

AMS Sectional Meetings Travel Grants Committee

General Description

- Committee is standing
- Number of members is three, appointed by the President.
- Term is three years

After processing applications from graduate students, the committee selects awardees of travel grants to AMS Sectional Meetings.

Principal Activities

To obtain an award of \$250, students are urged but not required to get their home departments to supply matching funds. Applicants supply a short statement and a brief amount of information, and this selection committee then will decide whom to fund. The committee's work does not entail any travel; it will be done by email and, if necessary, conference call. Essentially all the committee effort will occur annually in two short bursts, during February and November.

Other Activities

Miscellaneous Information

Out of an interest in encouraging mathematics students to become involved in the discipline, an anonymous donor has been giving \$25,000 per year to support travel of graduate students to the January Joint Mathematics Meetings. Upon learning that the AMS believes graduate student also can gain a great deal from attending certain Sectional Meetings, he promptly pledged \$50,000 toward support of their travel for the eight spring and fall AMS Sectional Meetings. We expect his support to continue.

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

04/2011 Council Minutes, Item 3.1

Committee was established and charge was approved

Past Members

A list of current and past members is available here:

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

AMS Website

<http://www.ams.org/programs/travel-grants/grad-students/emp-student-JMM>