

American Mathematical Society

Council Minutes

13 April 2002

Chicago, Illinois

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Abstract

The Council of the Society met at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, 13 April 2002, in Room 2029 of the O'Hare Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. These are the minutes of the meeting. Although several items were treated in Executive Session, all actions taken are reported in these minutes.

I. MINUTES

1. Call to Order

1.1. Opening of the Meeting and Introductions

The meeting began promptly at 2:30 p.m. In the absence of AMS President Hyman Bass, President Elect David Eisenbud presided. The members present were Colin C. Adams, Patricia Bauman, William Beckner, Walter L. Craig, Robert J. Daverman, Keith J. Devlin, David Eisenbud, Irene Fonseca, John M. Franks, Susan Friedlander, Irene M. Gamba, Henri A. Gillet, Martin Golubitsky, David R. Morrison, Alexander Nagel, Louise A. Raphael, Hugo Rossi, Chi-Wang Shu, B. A. Taylor and Karen Vogtmann. Among the other interested parties and guests present were John H. Ewing (AMS Executive Director), Sandy Golden (AMS), Linda Keen (Board of Trustees), John C. Meakin (Chair, AMS Committee on Professional Ethics), Sam Rankin (AMS Associate Executive Director) and Steven H. Weintraub (Chair, AMS Nominating Committee).

1.2. 2001 Elections

Newly elected or appointed members of the Council took office on 01 February 2002, and they are:

President Elect

David Eisenbud

Vice President

Hugo Rossi

Members at Large

Colin C. Adams
Sylvia T. Bozeman
Irene Gamba
Henry A. Gillet
David R. Morrison

In addition, effective 01 February 2002 Chi-Wang Shu and B. A. Taylor became representatives to the Council of the Mathematics of Computation Editorial Committee and Mathematical Reviews Editorial Committees, respectively.

A list of the current 2002 Council is attached ([Attachment A](#)).

2. Previous Minutes

2.1. Minutes of the January 2002 Council

The minutes of the January 2002 Council were approved as distributed, with one minor correction (“article” in place of “rticle” in 4.6.2)

2.2. Minutes of Business by Mail

The Council conducted business by mail, (1) electing to its Executive Committee **HUGO ROSSI** for a four-year term, 01 Feb 2002 - 31 Jan 2006, and **DAVID R MORRISON** for a three year term, 01 Feb 2002 - 31 Jan 2005, (2) electing **KEITH J. DEVLIN** as the Council representative to the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics for a two year term, 01 February 2002 -31 Jan 2004, and (3) electing **BERND STURMFELS** as Chief Editor of the *Journal of the American Mathematical Society* for a two year term, 01 Feb 2002 - 31 January 2004. Minutes of this Business by Mail, as given in **Attachment B**, were approved.

3. Consent Agenda

The items below were approved by consent. (Items which appear in the Consent Agenda at the meeting are considered approved unless brought to the floor for discussion, in which case they are treated in the usual manner, details of which appear in the relevant section of the minutes.)

3.1. Young Scholars Awards Committee

The beginning date of terms on the Young Scholars Awards Committee (YSAC) was changed from 01 February xxxx, the AMS standard starting date, to 01 July xxxx.

3.2. AMS-SIAM Committee to Select the Winner of the George David Birkhoff Prize

The committee charge was changed to indicate that the award is made every three years instead of every five years.

3.3. AMS-SIAM Committee to Select the Winner of the Wiener Prize

The committee charge was changed to indicate that the award is made every three years instead of every five years.

4. Reports of Boards and Standing Committees

4.1. Nominating Committee [Executive Session]

The AMS Nominating Committee recommended nominations of candidates to run in future elections. In the course of discussion of nominees for various offices, it was also moved to charge the Secretary to examine the history of nomination by petition, with an eye to shifting the deadline to an earlier date and possibly to recommend changes in the total number of nominees for each post. The motion carried.

4.1.1. President Elect:

The Council nominated **JAMES G. ARTHUR** (University of Toronto) and **DONALD G. SAARI** (University of California, Irvine) as candidates for the post of President Elect for a one year term beginning 01 February 2004. Unlike candidates for the other posts below, candidates for President Elect will run in the election of 2003. After serving as President Elect for one year, the winner of this election will serve as as President for two years and then as Immediate Past President for one year. Council also approved naming Robert P. Langlands (IAS) to write the nominating article in the Notices for Arthur and Eric M. Friedlander (Northwestern) to write the article for Saari.

4.1.2. Vice President:

The Council nominated **M. SALAH BAOUENDI** (University of California, San Diego), **BARBARA OSOFSKY** (Rutgers University) and **KAREN VOGTMANN** (Cornell University) as candidates for election to one post as Vice President for a term of three years, beginning 01 February 2003 and ending 31 January 2006. The Nominating Committee had recommended Baouendi and Vogtmann; Osofsky supplied petitions bearing the required number of signatures in support of her candidacy.

