

Collected Works Editorial Committee

General Description

- Committee is standing
- Number of members is three
- Term is four years

Principal Activities

The Committee is responsible for the selection of collected or selected works of eminent mathematicians for publication. Selection is not limited to the works of those who have died. The Committee is encouraged to be active in soliciting collections and in identifying appropriate editors for these collections for publication.

The principal function of a book editorial committee is to decide the appropriateness of proposed book projects for publication. Because the AMS is competing vigorously with other mathematics publishers, it is extremely important that the committee make its decision in a timely manner, usually within weeks and always within two months' time.

A committee will often seek the advice of one or more outside experts in order to facilitate its decision process, but this is not always necessary. The AMS Acquisitions Staff is available to help the committee in any possible way, including communication with outside experts suggested by the committee.

Although most proposals will come to a committee from an AMS Acquisitions Editor, the Editorial Committee itself may solicit proposals.

Publishing the collected works (or selecta) of an eminent scholar honors that individual, while at the same time making that person's work conveniently available in printed form. Publications in the series will often include expository articles. These are articles that explain the major ideas and themes and place them in historical and/or current mathematical perspective making these ideas and papers and their significance available to a wider audience. In this sense, a collected/selected works constitutes a prize, but a prize that has value to the community at large in addition to the honoree - a prize that may last for centuries rather than just for a few years.

Other Activities

Miscellaneous Information

The chair will be appointed by the President, upon nomination by the Editorial Boards Committee. The business of this committee, such as postage and telephone charges, may be reimbursed by the Society. Travel reimbursement for this committee has been designated at **LEVEL B**.

Note to the Chair

Work done by committees with recurring agenda items 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 records of work should be kept and submitted annually to the Secretary for archival purposes. Confidential material should be noted, so that it can be handled in a confidential manner.

Authorization

ECBT, 5/89, item, 6.2; Coun. 8/89, item 4.7.1; Coun.1/05, item 4.7.2

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14 January 2020 Council Minutes, Item 4.5.1: Final paragraph undated to include expository articles and selected works.

Past Members:

A list of current and past members is available here:

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