

SPECIAL SECTION



2009 American Mathematical Society Election

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List of Candidates–2009 Election

President

(one to be elected)

Eric M. Friedlander
Wilfried Schmid

Vice President

(one to be elected)

Sylvain Cappell
Peter Li

Board of Trustees

(one to be elected)

Mark L. Green
Robion Kirby

**Member at Large
of the Council**

(five to be elected)

Alejandro Adem
James H. Curry
Richard Hain
Evans M. Harrell
Alexander R. Its
Venkatramani Lakshmibai
Jennifer Schultens
Janet Talvacchia
Christoph Thiele
Maciej Zworski

Nominating Committee

(three to be elected)

William Beckner
Richard T. Durrett
Dorian Goldfeld
Brian Marcus
Carla D. Savage
Julius L. Shaneson

Editorial Boards Committee

(two to be elected)

Diego Ernesto Dominici
Anatoly Libgober
Simon Tavener
Pham Huu Tiep

Ballots

AMS members will receive email with instructions for voting online by August 24, or a paper ballot by September 20. If you do not receive this information by that date, please contact the AMS (preferably before October 1) to request a ballot. Send email to ballot@ams.org or call the AMS at 800-321-4267 (within the U.S. or Canada) or 401-455-4000 (worldwide) and ask to speak with Member Services. The deadline for receipt of ballots is November 6, 2009.

Write-in Votes

It is suggested that names for write-in votes be given in exactly the form that the name occurs in the *Combined Membership List* (www.ams.org/cm1). Otherwise the identity of the individual for whom the vote is cast may be in doubt and the vote may not be properly credited.

Replacement Ballots

For a paper ballot, the following replacement procedure has been devised: A member who has not received a ballot by September 20, 2009, or who has received a ballot but has accidentally spoiled it, may write to ballot@ams.org or Secretary of the AMS, 201 Charles Street, Providence, RI 02904-2294, USA, 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. Although a second ballot will be supplied on request and will be sent

by first class or airmail, the deadline for receipt of ballots cannot be extended to accommodate these special cases.

Biographies of Candidates

The next several pages contain biographical information about all candidates. All candidates were given the opportunity to provide a statement of not more than 200 words to appear at the end of their biographical information.

Description of Offices

The **president** of the Society serves one year as president elect, two years as president, and one year as immediate past president. The president strongly influences, either directly or indirectly, most of the scientific policies of the Society. A direct effect comes through the president's personal interactions with both members of the Society and with outside organizations. In addition, the president sits as member of all five policy committees, (Education, Meetings and Conferences, Profession, Publications, and Science Policy) is the chair of the Council's Executive Committee, and serves ex officio as a trustee. Indirect influence occurs as the president appoints chairs and members of almost all committees of the Society, including the policy committees. The president works closely with all officers and administrators of the Society, especially the executive director and the secretary. Finally, the president nominates candidates for the Nominating Committee and the Editorial Boards Committee. Consequently, the president also has a long-term effect on Society affairs.

The **vice president** and the **members at large of the AMS Council** serve for three years on the Council. That body determines all scientific policy of the Society, creates and oversees numerous committees, appoints the treasurers and members of the Secretariat, makes nominations of candidates for future elections, and determines the chief editors of several key editorial boards. Typically, each of these new members of the Council also will serve on one of the Society's five policy committees.

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

The candidates for vice president, members at large, and trustee were suggested to the Council either by the Nominating Committee or by petition from members. While the Council has the final nominating responsibility, the groundwork is laid by the **Nominating Committee**. The candidates for election to the Nominating Committee were nominated by the current president, George E. Andrews. 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 about three hours. The Committee then reports its suggestions to the spring Council, which makes the final nominations.

The **Editorial Boards Committee** is responsible for the staffing 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. Managing editors of *Journal of the AMS*, *Mathematics of Computation*, *Proceedings of the AMS*, and *Transactions of the AMS*; and Chairs of the *Collquium*, *Mathematical Surveys and Monographs*, and *Mathematical Reviews* editorial committees are officially appointed by the Council upon recommendation by the Editorial Boards Committee. In virtually all other cases, the editors are appointed by the president, again upon recommendation by the Editorial Boards Committee.

Elections to the **Nominating Committee** and the **Editorial Boards Committee** are conducted by the method of approval voting. In the approval voting method, you can vote for as many or as few of the candidates as you wish. The candidates with the greatest number of the votes win the election.

A Note from AMS Secretary Robert J. Daverman

The choices you make in these elections directly affect the direction the Society takes. If the past election serves as a reliable measure, about 13 percent of you will vote in the coming election, which is comparable with voter participation in other professional organizations which allow an online voting option. This is not mentioned as encouragement for you to throw the ballot in the trash; instead, the other officers and Council members join me in urging you to take a few minutes to review the election material, fill out your ballot, and submit it. The Society belongs to its members. You can influence the policy and direction it takes by voting.

Also, let me urge you 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 through an online form (www.ams.org/committee-nominate) or sent directly to the secretary (secretary@ams.org) or Office of the Secretary, American Mathematical Society, Department of Mathematics, 302C Aconda Court, University of Tennessee, 1534 Cumberland Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37996-0612.

PLEASE VOTE.