

AMS Library Committee

General Description

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

Principal Activities

The Library Committee considers the use by mathematicians of all the various resources found in mathematics libraries in Canada and the United States. It periodically collects and maintains authoritative data on those libraries, and it provides advice about the questions to be addressed when library surveys are conducted. It studies and articulates the needs and concerns of mathematicians about their use of both print and electronic information. It monitors problems in libraries and fosters dialog between mathematicians and librarians on issues concerning the dissemination and preservation of research. It supports librarians in their efforts to build and maintain better mathematics libraries and to provide ready access to information.

Other Activities

Miscellaneous Information

Traditionally membership on this committee has been split between librarians and mathematicians and has been run by co-chairs. It is expected that work can be accomplished by regular mail, electronic mail, and telephone. The committee will meet once a year at the annual meeting. This Committee has been designated as LEVEL B.

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

Amended 8/93 Council minutes, item 2.2.;1/09 Council minutes, item 4.7.3.

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Past Members

A list of current and past members is available here:

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