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Abstract

The Council of the Society met at noon (CDT) on Saturday, 26 April 2014, in the Orchard Room at the Chicago O'Hare Hilton Hotel, O'Hare International Airport, 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.

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1 Call to Order

1.1 Opening of the Meeting and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. (CDT) by President David Vogan, who presided until 2:00 p.m. The Council recessed at 2:00 p.m. and was called back to order in Executive Session at 2:17 p.m. by Robert Bryant, President Elect, who presided over the meeting until adjournment.

President David Vogan called on members and guests to introduce themselves. Council members present in addition to Vogan were Alejandro Adem, H el ene Barcelo, Georgia Benkart, Brian Boe, Susanne Brenner, Robert Bryant, Ralph Cohen, Robert Daverman, Jesus De Loera, Lisa Fauci, Sergey Fomin, Allan Greenleaf, Kristin Lauter, Susan Montgomery, Zbigniew Nitecki, Andrew Odlyzko, Nata sa Pavovi c, Victoria Powers, Amber Puha, Ken Ribet, Carla Savage, Ronald Solomon, Jennifer Taback, and Steven Weintraub. Among the guests present were Graeme Fairweather (Executive Editor, Mathematical Reviews), Mark Green (Board of Trustees), Robert Harington (AMS Associate Executive Director for Publishing), William Jaco (Chair, Board of Trustees), Robin Marek (AMS Director of Development), Ellen Maycock (AMS Associate Executive Director for Meetings and Professional Services), Donald McClure (AMS Executive Director), Charles Weibel (Chair, Committee on Publications), Amie Wilkinson (Representing the Chair of the Nominating Committee), and David Wright (Interim Program Manager, Office of the AMS Secretary). Brian Boe was the voting Associate Secretary.

1.2 Recent Additions to this Council

Newly elected members of the Council took office on 01 February 2014, and they are:

President Elect	Robert L. Bryant, Duke University
Vice President	Susan Montgomery, University of Southern California
Members at Large	Richard Durrett, Duke University Lisa Fauci, Tulane University Michael Larsen, Indiana University Kristin E. Lauter, Microsoft Research Jennifer Taback, Bowdoin College

Kenneth A. Ribet began his term as a member of the Executive Committee on 1 March 2014.

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 2014 Council

The minutes of the January 2014 Council were posted and distributed by email prior to the meeting. They are available here: [January 2014 Minutes](#).

The Council approved the minutes as distributed.

2.2 Minutes of Business by Mail

The President called for approval of the Minutes of Council Business by Mail to elect KENNETH RIBET to the Executive Committee of the Council for a four-year term 01 March 2014 - 28 February 2018 (Attachment B).

The Council approved the minutes as attached.

3 Consent Agenda

None.

4 Reports of Boards and Standing Committees

4.1 Nominating Committee [Executive Session]

Amie Wilkinson reported for the Nominating Committee on the candidates for the Fall 2014 AMS election and candidates for President Elect in the Fall 2015 Election.

4.1.1 President

The Nominating Committee recommends the nominations of **MARK GREEN** (University of California, Los Angeles, Emeritus) and **KENNETH A. RIBET** (University of California, Berkeley) to stand as candidates for President Elect in the 2015 Election. This would be for a one year term, 01 February 2016 - 31 January 2017, followed by a two year term as President and then by a one year term as Immediate Past President. The Council appointed them as candidates.

The Nominating Committee also recommends that PHILLIP GRIFFITHS (Institute for Advanced Study, Emeritus) be named to write the nominating article for Green and BENEDICT GROSS (Harvard) to write the one for Ribet. The Council approved these recommendations.

4.1.2 Vice President

The Nominating Committee recommends the appointment of **ROBERT CALDERBANK** (Duke University) and **CARLOS E. KENIG** (University of Chicago) as candidates for election

to one post as Vice President for a term of three years, beginning 01 February 2015 and ending 31 January 2018. The Council appointed them as candidates.

4.1.3 Members at Large of the Council

The Nominating Committee recommends the appointment of **MATTHEW BAKER** (Georgia Institute of Technology), **YULIY BARYSHNIKOV** (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), **EDWARD FRENKEL** (University of California, Berkeley), **SOLOMON FRIEDBERG** (Boston College), **PAMELA GORKIN** (Bucknell University), **WENCHING WINNIE LI** (Pennsylvania State University), **MICHAEL ANTHONY HILL** (University of Virginia), **EZRA MILLER** (Duke), **MARY PUGH** (University of Toronto), and **JARED WUNSCH** (Northwestern University) as candidates for election to positions as Member at Large of the Council. Five individuals are to be elected. The term is three years, beginning 01 February 2015 and ending 31 January 2018. The Council appointed these ten as candidates.

