

COUNCIL MINUTES

Chicago, Illinois

18 April 2009 at Noon

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Abstract

The Council of the Society met at noon on Saturday, 18 April 2009, in Board Room 2033 of the Hilton Chicago O'Hare Airport Hotel, Chicago, IL, 60666. These are the minutes of the meeting. Although several items were discussed in Executive Session, all actions taken are reported in these minutes.

I. AGENDA

1. Call to Order

1.1. Opening of the Meeting and Introductions

AMS President George Andrews called the meeting to order at noon, CDT, and presided throughout. He asked those present to introduce themselves. Other Council members present were: Aaron Bertram, Sylvain E. Cappell, Ralph L. Cohen, Robert J. Daverman, Robert L. Devaney, John M. Franks, James G. Glimm, Jonathan I. Hall, Michel Lapidus, William A. Massey, Irena Peeva, Frank S. Quinn, Chi-Wang Shu, Joseph H. Silverman, Panagiotis E. Souganidis, Katherine St John, Bernd Sturmfels, Francis Edward Su, Michelle L. Wachs and David Wright. Other interested parties and guests were: Sandy Golden (Administrative Assistant, AMS Secretary), Ellen Maycock (AMS Associate Executive Director), Donald McClure, (AMS Executive Director), Ronald J. Stern (Chair, AMS Committee on Science Policy, and member, Board of Trustees) and Richard Wentworth (Chair, AMS Nominating Committee). Michel Lapidus was the voting Associate Secretary.

1.2. 2008 Elections and More

Newly elected or appointed members of the Council took office on 01 February 2009, and they are:

Vice President:	Frank Morgan
Members at Large	Aaron Bertram William A. Massey Panagiotis E. Souganidis Michelle L. Wachs David Wright
Chair, Math Surveys Editorial Committee	Ralph L. Cohen

1.3 List of Council Members

A list of current Council members can be found in **Attachment A**.

2. Minutes

2.1. Minutes of the January 2009 Council

The minutes of the January 2009 Council were distributed by mail prior to the meeting. The following corrections were noted.

Under Item 4.4.1 Associate Secretary for the Western Section, it should say the "fourth" term, not "second" term, of Michel Lapidus. Under Item 4.4.3 Dues Levels for the 2010 Membership Year, in the second line it should read "2010" dues, and in the explanatory paragraph "ordinary" dues should be "regular" dues. Under Item 6.2 Executive Director of the AMS, the second paragraph should read: "...to seek the consent of the Council when appointing an Executive Director." (not Editor)

The Council approved the minutes as corrected..

2.2. Minutes of Business by Mail

The Council conducted business by mail since the January 2009 Council meeting. Minutes for this business are attached (**Attachment B**). The action taken was to elect Joseph H. Silverman to the Executive Committee of the Council for a four-year term 01 February 2009 - 31 January 2013. The Council also approved these minutes.

3. Consent Agenda

There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

4. Reports of Boards and Standing Committees

4.1. Nominating Committee

The AMS Nominating Committee made its recommendations to the AMS Council for the Society's 2009 election. Richard Wentworth presented the Nominating Committee report.

4.1.1. Vice President

The Nominating Committee recommended the appointment of **SYLVAIN E. CAPPELL** (Courant Institute, NYU) and **PETER W-K LI** (University of California, Irvine) as candidates for election to one post as Vice President for a term of three years, beginning 01 February 2010 and ending 31 January 2013.

4.1.2. Members at Large of the Council

It recommended the appointment of **ALEJANDRO ADEM** (University of British Columbia), **JAMES H. CURRY** (University of Colorado, Boulder), **RICHARD M. HAIN** (Duke University), **EVANS M. HARRELL** (Georgia Tech), **ALEXANDER R. ITS** (Indiana University / Purdue University Indianapolis), **VENKATRAMANI LAKSHMIBAI** (Northeastern University), **JENNIFER C. SCHULTENS** (University of California, Davis), **JANET C. TALVACCHIA** (Swarthmore College), **CHRISTOPH M. THIELE** (University of California, Los Angeles) and **MACIEJ ZWORSKI** (University of California, Berkeley) as candidates for election to positions as Member at

Large of the Council. Five people are to be elected. The term is three years, beginning 01 February 2010 and ending 31 January 2013.

4.1.3. Trustee

The Nominating Committee also recommended the appointment of **MARK L. GREEN** (University of California, Los Angeles) and **ROBION C. KIRBY** (University of California, Berkeley) as candidates for election to one post as Trustee for a term of five years, beginning 01 February 2010 and ending 31 January 2015.

The Council appointed all of the above as candidates for election. It should be noted that at its January 2009 Meeting the Council named Eric Friedlander and Wilfried Schmid as candidates for election to the post of President Elect in the 2009 AMS election.

