



Council Minutes

Washington, D.C.

21 April 2001

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Abstract

The Council of the Society met at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, 21 April 2001, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd St., NW, Washington, D.C., in the Consulate room. Several items were discussed in Executive Session, and they are reported in these open Minutes.

I. MINUTES

1. Call to Order

1.1. Opening of the Meeting and Introductions

President Bass, who presided throughout, called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. (EDT). Members were introduced. Members present were: James G. Arthur, Hyman Bass, Patricia Bauman, William Beckner, Walter L. Craig, Robert J. Daverman, Keith J. Devlin, John M. Franks, Susan Friedlander, Martin Golubitsky, Alexander Nagel, Joel H. Spencer, B. A. Taylor, Louise A. Raphael, Lisa Traynor, Karen Vogtmann and Nolan R. Wallach.

Other interested parties attending were Deborah Ball (AMS member), John B. Conway (Board of Trustees), John H. Ewing (AMS Executive Director), Daniel L. Goroff (JPBM), Roger E. Howe (AMS Committee on Education), Linda Keen (Board of Trustees), Samuel Rankin (AMS Associate Executive Director), Steve Weintraub (AMS Nominating Committee) and Sandy Golden (Assistant to the Secretary).

1.2. 2000 Elections

The Society conducted its annual elections in the fall of 2000. Those elected took office on 01 February 2001, and the newly elected members of the Council are:

Vice President:	Ingrid Daubechies
Members at Large	Walter L. Craig Keith J. Devlin Irene Fonseca Alexander Nagel Louise A. Raphael

In addition, effective 01 February 2001 Eric Bedford and Michael Loss joined the Council as representatives of the Proceedings Editorial Committee and the Mathematical Surveys Editorial Committee, respectively.

A list of the current 2001 Council is attached ([Attachment A](#)).

2. Previous Minutes

2.1. Minutes of the January 2001 Council

The minutes of the 09 January 2001 Council were distributed by mail and were available on the web. It was noted that Item 4.3.1, Changes in Dues Form, should be expanded by appending the sentence, **The amended proposal was approved.**, to the end of that item. The corrected minutes were approved.

2.2. Minutes of Business by Mail

The Council conducted business by mail, electing David Eisenbud as a member of its Executive Committee for a four year term, beginning 15 March 2001 and ending in 2005, when a new member is elected to replace him. Minutes of this business, which appear here as **Attachment B**, were approved.

3. Consent Agenda

Items appearing in the Consent Agenda are considered, by the Secretary, to be routine. They are approved, implicitly, by consent, unless brought to the floor at the request of a Council member. In that case the item is treated in the ordinary manner and recorded in the regular part of the agenda.

3.1. Editorial Boards Committee

To reflect both present-day practice and structural changes resulting from Council action at its January 2001 meeting, the charge of the Editorial Boards Committee was changed to read:

The Editorial Boards Committee shall monitor the function of the AMS Editorial Committees. This committee shall solicit suggestions of nominations for each such editorial committee and shall consult with that editorial committee about nominations. The committee shall nominate members for these committees and submit its nominations for approval by the AMS President, except for the following appointments: the Chief Editor and the Book Reviews Editor of the *Bulletin*; the Editor of the *Notices*; the Managing Editors of the *Journal of the AMS*, *Transactions/Memoirs of the AMS*, *Proceedings of the AMS*, and *Mathematics of Computation*; and the chairs of the Colloquium Editorial Committee, the *Mathematical Reviews* Editorial Committee, and the *Mathematical Surveys and Monographs* Editorial Committee. All of the exceptions mentioned require approval by the AMS Council.

3.2. National Program Committee

In light of action taken at the previous Council meeting, the number of members in the general description of the National Program Committee was changed to read:

Number of members is eight, including the Secretary and one Associate Secretary (namely, the Associate Secretary arranging the scientific portion of the meeting for which Invited Speakers are being selected), who serve *ex officio*.

3.3. Committee to Select the Winner of the Award for Public Service

The charge to this selection committee was changed, primarily to delete all reference to the Citations for Public Service, which have not been awarded since 1992. The modified charge now reads:

The Committee reports to the Executive Committee acting for the Council at the Fall ECBT in Executive Session. The Committee nominates a recipient of an AAward for Distinguished Public

Service@ every two years to a research mathematician who has made a distinguished contribution to the mathematics profession through public service in the preceding five years. The Executive Committee must approve the selection. The award will be presented every two years (beginning in 1990) at the Joint Mathematics Meetings.

3.4. Committee to Select the Winner of the Bôcher Prize

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

3.5. Committee to Select the Winner of the Cole Prize

The charge to this selection committee was changed to indicate that each of the Cole Prizes (in Algebra and in Number Theory) is awarded every three years instead of every five years.

3.6. Committee to Select the Winner of the Veblen Prize

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

4. Reports of Boards and Standing Committees

Items 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 below were considered in Executive Session.

4.1. Nominating Committee [Executive Session]

The AMS Nominating Committee recommended nominations of candidates for election in the 2001 Election.