4.1.4 Trustee

The Nominating Committee recommends the appointment of **DANIEL M. BURNS, Jr.** (University of Michigan) and **JOSEPH H. SILVERMAN** (Brown University) as candidates for election as Trustee for a term of five years, beginning 01 February 2015 and ending 31 January 2020. The Council appointed them as candidates.

4.2 *Bulletin* Editorial Committee [Executive Session]

Peter Kuchment, the *Bulletin* Editor for Book Reviews recommends the appointment of **CRAIG HUNEKE** (U. Virginia) and the reappointment of **KEN ONO** (Emory), **PHILIP PROTTER** (Columbia), **DAVID COX** (Amherst), and **STEVEN KRANTZ** (Washington University) as *Bulletin* Associate Editors for Book Reviews for three year terms, beginning 01 February 2015 and ending 31 January 2018. The Council appointed the recommended candidates.

4.3 Committee on Science Policy

David Vogan, Jr. reported briefly on the AMS Committee on Science Policy (CSP) meeting held in Washington, D.C. on March 14-15, 2014. Minutes from this meeting will be included in the January 2015 Council Agenda.

4.4 Committee on Meetings and Conferences

Ellen Maycock, AMS Associate Executive Director for Meetings and Professional Services, provided an oral report on the Committee on Meetings and Conferences (CoMC) meeting which was held in Chicago, Illinois on 8 March, 2014. The annual report of this committee is attached (Attachment C) and is filed in the AMS Committee Report Book as Committee Report Number 140304-002.

CoMC forwarded the following items for Council action.

4.4.1 The AMS-MAA-SIAM Porter Public Lecture

The AMS-MAA-SIAM Gerald and Judith Porter Public Lecture has been delivered each year at the Joint Mathematics Meetings since 2010. Currently the lecturer is selected by a standing committee of the MAA which consists of three MAA representatives and one representative each from the AMS and SIAM. The lecture series is supported by an MAA fund. The first five lecturers in the series were [with estimated attendance]:

- **2010** Steven Strogatz (Cornell), *The calculus of friendship* [600]
- **2011** Robert Lang (Origami), *From flapping birds to space telescopes: The mathematics of origami* [300]
- **2012** Erik Demaine (MIT), *Geometric puzzles: Algorithms and complexity* [900+]
- **2013** Kenneth Golden (University of Utah), *Mathematics and the melting polar ice caps* [1100]
- **2014** Eitan Grinspun (Columbia), *The mathematics behind Hollywood's visual effects* [1100]

The AMS-MAA Joint Meetings Committee reviewed the series at its meeting in the summer of 2013 and supported continuing it. MAA has proposed that this committee become a standing joint committee of six with equal representation from all organizations. Additionally, the current charge specifies a two-year term, but the MAA proposes changing this to a three-year term. These measures were approved by the MAA Board of Governors in August 2013. The proposed new charge is:

AMS-MAA-SIAM Porter Public Lecture Committee

General Description

1. Committee is joint and standing.
2. Number of members is six; two from each organization.
3. Term is three years.

Principal Activities

The AMS-MAA-SIAM Porter Public Lecture Committee will select the lecturer for the Gerald and Judith Porter Public Lecture to be given each year at the Joint Mathematics Meetings. The chair of the committee is responsible for sending the committee's recommendation to the Associate Secretary of the Mathematical Association of America. The recommendation does not require the approval of the governing bodies of AMS, MAA, and SIAM. The chair of the committee shall rotate among the organizations with AMS chairing in 2014.

Miscellaneous Information

The MAA Secretary will issue the letter of invitation.

CoMC approved these changes and recommends them to the Council.

The Council approved these changes as written.

4.4.2 The Mathematical Council of the Americas and Invitation for AMS Participation

The Mathematical Council of Americas (MCofA) was created during the 2013 Mathematical Congress of the Americas (MCA) held in Guanajuato, Mexico in August 2013. Its purpose is to organize future MCAs and promote development and cooperation in mathematics among all mathematicians in the Americas. The plan is to organize a quadrennial MCA in rotating countries of the Americas, the second of which will be held in Montreal in 2017.

The MCofA has formulated provisional statutes (see Attachment D) and appointed an interim Executive Committee. Susan Friedlander is on the Interim Committee.

The American Mathematical Society has been invited to join the Mathematical Council of Americas. This requires a membership fee of \$1,000 annually for societies with more than a thousand members and entitles the member society to three representatives on the Council.

As of January 1, 2014, the following Societies have joined: CMS/SMC (Canada), MAA, SBM (Brazil), SIAM, SBMAC (Brazil), FMM (Mexico), IMA (Argentina). The following Institutions have joined: CRM, CIMAT (Mexico), CMM (Chile), Fields Institute, IMA, IPAM, IM-INAM (Mexico), MBI, MSRI.

The AMS ECBT approved joining the MCofA at its November 2013 meeting. The Secretariat endorsed joining at its January 2014 meeting. At its 2014 meeting, CoMC approved the proposal to join the MCofA, and recommends this to the Council.

The Council approved the recommendation.

4.4.3 The Number of Invited Addresses at AMS Sectional Meetings

At its March 2013 meeting, the Secretariat addressed concerns that at the Sectional Meetings, the Sunday afternoon address is poorly attended. After much discussion, it was moved and seconded to recommend the following policy to the appropriate AMS body:

Sectional Meetings will have three to four plenary speakers, with three being the norm.

This would not include the Einstein Lectures or the Erdős Lectures, which would be in addition to the three to four invited addresses.

CoMC endorsed the policy and recommended that the Council approve it.

The Council approved the policy as written.

4.5 Report from the Joint Committee on Employment Opportunities

The annual report of this committee is attached (Attachment E) and filed as Committee Report Number 131201-014.

4.6 Report from the AMS Committee on Human Rights of Mathematicians

The annual report of this committee is attached (Attachment F). Included is a report on the first year of AMS participation in the AAAS Human Rights Coalition. The report has been filed in the AMS Committee Report Book as Committee Report Number 140327-003.

4.7 Editorial Boards Committee [Executive Session]

4.7.1 Mathematical Surveys and Monographs

The Editorial Boards Committee recommended appointing current member **MICHAEL SINGER** (University College London) as chair of the Mathematical Surveys and Monographs Editorial Committee for three years (01 February 2015 - 31 January 2018).

The Council approved the appointment.

5 Old Business

None.

6 New Business

6.1 Charge for the AMS Representatives to the Mathematical Council of the Americas

Since the Council approved joining the Mathematical Council of the Americas (MCoFA), it needed to establish a procedure for appointing AMS representatives to the MCoFA. The Council was asked to approve a charge drafted by the Secretary and reviewed by the President and Executive Director.

The Council approved an amendment to the draft charge to remove the phrase “and serve staggered terms” from the first sentence of the charge. The amended charge is in Attachment G.

The Council approved the charge as amended.

6.2 Proposal to Launch a New Electronic Journal

The Editorial and Publishing Divisions of the Society received a request from a group of seven mathematicians to consider launching a new journal on applied and computational topology. Other publishers were also invited to express interest in collaborating on such a journal. The AMS responded favorably to the invitation and presented a concrete plan to launch the *Journal of Applied and Computational Topology* (JACT) to start publishing in 2015. The group that initiated the request favored the plan presented by the AMS. Attachment H presents background information about the plan. Part 1 of Attachment H presents the formal proposal.

The proposal was submitted to the Committee on Publications (CPub) for its consideration. The full report of CPub can be found in Attachment I. Here is an excerpt: “While there is some concern about the lack of time for meaningful discussions within CPub, and also some concern about the anecdotal nature of the scientific merits, the Committee largely supports this proposal to launch JACT on a trial basis. This assumes that: (i) the editorial board will be clearly mathematical in character, and (ii) there would be review after a few (say 4) years as to the viability of the journal in terms of quality submissions received.”

A supplemental memo from the Editors of *Mathematics of Computation*, found in Attachment J, recommends a change in wording to the proposal for the new journal.

Council was asked to consider approving the proposal to launch the Journal of Applied and Computational Topology.

The Council approved a motion to send the proposal back to CPub for further discussion and consideration.

6.3 Discussion [Executive Session]

Since April 2002, the Council has devoted a portion of its April meeting to a discussion of one of the items in its purview. The topic this year was *MathSciNet*.

