Prize Oversight Committee

General Description

- Six at large members, appointed by the President, three-year terms.
- Three ex-officio members: Executive Director (non-voting), President and Secretary.
- President appoints the Chair.
- Executive Director to assign staff support (to ensure committee can be effective).

Principal Activities

This committee is charged with oversight of prizes, awards, and fellowships. The responsibility for individual prize creation and maintenance issues will remain with the Committee on the Profession (CoProf).

The inaugural charge of this committee shall be to:

- Develop and implement an approach to recruit larger, more diverse pools of nominees. Further, develop data-driven processes to measure success of these efforts.
- Review the Prizes, Awards, Fellowships and Fellows program periodically. In particular, take over from CoProf the responsibility to regularly review, every 3-5 years, the frequency, number and minimal value of existing prizes and awards, and make recommendations for changes or the introduction of new prizes or awards. In addition, undertake a review of the Fellows Program after its initial ten years and periodically thereafter. (All of this was formerly in the purview of CoProf).
- Review and update prize nomination guidelines. Create and recommend templates and forms in order to uniformize and encourage nominations.
- Work with the Development Committee to identify priorities for the establishment of new prizes and awards.
- Recommend policies and procedures for the revocation of an award or fellowship, consistent with best practices of other societies and academic institutions.
- Consider other prize/award-related issues referred to it by Council or CoProf.

Miscellaneous Information

The Committee does its work by email and virtual meetings.

Note to the Chair
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 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 and Updates

April 06, 2019 Council Minutes, Item 5.1, Council created the committee and approved this charge.

April 2, 2022-Charge updated to indicate that the work of the committee will be done remotely.

Past Members

A list of current and past members is available here: