

# AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

## COUNCIL MINUTES

7:00 pm

College Park, Maryland

12 April 1997

### Abstract

The Council of the Society met at 7:00 PM on Saturday, April 12, 1997, in College Park, MD.

These are the minutes for the meeting. There were several items discussed in Executive Session, the most crucial of which are the nominations for the 1997 Election. Several items were added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

Those attending the meeting were Francis Bonahon, David Bressoud, Gail Carpenter, Robert Daverman, Clifford Earle, Robert Fossum, Susan Friedlander, Frederick Gardiner, James M. Hyman, Arthur Jaffe, Franklin Peterson, Marc Rieffel, Lesley Sibner, Cora Sadosky, Alice Silverberg, Joel Spencer, and Karen Vogtmann.

Guests attending were Chandler Davis (CMS Representative), John Ewing (ED), Eric Friedlander (Nominating Committee Chair), and Sam Rankin (AED).

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## Part I

# MINUTES

### 0 CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS.

#### 0.1 Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by President Jaffe.

#### 0.2 Introduction of New Council Members.

Newly elected or appointed members of the Council took office on 01 February 1997 and they are:

President:	Arthur M. Jaffe
Ex-President:	Cathleen S. Morawetz
Vice-President:	H. Blaine Lawson, Jr.
Members-at-Large:	Francis Bonahon Frederick Gardiner Gail Ratcliff Joel H. Spencer Karen Vogtmann

#### Representatives of Committees

Bulletin Editorial Committee:	David Eisenbud, Chair
Proceedings Editorial Committee:	Clifford Earle, Chair

A list of the current 1997 Council is attached in Attachment A.

## 1 MINUTES

### 1.1 January 97 Council Minutes.

The Minutes of the January 97 Council were distributed by mail. Several corrections were noted:

- It was noted that David Eisenbud attended the meeting as representative of the Bulletin Editorial Committee.
- Item 3.3.1 should read that SUSAN FRIEDLANDER and WILLIAM HARRIS were approved as Associate Secretaries.
- There was a typographical error noted in the last paragraph of the resolution: The sentence should begin: **that this ...**

The minutes were approved as corrected.

## **1.2 Minutes of Business By Mail**

The Council conducted business by mail on 15 February 1997. The minutes were approved as presented and are attached to these minutes for the record at Attachment B.

### **1.2.1 Election to the Executive Committee.**

The Council conducted an election for a member to serve on the Executive Committee (EC). John B. Conway, Member-at-large, was elected to a four year term on the EC. He will serve until a new member is elected, in February 2001, to replace him.

The Council also considered and approved, so as to speak in the name of the Society, a resolution on immigration that appears in the attached minutes.

## **2 REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES.**

### **2.1 Nominating Committee.**

The Nominating Committee submitted a report which has been filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1997, Report No. 970412-001. The content of the report was discussed by the Council and, no action being recommended, no action was taken. The report concerned contested elections for the positions of President-elect and Trustee.

#### **2.1.1 Contested elections for the President of the Society.**

The report recommended that the selection of the President-elect continue to be accomplished by means of a contested election.

#### **2.1.2 Contested elections involving an incumbent member of the Board of Trustees.**

The report requested more specific instructions concerning the topic from the Council for elections after 1997.

### **2.2 Nominating Committee [EXECUTIVE SESSION].**

The Nominating Committee recommended nominations of candidates for election in the 1997 election. These nominations were considered in Executive Session.

#### **2.2.1 PRESIDENT.**

The Nominating Committee recommended the nomination of FELIX BROWDER (Rutgers) and SRINIVASA VARADHAN (Courant) for election to a one year term as President-elect. Both agreed to run. The Council nominated both individuals.

To nominate Browder, the Committee recommended the appointment of Jerry Bona as nominator. To nominate Varadhan, the Committee recommended Dan Stroock as nominator.

#### **2.2.2 VICE PRESIDENT.**

The Nominating Committee recommended the nomination of JENNIFER CHAYES (Microsoft) and EFIM ZELMANOV (Yale) for election to a three year term as Vice-President. Both agreed to run. The Council nominated both individuals.

**2.2.3 MEMBER-AT-LARGE OF THE COUNCIL.**

The Nominating Committee recommended the nomination and the Council nominated

Name	Affiliation
EDWARD ABOUFADEL	Grand Valley State
ALEJANDRO ADEM	Wisconsin
ARA BASMAJIAN	Oklahoma
ROBERT BRYANT	Duke
JANE HAWKINS	North Carolina
LISA JEFFREY	IAS and McGill
KAREN PARSHALL	Virginia
MICHAEL STARBIRD	Texas
ABIGAIL THOMPSON	UC Davis
DEAN YANG	Polytechnic

for election to regular terms as Member-at-Large on the Council.

In addition, the Council received a "nomination" by petition for MARY BETH RUSKAI (Univ of Massachusetts). The Council nominated Ruskai as a candidate for election to the position of Member-at-large of the Council.

**2.2.4 TRUSTEE.**

The Nominating Committee recommended the nomination of ROY ADLER (IBM) and FREDERIC WAN (UC Irvine) for election to a five year term as trustee of the Society. Both agreed to run. The Council nominated both individuals.

**2.3 Executive Committee and Board of Trustees (ECBT).**

Neither the Executive Committee nor the Board of Trustees has met since the last meeting of the Council so there were no items for action.

**2.4 Committee on Publications (CPUB).**

The Committee on Publications did not have a proposal for consideration by the Council.

**2.5 Report from the Executive Director.**

The Executive Director, John H. Ewing, gave his annual report to the Council. This has been filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1997, Report No. 970412-002.

**2.6 Council Representative to the Canadian Mathematical Society.**

Sylvia Wiegand, the Council Representative to the Canadian Mathematical Society, submitted a report which has been filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1997, Report No. 970412-003.

### **2.7 Council Meetings.**

(This item was added to the agenda by consent of the Council.) Since the Society no longer meets regularly in the summer, the usual August Council meetings do not take place. The question arises as to whether the spring meeting should be called later in the Spring and how the Council would conduct important business between the spring meeting and the annual winter meeting. Discussion took place and the Council agreed to return to this matter at a later date.

## **3 ANNOUNCEMENTS, INFORMATION, AND RECORD.**

### **3.1 Report from the President**

President Jaffe circulated a report to the Council.

## **4 ADJOURNMENT.**

The Council adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Robert M. Fossum

Secretary

## Part II

# ATTACHMENTS

### A 1997 Council

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#### 1997 OFFICERS

President	Arthur M. Jaffe	Harvard University	1998	
Ex-President	Cathleen S. Morawetz	NYU-Courant	1997	
Vice Presidents	Michael Aschbacher	Caltech	1998	
	Gian-Carlo Rota	MIT	1997	
	H. Blaine Lawson	SUNY at Stony Brook	1999	
	Robert M. Fossum	University of Illinois	1998	
	Robert Daverman	University of Tennessee	1998	
Secretary	Susan Friedlander	University of Illinois at Chicago	1997	
Associate Secretaries	Lesley Sibner	Polytechnic Inst of NY	1998	
	William Harris	University of Southern California	1997	
	Treasurer	F.P. Peterson	MIT	1998
	Associate Treasurer	B.A. Taylor	University of Michigan	1998

#### Representatives of Committees

Bulletin Editorial Comm	David Eisenbud, Chair	Brandeis U	1997
Colloquium Editorial Comm	Susan Friedlander, Chair	U Illinois at Chicago	1997
Journal of the AMS	William Fulton, Chair	U Chicago	1997
Math Reviews Editorial Comm	Hugh Montgomery, Chair	U Michigan	1997
Math Surveys Editorial Comm	Tudor Ratiu, Chair	U California, Santa Cruz	1997
Mathematics of Computation Comm	Lars B Wahlbin, Chair	Cornell U	1997
Proceedings Editorial Comm	Clifford Earle, Chair	Cornell U	1997
Transactions and Memoirs Comm	Peter B. Shalen, Chair	U Illinois at Chicago	1997
Executive Committee	Steven Krantz	Washington U	1998
Executive Committee	Marc Rieffel	U Cal, Berkeley	1997