Guests of the Council were invited to participate in this discussion, which lasted for approximately 48 minutes.

6.4 Report of the Executive Director

Donald McClure gave the Executive Director’s annual report. His focus was on recent developments within the Publishing division and the Meetings and Professional Services division. In Publishing, these developments include two new open access journals launched by the AMS, the expansion of *Mathematics of Computation*, four AMS book series made available as ebooks, AMS’s management of the MathJax consortium, and enhancements to MathSciNet. Within the Meetings and Professional Services, McClure announced that in mid-August 2014, Ellen Maycock would be entering phased retirement and T. Christine Stevens would assume the duties of Associate Executive Director for Meetings and Professional Services. McClure reported on the launch of student chapters, the Simons travel grants for early career mathematicians, the Mathematical Research Communities, and successful meetings, including the Joint Mathematics Meetings in San Diego and Baltimore. Further details will be available in the Executive Director’s written report, which will be filed with the January Council.

McClure noted that the support of a generous anonymous donor funded the travel of about 100 graduate students to attend JMM and another 200 students to attend AMS Sectional Meetings. A motion was made and seconded to send thanks on behalf of the Council to the anonymous donor for his or her generous support of student travel and participation in AMS Meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

7 Announcements, Information and Record

7.1 Executive Committee Actions

7.1.1 *Bulletin* Appointments

Acting upon recommendations from Susan Friedlander, the *Bulletin* Chief Editor, the Executive Committee (EC) took the following actions.

- Reappointed PETER KUCHMENT (Texas A&M) as the *Bulletin* Book Reviews Editor for the three year term 01 February 2015 - 31 January 2018.
- Reappointed all of the following as Associate Editors for *Bulletin* Articles for the three year term 01 February 2015 - 31 January 2018: DANIEL FREED (U.T. Austin), EDWARD FRENKEL (Berkeley), MARK GOESKY (IAS), ANDREW GRANVILLE (U. Montreal), BRYNA KRA (Northwestern), BARRY MAZUR (Harvard), ANDREW RANICKI (U. Edinburgh), CHRISTOPH THIELE (U. Bonn), YURI TSCHINKEL (Courant), and MICHAEL WOLF (Rice).
- Appointed the following as Associate Editors for *Bulletin* Articles for the three year term 01 February 2015 - 31 January 2018: EMMANUEL CANDÈS (Stanford), RICHARD DURRETT (Duke), IRENE GAMBA (U.T. Austin), and ROBERT GURALNICK (USC).

7.1.2 Corrections to Minutes

Acting on a request of the Secretary, the EC approved the following four (4) corrections to previous Council minutes. All corrections concern the following confusion: although *Notices* terms follow the calendar year, *Bulletin* terms follow the “AMS year” and start on February 1 of the appointment year.

- Correct Item 4.2 from the minutes of the April 16, 2011 Council Meeting to read, “Susan Friedlander, Chief Editor of the *Bulletin*, recommended the appointment of PETER KUCHMENT (Texas A&M) as the *Bulletin* Book Reviews Editor for the 3 year term 01 February 2012 -31 January 2015. Friedlander also recommended the appointments of ANDREW RANICKI (University of Edinburgh) and CHRISTOPH THIELE (UCLA) as Associate Editors for *Bulletin* Articles for the same term. The Council appointed each to the recommended position for the specified term.”
- Delete the correction of Item 2.1 from the minutes of the January 3, 2012 Council Meeting.
- Correct Item 7.2 of the minutes of the January 3, 2012 Council Meeting to read, “Upon the recommendation of Susan Friedlander, Editor in Chief of the *Bulletin of the AMS*, the Executive Committee approved the reappointments of DAVID J. BENSON (Aberdeen. Scotland), DANIEL S. FREED (Austin TX), EDWARD FRENKEL (Berkeley CA), MARK GOESKY (Princeton NJ), ANDREW GRANVILLE (Montreal, Canada), BRYNA KRA (Evanston IL), GREGORY F. LAWLER (Chicago IL), BARRY MAZUR (Cambridge MA), PAUL H. RABINOWITZ (Madison WI), YURI TSCHINKEL (New York, NY) and MICHAEL WOLF (Houston TX) as Associate Editors for *Bulletin* Articles for terms beginning 01 February 2012 and ending 31 January 2015.”
- Correct Item 7.2 of the minutes of the April 21, 2012 Council Meeting to read, “Acting upon a recommendation from Peter Kuchment, the new *Bulletin* Editor for Book Reviews,

the Executive Committee (EC) appointed EVANS HARRELL (Atlanta, Georgia) as a BAMS Associate Editor for Book Reviews for the 01 February 2012 - 31 January 2015 term. The EC also reappointed JONATHAN ALPERIN (Chicago, Illinois), LISA JEFFREY (Toronto, Ontario), STEVEN KRANTZ (St Louis, Missouri), KEN ONO (Atlanta, Georgia), and PHILIP PROTTER (New York, New York) to the same position for that term.”

