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Abstract

The Council of the American Mathematical Society met at 2:10 pm on Tuesday, 07 January 1992, in the Constellation Room B of the Baltimore Hyatt Regency Hotel. Members present were Jonathan Alperin, Steve Armentrout, Michael Artin, Sheldon Axler, Salah Baouendi, Joan Birman, Lenore Blum, William Browder, Fan, R.K. Chung, Charles Clemens, Lawrence Corwin, David Cox, Chandler Davis, William Davis, Robert Fossum, John Franks, Walter Gautschi, Frank Gilfeather, Arthur Jaffe, Irwin Kra, Richard Palais, Franklin Peterson, Carl Pomerance, Mike Reed, Hugo Rossi, David Saltman, Lance Small, B.A. Taylor, Steve Weintraub, and Ruth Williams.

Also attending were Spud Bradley, Ruth Charney (new Council effect 2/92), Carl Cowen (new Council effect 2/92), Herbert Freedman (CMS representative), Gloria Gilmer (Committee Chair), Tim Goggins (AMS staff), Ronald Graham (new President-Elect effect 2/92), Deborah Haimo (President MAA), William Jaco (Executive Director), Gerald Janusz (Mathematical Reviews), Jane Kister (Mathematical Reviews), Elliott Lieb (new Council effect 2/92), Bernard Madison (NSF), James Maxwell, Everett Pitcher, Samuel Rankin, Ann Renauer (AMS staff), Paul Sally (Trustee), Alice Schaefer (Human Rights Chair), Jeremy Soldevilla (AMS staff), Lisa Thompson (JPBM), Sylvia Wiegand (Committee Chair), William Woolf (AMS staff), and Kelly Young (AMS staff).

President Artin presided.

(It should be noted that the minutes below follow the order of the agenda and not the chronological order in which the items fell during the meeting.)

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0 Call to Order and Introductions.

0.1 Call to Order.

0.2 Retiring Members.

The following members' terms on the Council expired on 31 January 1992:

Ex-President:	William Browder
Vice-President:	Dennis P. Sullivan
Members-at-Large:	Jonathan L. Alperin Fan R. K. Chung Lawrence J. Corwin Michael C. Reed William P. Thurston

Representatives of Committees

Raoul Bott	William J. Davis
Victor Guillemin	Arthur M. Jaffe ¹
Richard Palais	David Saltman

0.3 Introduction of Newly Elected Council Members.

In 1990 the Society changed the date when newly elected officers assume duties. Those individuals elected to the Council in 1991 will take office on 01 February 1992. The Secretary recommended that these newly elected members who were attending the meeting be granted privileges of the floor (but without voting privileges). Newly elected members are:

President-Elect:	Ronald L. Graham
Vice President:	Linda Keen
Members-at-Large:	Ruth Charney Carl C. Cowen, Jr. Rebecca Herb Elliott Lieb Gunther A. Uhlmann

The Council agreed to grant privileges of the floor to those newly elected members attending the meeting.

¹Jaffe will remain on the Council as a member of the Executive Committee. His term on the EC ends on 31 January 1995.

1 MINUTES

1.1 August 91 Council.

The Minutes of the August 91 Council were distributed by mail. The Minutes were approved as mailed.

At this point the Executive Director, William Jaco, made remarks on the Society's Operational Plan. President Artin commented on the activities of the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics Committee on Awards and the pilot Assessment of the Mathematical Sciences prepared for the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. (This pilot assessment appears in the February 1992 issue of the *NOTICES* of the American Mathematical Society.)

1.2 11/91 Executive Committee and Board of Trustees (ECBT) Meeting.

The ECBT met in Providence, RI, in November 1991. The minutes from this meeting were distributed and are considered a part of the minutes of the Council. (There are several items in these minutes that refer, indirectly, to those minutes.)

2 CONSENT AGENDA.

2.1 Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS) participation in the Joint AMS-MAA Data Committee.

The following is a quote from the 11/91 ECBT Minutes.

