president elect. The amendment below changes the current usage to the accepted usage and is editorial in nature except that the name of the officer
who has just served as president is changed from ex-president to immediate past president.

In the changes below, the current wording is indicated in [brackets], and the changes proposed are indicated 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-presidents] **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 **immediate past president**. 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.