7.1.3 Colloquium Lecturer and Gibbs Lecturer

The Executive Committee (EC) supported the recommendation of the Colloquium Lecturer Committee to invite Michael Hopkins (Harvard) to deliver the Colloquium Lectures at the 2015 Annual Meeting in San Antonio. Hopkins has accepted the invitation. The EC also supported the Gibbs Lecturer Committee in its selection of Daniel Spielman (Yale), who will deliver the Gibbs Lecture at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

7.2 2014-2015 Centennial Fellowship

Upon recommendation of the AMS Centennial Fellowship Committee, Kate Juschenko (Northwestern) was offered the 2014-2015 Centennial Fellowship. Professor Juschenko has accepted the award. The amount of the Fellowship for 2014-2015 will be \$85,000, with an additional expense allowance of \$8,500. [Subsequent to this meeting, Professor Juschenko declined the Centennial Fellowship because she received a National Science Foundation CAREER Award. The January 2013 Council ruled that the Centennial Fellowship cannot be held concurrently with an NSF CAREER Award.]

7.3 AWM-AMS Noether Lecture

At its Spring 2013 meeting the Council approved co-sponsoring the Noether Lecture with AWM. The first joint AWM-AMS Noether Lecture will be delivered by Wen-Ching Winnie Li (Penn State) at the 2015 Joint Meetings in San Antonio.

7.4 Joint AMS-SIAM Lecture

At its Spring 2011 meeting the Council approved co-sponsoring an AMS-SIAM Lecturer at the SIAM Annual Meeting. The 2014 AMS-SIAM Lecturer for the SIAM Annual Meeting in Chicago will be Jean-Luc Thiffeault (Wisconsin).

7.5 AMS-NZMS Maclaurin Lecturer

At its Spring 2010 meeting the Council approved the establishment of a lectureship exchange involving the AMS and the New Zealand Mathematical Society, in which, during alternate years, a US-based mathematician would lecture in New Zealand and a New Zealand mathematician would lecture in the US. The first of these was Marston Conder of New Zealand and the second was Terence Tao from the US. The third Maclaurin Lecturer is James Sneyd of New Zealand who will give a series of lectures in the U.S. in the fall of 2014, including an Invited Address at the Fall Southeastern Sectional Meeting in Greensboro, NC.

7.6 AMS Lecture at Mathfest

Also at its Spring 2010 meeting the Council approved co-sponsoring an AMS-MAA Lecture at Mathfest, the summer MAA meeting. The AMS Lecture at Mathfest 2014 in Portland will be delivered by Sara Billey (University of Washington).

7.7 Advisory Committee on *Notices* Editorial Policy

In light of the response to publication in the November 2013 *Notices* of the article by Saaty and Zoffer, President David Vogan, Jr. appointed an advisory committee to suggest possible changes the *Notices* Editorial Board might adopt in procedures for refereeing and acceptance of articles. The president has shared the report of the committee with the *Notices* Editorial Board, the Committee on Publications, and the Council. The report of the committee can be found in Attachment K and has been filed in the AMS Committee Report Book as Committee Report Number 140206-001.

The members of the committee were Dan Abramovich (Council MAL), Sergei Gelfand (AMS Publisher), Steven Krantz (*Notices* Chief Editor), David Marker (former CPub Chair), Steven Strogatz (*Notices* Editorial Board), David Vogan, Jr. (President, CPub Member) (Chair), and Chuck Weibel (CPub Chair).