6.15 IMS Participation in Annual AMS-MAA Survey. During the recent Board on Mathematical Sciences Chairs Colloquium in Washington, DC, the ED was approached by two members of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS) about the possibility of IMS joining with AMS and MAA as cosponsors of the annual survey. The ECBT voted to recommend to the Council that, assuming MAA also approves, IMS be invited to join AMS and MAA as cosponsors of the Annual Survey. AED Maxwell was authorized to negotiate the level of IMS's financial support of the Survey.

The Council approved participation of IMS in the Annual Survey and concomitant membership on the AMS-MAA Data Committee.

3 REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES.

3.1 Tellers for the 1991 Election.

3.1.1 Tellers for the Election of 1991.

The report of the Tellers was approved in Executive Session. It is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920131-01. Newly elected persons in contested elections are as follows:

Name	Institution	Position	Term
Ronald L. Graham	AT&T Bell Laboratories	President-Elect	1992
Linda Keen	City University of New York	Vice-President	1994
Carl C. Cowen, Jr.	Purdue	Member-at-Large	1994
Ruth M. Charney	Ohio State University	Member-at-Large	1994
Rebecca A. Herb	University of Maryland	Member-at-Large	1994
Elliott H. Lieb	Princeton University	Member-at-Large	1994
Gunther A. Uhlmann	University of Washington	Member-at-Large	1994
Maria M. Klawe	University of British Columbia	Trustee	1996

A list of the 1991 Council and the 1992 Council is attached (Attachments A.1 and A.2). (The 1992 Council as listed in A.2 is updated to reflect changes that have occurred since the list was printed in the agenda.)

3.1.2 Report from the Tellers for the Nominating Committee and Editorial Boards Committee

The reports of the Tellers was approved in Executive Session. It is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920131-03

Nominating Committee. The following individuals were elected to the Nominating Committee.

Name	Institution	Term
Daniel Burns	University of Michigan	1994
Joseph Lipman	Purdue University	1994
Carol A. Wood	Wesleyan University	1994

Editorial Boards Committee. The following individuals were elected to the Editorial Boards Committee.

Name	Institution	Term
Bhama Srinivasan	University of Illinois Chicago	1994
Robert Zimmer	University of Chicago	1994

3.2 Editorial Boards Committee (EBC). [EXECUTIVE SESSION]

The Editorial Boards Committee recommended appointments of several editors. These appointments were considered in Executive Session.

A report from the EBC is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920218-13. In it were several requests for Council actions. Other recommendations made in the EBC report were for information and did not require Council action.

The Editorial Boards Committee recommended the following appointments to the various editorial committees.

3.2.1 Proceedings of the AMS.

The committee endorses the Report to Council made by Irwin Kra on the structure and appointment of editors to the Proceedings. In particular, it recommended the appointment of M. Susan Montgomery as a Coordinating Editor (the PAMS committee name for editor).

3.2.2 Bulletin of the AMS.

The committee recommended that Murray Protter be reappointed as Book Reviews Editor of the Bulletin. The committee also recommended that in the backlog report issued by Providence that there be a breakdown for the Bulletin, giving separate backlogs for the Research Announcements, the Expository Articles and the Book Reviews.

3.2.3 Journal of the AMS.

The committee recommended the reappointment of Blaine Lawson as editor.

3.2.4 Mathematics of Computation.

The committee recommended the reappointment of Andrew Odlyzko as editor.

3.2.5 Mathematical Surveys and Monographs.

The committee recommended Robert Greene and David W. McLaughlin for appointment as editors.

3.2.6 Colloquium Publications.

The committee recommended Luis Cafferelli for appointment to the committee.

3.2.7 Transactions of the AMS.

Saltman is retiring as managing editor and the committee recommended Baumgartner to replace him. The committee recommended Robert Bryant (Duke) replacing Kazdan, John J. Mallet-Paret (Brown) replacing Nussbaum, Wen-Ching Winnie Li (Penn State) replacing Terras, Philip J. Hanlon (U Mich) replacing Pomerance, and Peter Shalen (U Ill - Chicago) replacing Cannon as editors. (Three of these names were inadvertently omitted from the agenda and subsequently added. Also, since Baumgartner's term as editor would have ended, it is presumed that the appointment as managing editor includes re-appointment as editor.)