4.1.1. President Elect

The Council nominated **DAVID EISENBUD** (University of California-Berkeley and the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute) and **DAVID A. VOGAN, JR.**, (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) as candidates for election to the post of President Elect, for a one year term beginning 01 February 2002. After serving as President Elect for one year, the winner of this election then will serve as President for two years, followed by one year as Immediate Past President.

4.1.2. Vice President

The Council nominated **RAYMOND L. JOHNSON** (University of Maryland) and **HUGO ROSSI** (University of Utah) as candidates for election to one post as Vice President for a term of three years, beginning 01 February 2002 and ending 31 January 2005.

4.1.3. Members at Large of the Council

The Council nominated **COLIN ADAMS** (Williams College), **BRUCE E. BLACKADAR** (University of Nevada), **SYLVIA T. BOZEMAN** (Spelman College), **PERCY A. DEIFT** (New York University-Courant), **IRENE MARTINEZ GAMBA** (University of Texas), **HENRI A. GILLET** (University of Illinois-Chicago), **DAVID R. MORRISON** (Duke University), **DOUGLAS C. RAVENEL** (University of Rochester), **FRANK SOTTILE** (University of Massachusetts-Amherst) and **W. STEPHEN WILSON** (Johns Hopkins University) as candidates for election to the position of Members at Large of the Council (five to be elected). The term is three years, beginning 01 February 2002 and ending 31 January 2005.

4.1.4. Board of Trustees

The Council nominated **ANDY R. MAGID** (University of Oklahoma) and **CAROL S. WOOD** (Wesleyan University) as candidates for election to one position as Trustee for a period of five years beginning 01 February 2002 and ending 31 January 2007.

4.2. Editorial Boards Committee [Executive Session]

The Editorial Boards Committee (EBC) recommended the appointments of four editors to three different editorial committees.

4.2.1. Bulletin Editorial Committee

The Council approved the appointment of **ANDY R. MAGID** (University of Oklahoma) as Book Reviews Editor for a three year term, beginning 01 February 2002 and ending 31 January 2005.

4.2.2. Colloquium Editorial Committee

The Council approved the reappointment of **SUSAN FRIEDLANDER** (University of Illinois-Chicago) as member and chair of the Colloquium Editorial Committee for a three year term, beginning 01 February 2002 and ending 31 January 2005.

4.2.3. Mathematics of Computation Editorial Committee

The Council approved the reappointment of **LARS B. WAHLBIN** (Cornell University) as member and chair of the Mathematics of Computation Editorial Committee for a one year term, beginning 01 February 2001 and ending 31 January 2002.

It also approved the appointment of **CHI-WANG SHU** (Brown University) as member and chair of the same editorial committee for a three year term, beginning 01 February 2002 and ending 31 January 2005.

4.3. Report from the Committee on Academic Freedom, Tenure, and Employment Security [Executive Session]

The Committee on Academic Freedom, Tenure, and Employment Security (CAFTES) recommended

publication of an article in the *Notices* on an issue treated at the previous Council meeting, namely, the dismissal of a tenured professor. The CAFTES recommendation detailed certain points the article might contain. There also was a minority report on the matter. The recommendation to publish such an article was defeated.

4.4. Report from the AMS-ASA-IMS-MAA Annual Survey Data Committee

The annual report of the Annual Survey Data Committee was filed with the Council. It appears in the AMS Committee Report Book as Report No. 010302-022.

4.5. Report from Council Representative to the Canadian Mathematical Society

The annual report of the AMS Representative to the Canadian Mathematical Society was filed with the Council. It appears in the AMS Committee Report Book as Report No. 001218-020.

4.6. Report from the Committee on Education.

A supplemental report from of the AMS Committee on Education was filed with the Council. It appears in the AMS Committee Report Book as Report No. 010205-021.

5. Old Business

There was no old business at this meeting.

6. New Business

6.1. Boris Weisfeiler Legal Fund

In 1985 Boris Weisfeiler, who was then a Professor of Mathematics at Pennsylvania State University, disappeared under suspicious circumstances while on a hiking trip in Chile. A letter about his disappearance, written by Victor Kac and Olga Weisfeiler, his sister, appeared in the January 2001 issue of the *Notices* (pp. 7-8). Since then several mathematicians have inquired about what the AMS might do to support the continuing investigation and whether it could provide a funds collection mechanism to help the Weisfeiler family offset its costs. According to information provided by Olga Weisfeiler, the Committee of Concerned Scientists, of which Professor Weisfeiler was once a member, recently has established the Boris Weisfeiler Legal Fund to support the continuing investigation.

The Council endorsed the effort to collect funds, through the Boris Weisfeiler Legal Fund established by the Committee on Concerned Scientists, for support of this investigation.

6.2 Book and Journal Donations Steering Committee

For several years the AMS managed a small program to match donated journals and books with libraries that serve mathematically active groups in Eastern Europe and the fSU. By action of the Board of Trustees, the AMS is committed to continuing this program in a form appropriate for the future, with possible expansion into Asia. To that end, the program needs a steering committee to set policy guidelines, to receive and assess annual reports on activity within the program, to advise AMS staff if and when policy issues arise, and to be available for advising AMS Staff on matching donors and requests.