7.8 *Notices* Chief Editor Search Committee

The current term of Steven Krantz as Chief Editor of the *Notices of the American Mathematical Society* ends 31 December 2015. A search committee, consisting of Dan Abramovich, Amber Puha, Donald McClure (chair), Carla Savage, and David Vogan, has been convened, and an ad will appear in the May *Notices*. For reference, here is the relevant passage from the *Notices* charge:

The Chief Editor of the *Notices* shall be appointed by the Council. Recommendations for appointment and reappointment shall be made by a committee consisting of the Executive Director (chair), the Secretary, the President, and two elected members of the Council appointed by the President. For new appointments, the committee should advertise widely to attract applications from the entire mathematical community. The recommendation of the committee along with a written rationale shall be brought to the Council for its approval.

7.9 Next Council Meeting

The next meeting of this Council will be Friday, 09 January 2015 San Antonio, Texas, starting at 2:30 p.m. CST.

7.10 Future Scientific and Governance Meetings

See the listing of future meetings in Attachment L.

8 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

*Carla D. Savage, Secretary
Raleigh, North Carolina
September 6, 2014*

ATTACHMENTS

2014 AMS GOVERNANCE

2014 COUNCIL

Officers

President	David A. Vogan, Jr.	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2014
President Elect	Robert Bryant	Duke University	2014
Vice Presidents	Susan Montgomery	University of Southern California	2016
	Andrew M. Odlyzko	University of Minnesota	2014
	Christoph Thiele	Universität Bonn	2015
Secretary	Carla D. Savage	North Carolina State University	2016
Associate Secretaries	Georgia Benkart	University of Wisconsin	2015
	Brian D. Boe	University of Georgia	2016
	Michel Lapidus	University of California, Riverside	2015
	Steven H. Weintraub	Lehigh University	2016
Former Secretary	Robert Daverman	University of Tennessee	2014
Treasurer	Jane M. Hawkins	University of North Carolina	2016
Associate Treasurer	Zbigniew Nitecki	Tufts University	2015

Representatives of Committees

Bulletin Editorial	Susan J. Friedlander, Chair	University of Southern California	2017
Colloquium Editorial	Peter Sarnak, Chair	Princeton University	2016
Executive Committee	Tara Holm	Cornell University	2016
Journal of the AMS	Sergey Fomin, Chair	University of Michigan	2016
Math Reviews Editorial	Ronald M. Solomon, Chair	Ohio State University	2016
Math Surveys & Monographs	Ralph L. Cohen, Chair	Stanford University	2014
Mathematics of Computation	Susanne C. Brenner, Chair	Louisiana State University	2015
Proceedings Editorial	Ken Ono, Chair	Emory University	2017
Transactions and Memoirs	Alejandro Adem, Chair	University of British Columbia	2016

Members at Large

Dan Abramovich	Brown University	2014
Hélène Barcelo	Mathematical Sciences Research Institute	2014
Arthur T. Benjamin	Harvey Mudd College	2014
James A. Carlson	Clay Mathematics Institute	2014
Jesus De Loera	University of California, Davis	2015
Richard T. Durrett	Duke University	2016
Lisa J. Fauci	Tulane University	2016
Allan T. Greenleaf	University of Rochester	2015
Michael J. Larsen	Indiana University	2016
Kristin E. Lauter	Microsoft Research	2016
Nataša Pavović	University of Texas at Austin	2015
Victoria Powers	Emory University	2014
Amber L. Puha	California State University, San Marcos	2015
Kenneth A. Ribet	University of California, Berkeley	2015
Jennifer Taback	Bowdoin College	2016

2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Hélène Barcelo	Mathematical Sciences Research Institute	2015
Ralph L. Cohen	Stanford University	2014
Robert Bryant	Duke University	<i>ex officio</i>
Tara S. Holm	Cornell University	2016
Kenneth A. Ribet	University of California, Berkeley	2017
Carla D. Savage	North Carolina State University	<i>ex officio</i>
David A. Vogan	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	<i>ex officio</i>

2014 TRUSTEES

Ruth Charney	Brandeis University	2016
Mark L. Green	University of California, Los Angeles	2014
Jane M. Hawkins	University of North Carolina	<i>ex officio</i>
William H. Jaco	Oklahoma State University	2015
Robert Lazarsfeld	Stony Brook University	2018
Zbigniew Nitecki	Tufts University	<i>ex officio</i>
David A. Vogan	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	<i>ex officio</i>
Karen Vogtmann	Cornell University	2017

