

AMS-MAA-SIAM Joint Committee on Employment Opportunities

General Description

- Committee is joint and standing
- Number of members is nine
- Term is three years

Principal Activities

The Committee provides advice and feedback to the AMS about the operation and policies of the Employment Center (EC) and the journal, *Employment Information in the Mathematical Sciences* (EIMS). The EC schedules interviews and provides a venue for additional contact between prospective employers and employees at the Joint Mathematics Meetings of the AMS and MAA. The EIMS lists open positions and is available in both print format and electronically at the AMS website (www.ams.org/eims).

The Committee may also comment on and suggest new ideas for supplementary services, such as advising job applicants on resume writing and interviewing skills.

Miscellaneous Information

The Committee selects its own chair, usually for a two-year term.

The administrative work of the Employment Register is handled by the Professional Programs and Services Department of the Providence office of the Society, while the editorial and clerical work of EIMS is done through the Electronic Prepress Department.

Job Description [per DMM (7/98)]

1. Attend the meeting of the JCEO at the Joint Mathematics Meeting in January.
2. Employment Register (ER) oversight: The Employment Register, held for three days during the joint meeting, links prospective employers and employees.
 - a. Chairman of the JCEO leads the short orientation session.
 - b. Committee members are asked to attend the orientation if possible.
 - c. During the operation of the Employment Register, members are requested to be present periodically to observe the operations and bring their comments to the meeting.
 - d. Annually review and make recommendations on the fee structure of the Employment Register.
3. "Employment Information in the Mathematical Sciences" (EIMS) oversight:
 - a. JCEO members have traditionally suggested or written suitable articles for the frontmatter of this publication.
 - b. JCEO members receive a complimentary subscription to EIMS and are asked to bring their comments and suggestions to the meeting.
 - c. Members annually review and make recommendations on the listing/subscription fee structure.
4. General: Committee members consider matters pertaining to current employment opportunities for mathematicians, and future directions of employment opportunities, and keep the members of the three societies informed as follows:
 - a. Each society's representatives are responsible for liaison with their respective society Secretary and/or other appropriate bodies, and for reporting back annually in accordance with each society's procedures.
 - b. The Chair submits a short annual report, by December 1, to the governing bodies of

- the three societies, summarizing the activities and concerns of the JCEO during his/her chairmanship.
- c. Communication of JCEO concerns and activities to the membership at large, via appropriate vehicles (NOTICES OF THE AMS, MAA FOCUS, SIAM NEWS), and communication with other committees of the societies.
 5. Pamphlets: Committee members write, and periodically update, *Career*, published by the AMS.
 6. Membership: Committee members make recommendations to the three Societies of potential new members.
 7. Support: Committee support is provided by AMS staff (J.W. Maxwell's office) for agenda, minutes, and communication.
 8. Travel support policy for members: AMS Agenda and Budget Committee approved support for AMS representatives at the same level as members of the Council. An explanation of travel expense reimbursement of volunteers for this committee is attached. This committee has been designated at **LEVEL B**. MAA representatives do not receive travel support.

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

Joint operation with MAA was approved by the Council on 1 September 1953, p. 594. A Committee report was presented to the Council of 29 December, 1953, pp. 602-703 and attachment. The joint AMS-MAA Committee was authorized by the Council on 31 August 1954. Participation of SIAM was approved by the Council of 15 April, 1955, p. 663.

The journal EIMS has evolved from earlier publications. The initial one was the *Mathematical Sciences Employment Register* of January 1970, which served some of the purposes now handled through the face-to-face register at the Annual Meeting. EIM was introduced in the Council of 31 March 1972 and was approved in principle by the Council of 9 August 1972. See also ECBT minutes of 13-14 June 1972, item 20.

updated 4/12/90; 10/31/90; 8/24/94; 5/04/95; 7/27/98; 3/22/99, 1/4/07; 10/13 Note to Chair, membership; 12/15 Removed MAA travel support

Past Members

A list of current and past members is available here:

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