

2020 Annual Report
AMS Committee on Meetings and Conferences (COMC)

The Committee on Meetings and Conferences (COMC) met on March 28, 2020 by videoconference and was chaired by Kelly McKinnie of the University of Montana (term February 1, 2020 – January 31, 2021).

COMC made several recommendations about the content and structure of the Joint Mathematics Meetings (JMM), starting in 2022. These recommendations, which were subsequently approved by the Council at its April 2020 meeting, include:

- Establishing an AMS Lecture on Education;
- Establishing two new standing committees to create and monitor the JMM program -- **the JMM Program Committee**, which will maintain an overview of the scientific/educational/professional portion of the meeting, and **the Committee for Special Sessions and Contributed Paper Sessions**, which will review, screen, and schedule all Special Sessions and Contributed Paper Sessions;
- Changing the name of the existing Program Committee for National Meetings to the Invited Address Committee for National Meetings;
- Inviting the National Association of Mathematicians (NAM) to make the Claytor-Woodard Invited Address a co-sponsored address, the NAM-AMS Claytor-Woodard Invited Address, with the details of an agreement with NAM to be negotiated by the AMS Executive Director.

COMC is sponsoring a Town Hall at JMM 2021 to publicize plans for JMM 2022 and beyond; it chose issues of inclusion and diversity at JMM surrounding #DisruptJMM as the topic for its next annual review; it reappointed members who will serve jointly with members of the Committee on Education to a subcommittee on holding AMS sectional meetings in localities with discriminatory laws.

The next COMC meeting will be held via videoconference on March 6, 2021.

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