All these recommendations were approved by the Council.

3.3 Executive Committee and Board of Trustees (ECBT).

3.3.1 Appointment of Officers.

The ECBT made recommendations to fill the following indicated positions.

Associate Secretaries for the Central and Western Sections. By a mail ballot concluded in late October 1991, the ECBT voted to recommend re-appointment of R. Andy Magid, University of Oklahoma, as Associate Secretary for the Central Section and Lance Small, University of California San Diego, as Associate Secretary for the Western Section.

Associate Secretaries for the Eastern and Southeastern Sections. W. Wistar Comfort, currently Associate Secretary for the Eastern Section, has indicated his desire not to continue in that position after his current term expires on 31 January 1993. A committee consisting of Rossi, chair, Jaffe, Aschbacher, Gehring, and Jaco, with Fossum as advisor, conducted a search for a replacement for Comfort. The committee reported its recommendations to the 11/91 ECBT which accepted the report and passed it along to the Council. The ECBT forwarded the following motion to the Council:

The Council appoints Lesley Sibner, Polytechnic University of New York, as Associate Secretary for the Eastern Section for a term of two years. This appointment will begin on 01 February 1993. In the interim it is desired that Sibner and Comfort work closely together in managing the affairs of the Eastern Section in order that a smooth transition of duties takes place.

Joseph Cima, currently Associate Secretary for the Southeastern Section, has indicated his desire not to continue in that position after his current term expires on 31 January 1993. A committee consisting of Rossi, chair, Jaffe, Aschbacher, Gehring, and Jaco, with Fossum as advisor, conducted a search for a replacement for Cima. The committee reported its recommendations to the 11/91 ECBT which accepted the report and passed it along to the Council. The ECBT forwarded the following motion to the Council:

The Council appoints Robert Daverman, University of Tennessee, as Associate Secretary for the Southeastern Section for a term of two years. This appointment will begin on 01 February 1993. In the interim it is desired that Daverman and Cima work closely together in managing the affairs of the Southeastern Section in order that a smooth transition of duties takes place.

Associate Treasurer. The current Associate Treasurer, Steve Armentrout, has indicated his desire not to continue in his position after his current term expires on 31 January 1993. A search committee consisting of Graham, chair, Peterson,Ω Fossum, Humphreys, and Alperin was established by the Council before the change in Bylaws in order to find a replacement for Armentrout. This committee reported to the 11/91 ECBT its unanimous decision. The ECBT unanimously agreed with the conclusions of the report. It forwarded the following motion to the Council:

The Council appoints B. A. Taylor, University of Michigan, as Associate Treasurer for a term of two years. This term will begin on 01 February 1993.

In the interim it is desired that Armentrout and Taylor will work closely together in carrying out the duties of Associate Treasurer in order to effect a smooth transition of duties. In particular, Taylor should be invited to all meetings to which the Associate Treasurer would normally be invited.

All these motions were approved by the Council (in Executive Session).

3.3.2 AMS-MAA Joint Archives Committee.

The Board of Governors of MAA has approved the establishment of a Joint Archives Committee. This committee has been approved by the ECBT which forwarded the proposal to the Council for approval. The structure suggested would be that both organizations appoint members (say three each) to this Committee. The AMS members would form the AMS Committee on Archives. The motion to:

approve the establishment of an AMS-MAA Joint Archives Committee.

was approved.

Charges and structure will be brought to the Council for approval

3.3.3 Electronic Publications Committee.

In order to oversee the increasing activity of the Society in the area of electronic publishing and electronic bulletin boards, it is recommended that a committee be formed to perform this task. What follows is the item from the ECBT agenda concerning this topic:

6.9 Electronic Publication and e-MATH. (Wolf).

(1) During the work of the staff Operational Planning Group (OPG) on Publications, several versions of the strategy for electronic publication were developed. The one which appears in the Operating Plans presented to the ECBT has been modified to more explicitly reflect the perspective of the LRPC.