4.1.3. Members at Large of the Council:

The Council nominated **KAREN BRUCKS** (University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee), **CARLOS CASTILLO-CHAVEZ** (Cornell University), **SUSAN HERMILLER** (University of Nebraska), **HENRY B. LAUFER** (Renaissance Technology), **BRIAN MARCUS** (IBM), **JOHN E. MCCARTHY** (Washington University - St. Louis), **DAVID W. MCLAUGHLIN** (New York University - Courant), **YAIR N. MINSKY** (SUNY - Stony Brook), **PAUL J. SALLY, JR.** (University of Chicago), and **PAUL ZORN** (St. Olaf College) as candidates for election to the position of Member at Large of the Council (five to be elected). The term is three years, beginning 01 February 2003 and ending 31 January 2006.

4.1.4. Board of Trustees:

The Council nominated **CARL POMERANCE** (Lucent Technologies) and **JEAN E. TAYLOR** (Rutgers University) as candidates for election to one position as Trustee for a term of five years beginning 01 February 2003 and ending 31 January 2008.

4.2. Report from the AMS-MAA Joint Archives Committee

Upon request from the AMS-MAA Joint Archives Committee, in its annual report of 2001 (see Report Number 112001-030 in the AMS Committee Report Book), the Council charged the AMS-MAA Joint Archives Committee with recommending to the Council a realistic, economical, workable archiving policy for editorial committees and, if possible, for other AMS committees as well.

4.3. Report from the Young Scholars Award Committee

The annual report from the committee was filed with the Council. It can be found in the AMS Committee Report Book as Report Number 020301-001.

5. Old Business

5.1. AMS-ASA-AWM-IMS-MAA-NCTM-SIAM Joint Committee on Women in the Mathematical Sciences

Pursuant to a request from the Joint Committee on Women, the Council approved adding the words “for women” to the charge of this committee. With this addition the charge now reads:

To identify mechanisms for the enhancement of opportunities for women in the mathematical and statistical sciences, recommend actions to the governing bodies of the member societies in support of these opportunities, and document its recommendations by presenting data.

6. New Business

6.1. Appeal of an Action by the Committee on Professional Ethics [Executive Session]

In 2000 the AMS Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE) was presented with a matter involving alleged plagiarism. After substantial investigation, including discussions with the parties involved and with others, in September 2001 COPE took the stance that any further attempts for reconcile the dispute would be futile. COPE terminated its investigation, made no ruling and issued a report. One of the parties appealed COPE's action, citing new evidence.

John C. Meakin, chair of COPE, summarized COPE's activities for the Council. It was moved to deny the appeal, and the motion carried. Specific language to be used in the letter responding to the appellant was also moved; the latter motion failed.

6.2. Report of the Executive Director

The Executive Director, John H. Ewing, gave his annual report to the Council. That report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book as Report Number 020413-002.

6.3. Council Discussion

The Council had a lengthy discussion on the AMS role in graduate and postdoctoral mathematics education. The topic had been chosen decided at the January 2002 Council meeting, and background material, prepared at the AMS Providence office, was distributed prior to the meeting. No action was taken.

7. Announcements, Information and Record

7.1. Centennial Fellowships

The AMS Centennial Fellowship Committee has announced fellowship awards granted to Albert C. Fannjiang (University of California - Davis), Wee Teck Gan (Princeton University), and Ravi Kumar Ramakrishna (Cornell University). All have accepted. The amount of each 2002-2003 fellowship award will be \$55,000, with an additional expense allowance of \$1650.

There were 41 applicants for the awards whose dossiers the committee viewed as complete. Overall, there were between 50 and 60 applicants, depending on how incomplete dossiers were counted. By way of contrast, there were only 8 total applicants for the 2001 Centennial Fellowships Awards, which were governed by different criteria.

7.2. Council Subcommittee on an AMS Fellows Program

Patricia E. Bauman, Walter Craig, Irene Fonseca, Robert M. Guralnick, Sheldon H. Katz, Alexander Nagel, Jonathan M. Rosenberg and Ronald J. Stern have been appointed to the Council Subcommittee on an AMS Fellows Program and have agreed to serve. Jonathan Rosenberg will chair the committee. One additional appointment might be made.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

II. ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A. 2002 AMS GOVERNANCE

2002 COUNCIL

Officers

President	Hyman Bass	University of Michigan	2002
President Elect	David Eisenbud	MSRI/Univ. California, Berkeley	2002
Vice Presidents	Ingrid Daubechies	Princeton University	2003
	David Eisenbud	University of California, Berkeley	2002
	Hugo Rossi	University of Utah	2004
	Robert J. Daverman	University of Tennessee	2004
Secretary	Robert J. Daverman	University of Tennessee	2004
Associate Secretaries	John L. Bryant	Florida State University	2004
	Susan Friedlander	University of Illinois at Chicago	2003
	Michel L. Lapidus	University of California, Riverside	2003
	Lesley M. Sibner	Polytechnic Inst of NY	2004
Treasurer	John M. Franks	Northwestern University	2004
Associate Treasurer	B.A. Taylor	University of Michigan	2002

Representatives of Committees

Bulletin Editorial	Donald G. Saari, Chair	Univ. California, Irvine	2004
Colloquium Editorial	Susan Friedlander, Chair	Univ. Illinois at Chicago	2004
Executive Committee	Robert L. Bryant	Duke University.	2003
Executive Committee	Karen Vogtmann	Cornell University	2002
Journal of the AMS	Bernd Sturmfels, Chair	Univ. California, Berkeley	2003
Math Reviews Editorial	B. A. Taylor, Chair	University of Michigan	2004
Math Surveys & Monographs	Michael P. Loss, Chair	Georgia Inst. Technology	2002
Mathematics of Computation	Chi-Wang Shu, Chair	Brown University.	2004
Proceedings Editorial	Eric Bedford, Chair	Indiana University	2004
Transactions and Memoirs	William Beckner, Chair	University of Texas	2003

Members at Large

Colin C. Adams	Williams College	2004
Patricia Bauman	Purdue University	2002
Sylvia T. Bozeman	Spelman College	2004
Walter L. Craig	McMaster University	2003
Keith J. Devlin	Stanford University	2003
Irene Fonseca	Carnegie Mellon University	2003
William Fulton	University of Michigan	2002
Irene M. Gamba	University of Texas, Austin	2004
Henri A. Gillet	University of Illinois, Chicago	2004
Martin Golubitsky	University of Houston	2002
David R. Morrison	Duke University	2004
Alexander Nagel	University of Wisconsin	2003
Louise A. Raphael	Howard University	2003
Jonathan M. Rosenberg	University of Maryland	2002

Lisa Traynor	Bryn Mawr College	2002
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2002 AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Hyman Bass	University of Michigan	2003
Robert L. Bryant	Duke University	2003
Robert J. Daverman	University of Tennessee	2004
David Eisenbud	MSRI/Univ. California, Berkeley	2005
David R. Morrison	Duke University	2004
Hugo Rossi	University of Utah	2005
Karen Vogtmann	Cornell University	2002

2002 AMS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Roy Adler	IBM Watson Lab	2002
Hyman Bass	University of Michigan	2002
John B. Conway	University of Tennessee	2005
John M. Franks	Northwestern University	2002
Eric M. Friedlander	Northwestern University	2004
Linda Keen	CUNY	2003
B. A. Taylor	University of Michigan	2002
Carol S. Wood	Wesleyan University	2006

ATTACHMENT B

MINUTES OF BUSINESS BY MAIL

**AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
BUSINESS BY MAIL
March 18, 2002**

In a mail ballot dated February 15, 2002, there were 23 ballots cast by Colin C. Adams, Hyman Bass, Patricia Bauman, William Beckner, Eric Bedford, Sylvia T. Bozeman, Robert J. Daverman, Keith J. Devlin, David Eisenbud, Irene Fonseca, Susan Friedlander, William Fulton, Martin Golubitsky, Michel L. Lapidus, David R. Morrison, Alexander Nagel, Louise A. Raphael, Jonathan M. Rosenberg, Hugo Rossi, Donald G. Saari, Chi-Wang Shu, B.A. Taylor and Karen Vogtmann.

1. Election to the Executive Committee

In the election to the Executive Committee the result was

William Beckner	7
David Morrison	12
Alexander Nagel	8
Hugo Rossi	16

Accordingly, Rossi and Morrison are declared elected, effective immediately; Rossi's term will end when a replacement is determined in the election of February 2006; and Morrison's will end when a replacement is determined in the election of February 2005.

2. Election as Council Representative to the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics (JPBM)

In the election as the AMS Council Representative to the JPBM, the result was

Keith J. Devlin	16
Michel L. Lapidus	6

Accordingly, Devlin is declared elected, effective immediately, and ending when a replacement is determined in the election of February 2004

3. Election of the Chief Editor, Journal of the American Mathematical Society

In the election to appoint Bernd Sturmfels as Chief Editor of the Journal of the AMS, the result was

Approve	23
Disapprove	0

Accordingly, Sturmfels is declared appointment for a two-year term, 01 February 2002-31 January 2004.

Robert J. Daverman
Secretary
March 18, 2002