

## **Joseph L. Doob Prize Committee** (Formerly AMS Book Prize)

### **General Description**

- Committee is standing
- Number of members is five
- Term is six years (two prize cycles)

### **Principal Activities**

To recognize a single, relatively recent, outstanding research book that makes a seminal contribution to the research literature, reflects the highest standards of research exposition, and promises to have a deep and a long-term impact in its area.

### **Other Activities**

Nomination process: Books may be nominated by members of the Society, by members of the selection committee, by members of AMS editorial committees, or by publishers. Publishers may nominate at most three books for each competition. For each nominated book, the nominator must provide a letter of nomination that articulates the ways in which the book satisfies the stated purpose of this prize. This letter should not exceed two pages. Publishers must provide a single copy of the book.

Nominations are due by June 30 of the year preceding the annual meeting at which the prize is awarded to the author(s).

Selection Process: The selection committee shall consist of five members appointed for terms of approximately six years (= two prize cycles). The committee should be broadly constituted, drawn from the full diversity of contemporary mathematical activity. The committee members should be open to books which have relevance to multiple fields or to other disciplines.

The committee would make its selection known to the Secretary by October 1.

### **Miscellaneous Information**

Prize amount: \$5000, to be awarded every three years.

Eligibility: Must have been published within the six (calendar) years preceding the year in which it is nominated.

The prize (originally called the Book Prize) was endowed in 2005 by Paul and Virginia Halmos and renamed in honor of Joseph L. Doob.

### ***Note to the Chair***

Committee chairs should be informed, at the beginning of each fiscal period, of the budget of their committees and cautioned to remain within the budget. Such items as travel reimbursement, accommodations, and meals for guests of any kind fall within these budgets.

Work done by committees on recurring problems 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 a copy of every sheet of paper should be deposited (say once a year) in this central file. Confidential material should be noted, so that it can be handled in a confidential manner.

**Authorization**

Council meeting, January 14, 2003. *rev. 6/05; 8/09; 7/13 changed nomination deadline, updated members and Note to the Chair*

**Past Members**

A list of current and past members is available at:

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

**Awardees**

<http://www.ams.org/profession/prizes-awards/pabrowse?purl=doob-prize>

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