(2) Staff believe that the whole subject of electronic distribution of information will be of such importance to the work of the Society in the 1990s that a committee to focus on that subject should be formed. It is proposed that such a committee be appointed by the President and the Chair of the BT, and that its charge include responsibility for oversight of the scientific scope and content of e-MATH, examination with staff and the ECBT of ways in which the Society can best stay abreast of developments in this area, and study of those features which might best serve the profession. (This would obviate the appointment of the subcommittee of Comm-Comm discussed in earlier minutes of the ECBT [e.g., 5/91 ECBT minutes, item 6.5].)

(3) During the past several months, staff (especially the MR System Department) have made significant progress in the expansion of e-MATH and in work on the development of a software environment for the production of electronic journals. Att. #18 contains a report on e-MATH which was prepared as a possible journal article, a copy of a letter to Al Thaler (prepared at his suggestion) requesting some augmented funding for the period September-December, 1991, plus a draft letter forwarding a supplementary proposal for 1992 (which is accompanied by a report prepared by D. L. Rodgers).

For action, consisting of possible approval of the committee proposed in (2) and the draft letter in (3).

(The attachments mentioned are indeed NOT attached to this agenda but rather refer to attachments of the relevant ECBT minutes which have been distributed to all members of the Council.)

The ECBT recommended

the formation of a standing committee to be appointed by the President and the Chair of the BT, and that its charge include responsibility for oversight of the scientific scope and content of e-MATH, examination with staff and the ECBT of ways in which the Society can best stay abreast of developments in this area, and study of those features which might best serve the profession.

This resolution was amended to read:

A committee on electronic distribution of information be appointed, and that its charge include responsibility for oversight of the scientific scope and content of e-MATH, examination with staff and the ECBT of ways in which the Society can best stay abreast of developments in this area, and study of those features which might best serve the profession.

An amendment to insert, after the word “area” the phrase

consultation with the membership on the desirability of the various modes and item of this distribution,

was made, seconded, but failed.

The motion was first amended, then passed.

3.3.4 High School Lecture Series.

The Council tabled the motion to form a standing committee. (It is the President’s intention to appoint an *ad hoc* committee.)

3.3.5 Dedicated Issues of Journals.

Item 8ECBT.9 of the 11/91 ECBT Minutes concerned a Proposal Regarding a Special Lehmer Memorial Issue of MATHEMATICS OF COMPUTATION. This item was for information and possible discussion. The Editors of MATHEMATICS OF COMPUTATION have agreed to formulate its position and forward it to the ECBT and the Council.

3.4 Committee on Science Policy.

The committee report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920218-20.

3.5 Joint Policy Board for Mathematics (JPBM).

An oral report to the Council was delivered by Michael Reed, Council representative to JPBM.

3.6 Committee on Education.

A report from the committee was distributed at the meeting and is on file in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920218-21.

3.7 Committee on Human Rights of Mathematicians.

The committee report is on file in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920218-18.

The committee also submitted the following resolution for consideration by the Council:

**RESOLUTION TO THE AMS COUNCIL
FOR ITS JANUARY 7, 1992 MEETING**

Submitted by the Committee on Human Rights of Mathematicians
Alice T. Schafer, Chair

The Council of the AMS takes note of the historical fact that the universities in the West Bank and Gaza came into existence after the 1967 war under Israeli occupation as a result of the initiatives taken by residents of the territories. These initiatives had been ignored by former regimes there. The Council, with this history in mind, deplors the frequent closings of the colleges and universities in the territories. These closings have hurt students and faculty in all fields, including mathematics, and impaired their ability to carry out normal educational activities.

The Council notes that Birzeit and Al-Najah Universities have been closed for over three years and that the other colleges and universities have been closed for shorter periods of time. It is pleased to note that all of these institutions, with the exception of Birzeit University, have recently been reopened. The Council calls upon the government of Israel to reopen Birzeit University. The Council asks all sides to work actively to restore conditions which would permit maintaining normal educational and research activities of the colleges and universities.

