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2002 Election of Officers

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2002 AMS Elections Special Section

Dear Colleagues:

Once again members of the Society are invited to vote for candidates who are standing for election to several of the Society's governing bodies. These candidates are presented in the material that follows. This information and the official ballot will be sent to you in early September. The choices you will make in these elections directly affect the direction that the Society takes. This may not be obvious to the casual member, so let me take a few lines to explain.

The vice president and the members at large of the Council you select will serve for three years on the AMS Council. That body determines all scientific policy of the Society, oversees committees and creates/discharges them, determines membership on the Society's editorial boards, appoints the treasurers and the members of the Secretariat, and makes nominations of candidates for future elections. Typically each of these new members of the Council will serve on at least one of the Society's policy committees.

The trustees, of whom you will be selecting one for a five-year term, have complete fiduciary responsibility for the Society. The person you select will serve as chair of the Board of Trustees during the fourth year of the term and as secretary of the board during the second year. Among other activities the trustees determine the annual budget of the Society, prices of journals, salaries of employees, dues (in cooperation with the Council), meeting registration fees, and investment policy for the Society's reserves.

The candidates presented to you were suggested to the Council by the Nominating Committee or by petition from members. While the Council has the final nominating responsibility, the groundwork is done by the Nominating Committee. New members of this committee will be elected by you in this coming election. The candidates were nominated by the current president, Hyman Bass. The three elected will serve three-year terms. The main work of the Nominating Committee takes place during the annual meeting of the Society, during which it has four sessions of face-to-face meetings, each lasting several hours. The Committee then reports its suggestions to the Council, which makes the final nominations.

The Editorial Boards Committee is responsible for the operation of the editorial boards of the Society. Members are elected for three-year terms from a list of candidates named by the president. The Editorial Boards Committee makes recommendations for almost all editorial boards of

the Society. Chief, or managing, editors of those journals named in the bylaws are appointed by the Council, upon recommendation of the Editorial Boards Committee; in virtually all other cases, editors are appointed by the president, upon recommendation by the Editorial Boards Committee.

If past elections are a reliable measure, about 12 percent of you will vote in this election, which is in line with voting participation in other professional organizations. This is not mentioned as an encouragement for you to throw the ballot in the trash; instead, the other officers and members of the Council join me in urging you to take a few minutes to review the election material, fill out your ballot, and mail it. The Society belongs to its members. You can influence the policy and direction it takes by voting.

Let me urge anyone still reading to consider other ways of participating in Society activities. The Nominating Committee, the Editorial Boards Committee, and the Committee on Committees are always interested in learning of members who are willing to serve the Society in various capacities. Names are always welcome, particularly when accompanied by a few words detailing the person's background and interests. Self-nominations are probably the most useful. Recommendations can be transmitted from the web (<http://www.ams.org/committee-nominate>, also linked from the AMS home page via the secretary's page) or sent directly to the secretary (secretary@ams.org), who will forward them to the cognizant body.

PLEASE VOTE.

—Robert J. Daverman
Secretary

Election Information

The ballot for election of officers, members of the Council, a trustee, and committee members will be mailed on or shortly after September 9, 2002, in order for members to receive their ballots well in advance of the November 9, 2002, deadline. A list of members of the Council and Board of Trustees serving terms during 2002 will appear in the "AMS Officers and Committee Members" section of the October issue of the *Notices* (and will be mailed with the election material sent to all members in September).

List of Candidates-2002 Election

Vice President

(one to be elected)

M. Salah Baouendi
Barbara L. Osofsky
Karen Vogtmann

Board of Trustees

(one to be elected)

Carl Pomerance
Jean E. Taylor

Member at Large of the Council

(five to be elected)

Karen M. Brucks
Carlos Castillo-Chávez
Susan M. Hermiller
Henry B. Laufer
Brian H. Marcus
John E. McCarthy
David W. McLaughlin
Yair N. Minsky
Paul J. Sally Jr.
Paul Zorn

Nominating Committee for 2003

(three to be elected)

Francis Bonahon
David M. Bressoud
Constantine M. Dafermos
Nathaniel Dean
Richard M. Hain
Krystyna M. Kuperberg

Editorial Boards Committee for 2003

(two to be elected)

Richard A. Brualdi
Cristian E. Gutiérrez
Svetlana R. Katok
Leonard L. Scott Jr.

Replacement Ballots

There has been a small but recurring and distressing problem concerning members who state that they have not received ballots in the annual election. It occurs for several reasons, including failure of local delivery systems on university or corporate properties, failure of members to give timely notice of changes of address to the Providence office, failures of postal services, and other human errors.

To help alleviate this problem, the following replacement procedure has been devised: A member who has not received a ballot by October 9, 2002, or who has received a ballot but has accidentally spoiled it may write after that date to the Secretary of the AMS, 201 Charles St., Providence, RI 02904, asking for a second ballot. The request should include the individual's member code and the address to which the replacement ballot should be sent. Immediately upon receipt of the request in the Providence office, a second ballot, which will be indistinguishable from the original, will be sent by first class or airmail. It must be returned in an envelope which will be supplied, on the outside of which is the following statement to be signed by the member:

The ballot in this envelope is the only ballot that I am submitting in this election. I understand that if this statement is not correct, then no ballot of mine will be counted.

signature

Although a second ballot will be supplied on request and will be sent by first class or airmail, the deadline for receipt of ballots will not be extended to accommodate these special cases.

Suggestions for 2003 Nominations

Each year the members of the Society are given the opportunity to propose for nomination the names of those individuals they deem both qualified and responsive to their views and needs as part of the mathematical community. Candidates will be nominated by the Council to fill positions on the Council and Board of Trustees to replace those whose terms expire January 31, 2003. See the "AMS Officers and Committee Members" section of the October issue for the list of current members of the Council and Board of Trustees. Members are requested to write their suggestions for such candidates in the appropriate spaces below.

COUNCIL AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vice President (1)

Members at Large of the Council (5)

Member of the Board of Trustees (1)

The completed form should be addressed to AMS Nominating Committee, 201 Charles St., Providence, RI 02904, to arrive no later than **November 9, 2002**.