## Members at Large

Francis Bonahon	U Southern California	1999
David M. Bressoud	Macalester College	1998
Gail A. Carpenter	Boston University	1998
John B. Conway	University of Tennessee	1998
David B.A. Epstein	U Warwick, England	1997
Frederick P. Gardiner	Brooklyn College (CUNY)	1999
James M. Hyman	Los Alamos Nat'l Lab	1997
Krystyna Kuperberg	Auburn University	1998
Jerrold E. Marsden	U California, Berkeley	1997
Andrew Odlyzko	AT&T Bell Labs	1998
Gail D.L. Ratcliff	U Missouri at St Louis	1999
Cora Sadosky	Howard University	1997
Alice Silverberg	Ohio State University	1997
Joel H. Spencer	NYU-Courant Inst	1999
Karen Vogtmann	Cornell U	1999

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

John Conway	University of Tennessee	2000
Robert M. Fossum	University of Illinois	1998
Arthur M. Jaffe	Harvard University	1999
Steven Krantz	Washington U	1998
Cathleen S. Morawetz	NYU-Courant	1997
Andrew Odlyzko	AT&T Bell Labs	1999
Marc A. Rieffel	U Cal, Berkeley	1997

## TRUSTEES

Roy Adler	IBM Watson Lab	1997
Hyman Bass(chair)	Columbia U	1998
Michael G. Crandall	U California, Santa Barbara	2000
Arthur M. Jaffe	Harvard U	1998
Andy Roy Magid	U Oklahoma	2001
Donald E. McClure	Brown U	1999
F.P. Peterson	MIT	1998
B.A. Taylor	U Michigan	1998



## B Minutes of the Council Business by Mail.

### AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

#### COUNCIL

#### BUSINESS BY MAIL

15 March 1997

Robert M. Fossum  
Urbana, IL

#### Abstract

The Council conducted its annual election of a member to the Executive Committee. Members Michael Aschbacher, Francis Bonahon, David Bressoud, Gail Carpenter, John B. Conway, Clifford Earle, Robert M. Fossum, Susan Friedlander, William Fulton, Frederick P. Gardiner, William A. Harris, Steven Krantz, Krystyna Kuperberg, H. Blaine Lawson, Jerrold E. Marsden, Cathleen Morawetz, Andrew Odlyzko, F.P. Peterson, Tudor Ratiu, Marc Rieffel, Gian-Carlo Rota, Cora Sadosky, Peter Shalen, Alice Silverberg, Joel Spencer, B.A. Taylor, and Karen Vogtmann returned valid ballots.

### B.1 Election to the Executive Committee

An *ad hoc* nominating committee appointed by President Jaffe, consisting of Steve Krantz and Marc Rieffel, considered the replies to the inquiries concerning willingness to stand for election and suggestions for candidates from the members of the 1997 Council. It submitted the following report:

The committee nominates Council members JOHN B. CONWAY and KRYSTYNA KUPERBERG as candidates for election by the Council to the Executive Committee for a term of four years.

There were eight votes (8) for Krystyna Kuperberg and eighteen (18) votes for John B. Conway. There was one abstention. Therefore John B. Conway is declared the winner and is elected to a four year term as a member of the Council's Executive Committee. His term begins on 01 February and ends when a replacement is elected in March 2001.

### B.2 Immigration Policy Statement

There were twenty-five (25) votes in favor of the resolution, one (1) vote against it, and one (1) abstention. Therefore, the following resolution passed (so as to speak in the name of the Society).

#### Resolution

**WHEREAS** the American Mathematical Society recognizes the great value of international contacts to the mathematics of this country and the world and;

**WHEREAS** hospitality to foreign nationals has played a large and increasing role in making such contacts, and is fostered by all major universities;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the American Mathematical Society deplores the announced intent of the “Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996” to restrict visits by foreign nationals;

The Council directs the AMS President and AMS Staff to work with other professional societies and with US universities and colleges in an effort to change or challenge the provisions of Section 641 of this act.