It failed by a vote of eleven (11) in favor and twelve (12) opposed.

3.8 Strategic Planning Task Force (SPTF).

With regard to the report of the SPTF, Axler, Davis, and Keen offered the following:

The Report on strategic goals ('SPTF Report') has been submitted to Council and members for discussion. One issue on which the Report is needlessly silent is the goal of increasing the share of the funding of mathematics coming from non-military sources. This is already the policy of the Society, by a referendum of the membership in January 1988. It deserves recognition as a strategic goal because of the breadth of its implications for the relations of our profession with other sectors. Objective I-1 of the Report is

To achieve levels of academic and agency support which provide all entrants into the profession opportunities to develop their skills and talents and realize lifelong professional development.

They proposed to add the following to this objective:

To strive to increase the component of support coming from non-military sources.

A motion to table was seconded and passed.

3.9 Vice-President Blum's Report on the 3rd Pan African Congress.

Vice-President Blum represented the Society as an official delegate to the Third Pan African Congress in August 1991. In addition to presenting an oral report regarding the Congress, she moved two resolutions, the first specifically concerning Africa. (See also her report to the ECBT which is Att. #41 in the 11/91 ECBT Minutes.)

Motion 1. The Council encourages the AMS to pursue cooperative projects with the African Mathematical Union.

This motion was seconded and passed.

The second motion was proposed within the broader context of the Society's relationship to the international mathematics community:

Background: Increasingly, the AMS is being asked to become involved in such international issues such as the health and preservation of mathematics in the Soviet Union and in Eastern Europe and the development of mathematics in Africa and Asia, etc.

Our usual response has been to set up committees to investigate and make reports and recommendations. However, these committees essentially have no power or means to implement their recommendations.

Motion 2. The Council instructs the LRPC to consider recommending a staff person to support and coordinate the work of the various AMS committees that deal with AMS relations with the international mathematics community. This person will also help develop policy guidelines, raise funds, and oversee the development and implementation of related programs.

This motion was seconded and passed. (The proposer changed it slightly from the motion that appeared in the agenda.)

3.10 Committee on Professional Ethics.

The committee report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920218-02. When this report was presented to the Council, some members requested more information. It was pointed out that some information was available in the executive session portion of the 91/11 ECBT minutes. After some discussion, it was requested that an *ad hoc* committee be appointed to inquire whether "anyone has ever received satisfaction from the Committee on Professional Ethics". The committee was appointed on the spot and consists of Birman, chair, Gilfeather, and Lieb. It was asked to report to the March 92 Council.

3.11 Committee on Academic Freedom, Tenure, and Employment Security.

The committee report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920218-17.

3.12 Mathematical Reviews Editorial Committee (MREC).

The committee report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920218-02.

3.13 Proceedings Editorial Committee.

The committee report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920218-08 and 920218-15.

3.14 Notices Editorial Committee.

A subcommittee of the Notices Editorial Committee (NEC) examined the role of the NEC in the oversight of the *Notices* and submitted a report that has been adopted by the NEC. The committee report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920218-03.

3.15 Committee to Select the Gibbs Lectures for 1991/1992.

The committee report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920218-12.

3.16 Eastern Section Program Committee.

The committee report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920218-14.

3.17 Library Committee.

The committee report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920218-10.

3.18 AMS-MAA Joint Program Committee for the Baltimore Meeting.

The committee report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920218-01.

3.19 AMS-MAA Data Committee.

The committee report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920218-16.

3.20 AMS-MAA-SIAM Committee on Employment Opportunities (JCEO).

The committee report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920218-04.

3.21 AMS-SIAM Committee on Applied Mathematics.

The committee report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920218-19.

3.22 AMS-IMS-SIAM Committee on Joint Summer Research Conferences in the Mathematical Sciences.

The committee report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920218-09.

3.23 AMS-MAA-SIAM Committee on Preparation for College Teaching.

The committee report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920218-05.