Council approved the establishment of a Book and Journal Donations Steering Committee, with the following General Description and Charge:

General description

Committee is standing

Number of members is three

Term is three years

Charge: The steering committee sets policy guidelines, receives and assesses annual reports on activity within the program, advises AMS staff if and when policy issues arise, and stands ready to advise AMS Staff on making appropriate matches of donors and requests.

6.3 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 for 2001 as Report No. 010401-023.

7. Announcements, Information and Record

7.1. Centennial Fellowships

The AMS Centennial Fellowship Committee has announced fellowship awards granted to Ivan Dimitrov (University of California, Los Angeles), Ravi Vakil (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Jiahong Wu (Oklahoma State University) and Meijun Zhu (University of Oklahoma). All have accepted. The amount of each 2001-2002 fellowship award will be \$40,000, with an additional expense allowance of \$1,600.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

II ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A. 2001 AMS GOVERNANCE

2001 AMS COUNCIL (effective 2/01/01)

President	Hyman Bass	University of Michigan	2002
Immediate Past President	Felix E. Browder	Rutgers University	2001
Vice Presidents	James G. Arthur	University of Toronto	2001
	Ingrid Daubechies	Princeton University	2003
	David Eisenbud	MSRI/Univ. California, Berkeley	2002
	Robert J. Daverman	University of Tennessee	2002
Secretary	John L. Bryant	Florida State University	2002
Associate Secretaries	Susan Friedlander	Univ. Illinois at Chicago	2001
	Bernard Russo	Univ. California, Irvine	2001
	Lesley Sibner	Polytechnic Inst. of NY	2002
	John M. Franks	Northwestern University	2002
Treasurer	B. A. Taylor	University of Michigan	2002
Associate Treasurer			

Representative of Committees

Bulletin Editorial Committee	Donald G. Saari, Chair	Northwestern University	2001
Colloquium Editorial Committee	Susan Friedlander, Chair	Univ. Illinois at Chicago	2001
Executive Committee	Robert L. Bryant	Duke University	2003
Executive Committee	Joel H. Spencer	NYU - Courant Institute	2001
Executive Committee	Karen Vogtmann	Cornell University	2002
Journal of the AMS	Carlos E. Kenig, Chair	University of Chicago	2001
Math Reviews Editorial Committee	Hugh Montgomery, Chair	University of Michigan	2001
Math Surveys Editorial Committee	Michael Loss, Chair	Georgia Inst. Technology	2003
Mathematics of Computation Comm.	Lars B. Wahlbin, Chair	Cornell University	2000
Proceedings Editorial Committee	Eric Bedford, Chair	Indiana University	2004
Transactions and Memoirs Comm.	William Beckner, Chair	University of Texas	2003

Members at Large

Patricia Bauman	Purdue University	2002
Haim Brezis	University of Paris XI/Rutgers University	2001
Walter L. Craig	McMaster University	2003
Keith J. Devlin	St Mary-s College, CA	2003
Robert A. Fefferman	University of Chicago	2001
Irene Fonseca	Carnegie-Mellon University	2003
William Fulton	University of Michigan	2002
Martin Golubitsky	University of Houston	2002
Alexander Nagel	University of Wisconsin	2003
Louise A. Raphael	Howard University	2003
Jonathan M. Rosenberg	University of Maryland	2002
Donald G. Saari	University of California, Irvine	2001
Tatiana Toro	University of Washington	2001
Lisa Traynor	Bryn Mawr College	2002
Nolan R. Wallach	University of California, San Diego	2001

2001 AMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Hyman Bass	University of Michigan	2003
Robert L. Bryant	Duke University	2003
Felix Browder	Rutgers University	2001
Robert J. Daverman	University of Tennessee	2002
Joel H. Spencer	New York University	2001
Karen Vogtmann	Cornell University	2002
David Eisenbud	MSRI/Univ. California, Berkeley	2004

2001 AMS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Roy Adler	IBM Watson Research Center	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
Andy Roy Magid	University of Oklahoma	2001
B. A. Taylor	University of Michigan	2002

ATTACHMENT B. MINUTES OF BUSINESS BY MAIL

**AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
BUSINESS BY MAIL
March 15, 2001**

In a mail ballot dated 13 February 2001, there were 21 ballots cast by:

James Arthur	Martin Golubitsky
Hyman Bass	Alexander Nagel
William Beckner	Louise A. Raphael
Eric Bedford	Joel Spencer
John Bryant	B.A. Taylor
Robert L. Bryant	Tatiana Toro
Ingrid Daubechies	Lisa M. Traynor
David Eisenbud	Karen Vogtmann
Irene Fonseca	Lars B. Wahlbin
Susan Friedlander	Nolan Wallach
William Fulton	

In the election to the Executive Committee the result was:

David Eisenbud	11
Patricia Bauman	10

Accordingly, Eisenbud is declared elected, effective immediately, and ending when a replacement is determined in the election of February 2005.

Robert J. Daverman
Secretary
March 15, 2001