4.2. Editorial Boards Committee

The Editorial Boards Committee (EBC) suggested three editorial board appointments that required Council approval, since they automatically entail appointments to the Council.

4.2.1. Mathematical Reviews Editorial Committee

The Editorial Boards Committee recommended appointing **RONALD M. SOLOMON** (Ohio State University) as chair of this committee for the remainder of his term (01 February 2010 - 31 January 2013).

4.2.2. Journal of the AMS Editorial Committee

The Editorial Boards Committee recommended appointing **KARL RUBIN** (University of California, Irvine) as chair of this committee for the remainder of his term (01 August 2009 - 31 January 2012).

4.2.3. Proceedings Editorial Committee

The Editorial Boards Committee recommended appointing **KEN ONO** (University of Wisconsin) as chair of this committee for a four-year term, 01 February 2010 - 31 January 2014.

The Council appointed each of them to the designated post, for the designated term.

4.3. Executive Committee and Board of Trustees

Upon the recommendation of a Search Committee, which consisted of John Franks, chair, Ruth Charney, Carol Wood and B. A. Taylor, the AMS Executive Committee and Board of Trustees recommended the appointment of **LINDA KEEN** (Lehman College, CUNY) as Associate Treasurer for a shortened two-year term, effective immediately and ending 31 January 2011. This is to finish the term of Donald E. McClure, who resigned upon taking over the post of AMS Executive Director. The Council made this appointment.

4.4. Notices Editorial Committee

Steven G. Krantz, rising Editor in Chief of the *Notices of the American Mathematical Society*, has recommended that **KRISHNASWAMI ALLADI** (University of Florida), **DAVID BAILEY** (Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory), **JONATHAN M. BORWEIN** (University of Newcastle), **BILL CASSELMAN** (University of British Columbia), **LISETTE DE PILLIS** (Harvey Mudd College), **SUSAN FRIEDLANDER** (University of Southern California), **ROBION C. KIRBY** (University of California, Berkeley), **RAFE MAZZEO** (Stanford University), **HAROLD R. PARKS** (Oregon State University), **PETER SARNAK** (Princeton University), **MARK E. SAUL** (Bronxville High School), **EDWARD SPITZNAGEL** (Washington University) and **JOHN R. SWALLOW** (Davidson College) be appointed Associate Editors for three year terms (01 January 2010 - 31 December 2012). These dates correspond to the term of the Editor in Chief. The Council appointed all of them as Associate Editors for the specified three-year term.

4.5. Committee on Science Policy

The AMS Committee on Science Policy (CSP) met in Washington, D.C., on March 6-7, 2009. As an outgrowth of that meeting CSP recommended that a check box be added to each AMS membership renewal that would state:

Check here if you wish NOT to receive periodic emails regarding issues related to grassroots science policy advocacy to increase funding for basic mathematical and scientific research and education.

It was moved and seconded to remove the word “NOT”. Both the amendment and the amended motion carried. Accordingly, the following will be added to the membership renewal form:

Check here if you wish to receive periodic emails regarding issues related to grassroots science policy advocacy to increase funding for basic mathematical and scientific research and education.

Then it was moved to amend the related AMS policy on mass mailing, which policy was adopted in August 1995, to read:

The situation concerning federal investment in scientific research is of sufficient concern that the Council authorizes only the President of the AMS to use the email addresses of members collected by the AMS to send a message to members concerning whatever actions on the part of the membership that the President believes are desirable.

The amendment and the amended motion carried. In effect, this action implemented a recommendation from the ECBT to the Council that had been tabled at the August 1996 Council Meeting.

4.6. Report from the AMS-ASA-IMS-MAA-SIAM Joint Data Committee

The annual report of this committee has been filed in the AMS Committee Report Book as Report Number 081231-015.

4.7. Report from the AMS First Year Task Force

The Task Force report has been filed in the AMS Committee Report Book as Report Number 090410-002.

5. Old Business

There were no items of Old Business on this agenda.

6. New Business

6.1. Discussion

As a repeat of an item first tried in April 2002, the Council devoted a portion of this meeting to a discussion of one of the items in its purview.

At its meeting in November, 2008, the Council's Executive Committee decided that the discussion topic should focus on employment prospects for young mathematicians in the new economy. That discussion should concentrate on what the AMS can do to help young mathematicians improve their employment chances. The AMS Task Force on Employment Prospects, created in January 2009, had investigated aspects of the academic jobs market; Council members received its final report a few days before the Council meeting and used that report as background for an extensive discussion. The Council commented about aspects of the recommendations and brainstormed about other steps the Society might take to support young mathematicians. No action was taken on matters related to Item 6.1 itself.

6.2. Report of the Executive Director

Donald McClure gave the Executive Director's annual report. His focus was the financial health of the Society. McClure's report has been filed in the AMS Committee Report Book as Report Number 090418-003.