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

The committee report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920218-06.

3.25 Southeastern Section Program Committee, 1991.

The committee report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920218-07.

4 REPORTS OF SPECIAL (*ad hoc*) COMMITTEES.

4.1 *ad hoc* Committee on the Kra/Blum Letter.

The committee report is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1992, Report No. 920218-11. Apropos this report, Axler, Birman, Blum, Davis, and Kra (among others) introduced the following motion:

The Council hereby instructs the Notices Editorial Committee to print at the earliest possible time the open Letter to Shafarevich (submitted by Blum and Kra) including the complete list of all the (current) signatories.

Kra further requested that

1. The Council discuss the current policies and practices of the Notices Editorial Committee regarding its handling of “controversial” letters to the Editor. A list of such cases (to be supplied by The Secretary and/or the Notices Editorial Committee) would be most useful as would the participation of representatives of the Notices Editorial Committee in the discussion.
2. The Council discuss the current procedure for choosing the membership of the Notices Editorial Committee and consider transferring responsibility for “selecting” Notices Editors from the Nominating Committee to the Editorial Boards Committee. (If appropriate, motions will be introduced by Kra on the above topics.)

A motion to substitute the “Recommendations” of the *ad hoc* committee report amended as written below was seconded and passed with twelve (12) in favor and eleven (11) opposed.

III. Recommendations. This committee feels that there are very valid concerns raised by the [Kra/Blum] letter. We think that these concerns would be best served by a factual, reasoned and hopefully impartial article on the subject, written by someone who knows the details.

As an additional compromise, the Committee recommends that the letter and its list of signatories be published as an [unpaid advertisement in the Notices as soon as possible]. (The material in brackets [] was added in the motion to substitute these recommendations for the original motion.)

If (now or at a future time) the NEC feels it appropriate, this committee will concur with the publication in the Notices of this quote from our report: “this ad hoc committee believes that NEC acted thoughtfully and responsibly in its decision not to publish the letter and that this decision was made in accord with NEC’s editorial policies,” provided there is also included a statement like the first sentence of these Recommendations.

We consider this an unusual event, and do not propose that our recommendations be construed as setting any general policy.

A motion to amend the substitute by replacing the word “unpaid” to “paid” was seconded, but failed.

The substitute motion was passed.

The Council then passed the following resolution:

The existence of political or social content is, in itself, not sufficient reason to reject a letter submitted for publication in the *Notices*.

4.2 *ad hoc* subcommittee of the Committee on Committees—Committee Structure.

Sylvia Wiegand, chair of the subcommittee of the Committee on Committees that is considering the structure of committees of the Society, discussed the working of the committee. Her remarks were preceded by comments from President Artin.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to “wish well” the committee studying the structure of the committees of the Society.

5 UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

5.1 Agenda items for action.

Steve Weintraub requested that the following proposal be considered by the EC for recommendation to the Council:

No action item shall be considered by the Council unless the membership has been notified at least one month in advance of the meeting (by publication in the NOTICES) that the matter is under consideration, or a motion to consider the item receives a two-thirds majority at the meeting.

However Weintraub requested that consideration of this be deferred to a later meeting of the Council.

6 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Approval Voting for NC and EBC.

The motion by the Secretary to conduct elections to the Nominating Committee and the Editorial Boards Committee by the method of approval voting was seconded. It was requested and the request was approved to split the motion into two parts, one part being the application of the motion to the Nominating Committee, the other part being the application to the Editorial Boards Committee. Both parts passed so that elections to the Nominating Committee and the Editorial Boards Committee will now be conducted by the method of approval voting.

7 ANNOUNCEMENTS, INFORMATION, AND RECORD.

7.1 Future meetings of the Council, Agenda and Budget Committee (ABC), and Executive Committee and Board of Trustees (ECBT).

Deadlines for receipt of material for the Council agenda are approximately five (5) weeks before the date of the meeting. Agenda items should be submitted to the Secretary.

Council	7:00 pm	19	March	1992	Springfield,	MO
ABC		27-28	March	1992	Providence,	RI
ECBT		14-17	May	1992	Ann Arbor,	MI
Council	2:00 pm	08	September	1992	Providence,	RI
ABC		2-3	October	1992	West Greenwich,	RI
ECBT		19-22	November	1992	Providence,	RI
Council	2:00 pm	12	January	1993	San Antonio	TX

There will be no Joint Summer Meeting in 1992. The Council is scheduled to meet in Providence on some day in September 1992. There will be opportunity for Council members to visit the Society headquarters at some time during the trip to Providence.

7.2 Report to August 91 Council by MAA President Haimo.

MAA President Haimo reported to the August 91 Council. Her remarks are filed in the AMS Committee Report Book for 1991, Report No. 910923-01. She reported to this Council as well.

7.3 JPBM

[From the 11/91 ECBT Agenda, references are to attachments of the 11/91 ECBT Minutes]

2.10 Report on JPBM/OGPA. (Jaco). Att. #36 contains the draft minutes of the open sessions of the following JPBM meetings:

May 20, 1991

September 8, 1991

October 21, 1991

Ed Connors, who served as Director of OGPA since 1 July, 1990, left at the end of his term on 30 June, 1991. JPBM has been engaged in a discussion of its mission, the operational and staff needs

for an OGPA, the funding of these activities, and the job descriptions of OGPA staff, particularly that of a Director.

At the 8 September meeting, JPBM elected to seek an individual who could serve as tenth member of JPBM and Chair, as well as serve as Director of OGPA (at least on a part-time basis). Since it was most likely that this position would be part-time, it was decided that it would be preferable that the individual be located close to the Washington, DC area to facilitate communication and contact with Washington. At its 21 October meeting, JPBM selected Richard Herman, Dean of Mathematics and Physical Science at University of Maryland, to serve as the tenth member of JPBM and its Chair and to serve on a part-time basis as Director of OGPA. Herman was to assume both of these responsibilities beginning 1 November, 1991. (See also the next item.)

JPBM serves as publisher of UME TRENDS, has a Committee of Department Chairs that organizes activities for department chairs at AMS/MAA Joint Meetings, and organizes other activities at Joint Meetings and SIAM Meetings. It also awards a prize for communication of mathematics and sponsors National Mathematics Awareness Week. JPBM has explored having other committees, such as the Joint Committee on Employment Opportunities (JCEO), and a Committee on Values, Recognition, and Rewards. It was decided that JPBM should move cautiously, at this time, in taking on committees that require staff support. JCEO will remain a joint AMS/MAA/SIAM Committee. However, the "Values" Committee will be organized as a JPBM committee with AMS taking the lead for staff support. (See item 6.17 for further discussion of this latter committee). JPBM is scheduled to meet again on 12 December, 1991.

7.4 Task Force on Employment.

[The following is taken from the 11/91 ECBT Agenda.]

2.33 The Employment Situation for Mathematicians. (Maxwell). The AMS Task Force on Employment has been appointed, and its members are: S.-Y. Cheng, UCLA; Ronald M. Davis, DeKalb College; Helen Grundman, Bryn Mawr College; D. J. Lewis (Chair), University of Michigan; Bernard L. Madison, University of Arkansas; Donald E. McClure, Brown University; Calvin C. Moore, UC Berkeley; Carol S. Wood, Wesleyan University. Lewis and McClure made a presentation on the recently completed recruitment year at the Orono meeting in August. The Task Force held its first meeting September 8-9 in Washington, D.C. McClure and Wood made a presentation to the Board on Mathematical Sciences' Chairs Colloquium in October. At the Baltimore joint mathematics meeting members of the Task Force will participate in a panel presentation sponsored by the AMS Committee on Science Policy entitled: "Ph.D. Employment: Is there a crisis?" Att. #23 contains an interim report on the Task Force's work. A final report from the Task Force is expected in late spring of 1992.

8 ADJOURNMENT.

The Council adjourned at about 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Fossum

A Introductions.

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