7. Announcements, Information and Record

7.1. 2009-2010 Centennial Fellowship

The AMS Centennial Fellowship Committee has announced that Antonio Montalbán (University of Chicago) is the winner of the 2009 Fellowship competition. Montalbán has accepted the award. The amount of this fellowship for 2009-2010 will be \$75,000, with an additional expense allowance of \$7500.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 pm CDT.

2009 AMS GOVERNANCE

2009 COUNCIL

Officers

President	George E. Andrews	Pennsylvania State University	2011
Immediate Past President	James G. Glimm	SUNY at Stony Brook	2009
Vice Presidents	Frank Morgan	Williams College	2011
	Bernd Sturmfels	University of California, Berkeley	2010
	Robert L. Bryant	MSRI	2009
	Robert J. Daverman	University of Tennessee	2010
Secretary	Robert J. Daverman	University of Tennessee	2010
Associate Secretaries	Michel Lapidus	University of California, Riverside	2009
	Matthew Miller	University of South Carolina	2010
	Susan Friedlander	University of Southern California	2009
	Steven H. Weintraub	Lehigh University	2010
	John M. Franks	Northwestern University	2010
Treasurer	John M. Franks	Northwestern University	2010
Associate Treasurer	Linda Keen	Lehman College, CUNY	2010

Representatives of Committees

Bulletin Editorial	Susan J. Friedlander, Chair	University of Southern California	2011
Colloquium Editorial	Paul J. Sally, Jr., Chair	University of Chicago	2011
Executive Committee	Sylvain Cappell	Courant Institute, NYU	2009
Executive Committee	Ruth Charney	Brandeis University	2010
Executive Committee	Craig L. Huneke	University of Kansas	2011
Journal of the AMS	Robert Lazarsfeld, Chair	University of Michigan	2009
Math Reviews Editorial	Jonathan I. Hall, Chair	Michigan State University	2009
Math Surveys & Monographs	Ralph L. Cohen, Chair	Stanford University	2012
Mathematics of Computation	Chi-Wang Shu, Chair	Brown University	2011
Proceedings Editorial	Ronald A. Fintushel, Chair	Michigan State University	2009
Transactions and Memoirs	Robert Guralnick, Chair	University of Southern California	2008

Members at Large

Aaron Bertram	University of Utah	2011
Robert L. Devaney	Boston University	2009
Rebecca F. Goldin	George Mason University	2010
Byrna Kra	Northwestern University	2010
William A. Massey	Princeton University	2011
Irena Peeva	Cornell University	2010
Frank S. Quinn	Virginia Tech	2009
Marjorie Senechal	Smith College	2009
Joseph H. Silverman	Brown University	2010
Panagiotis E. Souganidis	University of Chicago	2011
Katherine St. John	Herbert H. Lehman College (CUNY)	2009
Francis Edward Su	Harvey Mudd College	2009
Michelle L. Wachs	University of Miami	2011
Sarah J. Witherspoon	Texas A&M University	2010
David Wright	Washington University	2011

2009 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

George Andrews	Pennsylvania State University	<i>ex officio</i>
Sylvain E. Cappell	NYU-Courant	2009
Ruth M. Charney	Brandeis University	2010
Robert J. Daverman	University of Tennessee	<i>ex officio</i>
James G. Glimm	SUNY Stony Brook	<i>ex officio</i>
Craig L. Huneke	University of Kansas	2011
Joseph Silverman	Brown University	2012

2009 TRUSTEES

John B. Conway	George Washington University	2010
John M. Franks	Northwestern University	<i>ex officio</i>
Eric M. Friedlander	University of Southern California	2009
James G. Glimm	SUNY at Stony Brook	<i>ex officio</i>
Linda Keen	Lehman College, CUNY	<i>ex officio</i>
Ronald J. Stern	University of California, Irvine	2013
Karen Vogtmann	Cornell University	2012
Carol S. Wood	Wesleyan University	2011

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In a mail ballot dated 10 February 2009, there were 23 ballots cast, by:

George E. Andrews	Matthew Miller
Robert L. Bryant	Frank Morgan
Ruth Charney	Irena Peeva
Robert J. Daverman	Marjorie Senechal
Robert L. Devaney	Chi-Wang Shu
Ronald Fintushel	Joseph H. Silverman
John M. Franks	Panagiotis E. Souganidis
Susan Friedlander	Katherine StJohn
James G. Glimm	Bernd Sturmfels
Rebecca F. Goldin	Francis E. Su
Craig L. Huneke	Sarah J. Witherspoon
Bryna Kra	

In the election to the Executive Committee the result was:

Robert L. Devaney	9
Joseph H. Silverman	14

Accordingly, Silverman is declared elected, effective immediately, and ending when a replacement is determined in the election of February 2013.

Robert J. Daverman
Secretary
March 17, 2009