2014 EDITORIAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

Walter Craig	McMaster University	2015
Sergei Gelfand	AMS	<i>ex officio</i>
Ralph Greenberg	University of Washington	2014
Walter D. Neumann	Barnard College	2015
Dana Randall	Georgia Institute of Technology	2014
Carla D. Savage	North Carolina State University	<i>ex officio</i>
Anne Schilling	University of California, Davis	2016
Daniel Stroock	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2016

2014 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Frederick R. Cohen	University of Rochester	2014
Peter Constantin	Princeton University	2016
Susan Friedlander	University of Southern California	2014
Fan Chung Graham	University of California, San Diego	2014
Robert Griess	University of Michigan	2016
Craig Huneke	University of Virginia	2015
Ken Ono	Emory University	2015
Amie Wilkinson	University of Chicago	2015
David Wright	Oklahoma State University	2016

**AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
BUSINESS BY MAIL
1 MARCH 2014**

Executive Committee Election

In an email ballot dated February 21, 2014, there were 31 ballots cast, by:

Dan Abramovich	Bryna Kra
Alejandro Adem	Michel Lapidus
Hélène Barcelo	Michael Larsen
Arthur Benjamin	Susan Montgomery
Susanne Brenner	Zbigniew Nitecki
Robert Bryant	Andrew Odlyzko
James Carlson	Ken Ono
Ralph Cohen	Nataša Pavović
Jesus De Loera	Victoria Powers
Richard Durrett	Amber Puha
Lisa Fauci	Kenneth Ribet
Sergey Fomin	Carla Savage
Susan Friedlander	Ronald Solomon
Allan Greenleaf	Jennifer Taback
Jane Hawkins	David Vogan
Tara Holm	

The result of this election was:

Allan Greenleaf	8
Kenneth Ribet	22
Abstentions	1

Accordingly, Ribet was appointed to the Executive Committee, effective March 01, 2014, and ending when a replacement is determined in the election of February 2018.

Carla D. Savage
Secretary
March 1, 2014

AMS Committee on Meetings and Conferences

Highlights of 2014 Meeting

The Committee on Meetings and Conferences (CoMC) held its annual meeting on March 8, 2014, at the Hilton Chicago O'Hare Airport Hotel. Graham Leuschke, chair, presided over the meeting

Introductory items

The meeting began with a round of introductions. Time was then devoted to discussing the components that play roles in AMS meetings: the Secretariat, the Meetings and Conferences Department, and CoMC. The history of some decisions made by CoMC was reviewed. Secretary Carla Savage and AMS staff members AED Ellen Maycock and Director of Meetings and Conferences Penny Pina answered questions posed by CoMC members.

Reports

- **Secretariat.** Carla Savage reported on the March 7, 2014, Secretariat meeting.
 - **Upcoming Joint International Meetings:**
 - Israel, June 16-19, 2014, in Tel Aviv.
 - Portugal, June 10-13, 2015, in Porto (with the European Mathematical Society).
 - Tentative: December 2016, to be held with the Indian Mathematical Society and the Ramanujan Mathematical Society.
 - Tentative (contingent on Council approval for the AMS to join the Mathematical Council of the Americas): July 23 – 28, 2017, Mathematical Congress of the Americas, in Montréal.
 - **2013-2014 Einstein Lectures.** The 2013 Einstein Lecture was given by Jon Kleinberg at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, on October 12, 2013. The 2014 Einstein Lecture will be held on October 25-26, 2014, at San Francisco State University. James H. Simons will be the speaker.
 - **2013 Erdős Lectures.** A 2013 Erdős Memorial Lecture was held at Iowa State University on April 27, 2013. The lecturer was Endre Szemerédi. Another 2013 Erdős Memorial Lecture was held at Temple University on October 12, 2013. The lecturer was Barry Mazur. The 2014 Erdős Memorial Lecture was given on March 21, 2014. The lecturer was Maria Chudnovsky.
 - **AMS-NZMS Lecture Series.** The first AMS-NZMS Maclaurin Lecturer was

Marston Conder. He delivered an Invited Address at the Eastern Sectional Meeting, held in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts on April 6-7, 2013, and gave colloquia at seven colleges and universities. (Conder was officially the 2012 Maclaurin Lecturer, but his visit was delayed until 2013 to allow scheduling a talk at a Sectional Meeting.) Terrence Tao was the 2013 Maclaurin Lecturer, visiting New Zealand during summer 2013. The third AMS-NZMS Maclaurin Lecturer will be James Sneyd from the University of Auckland. Sneyd's field is applications of mathematics to medicine, physiology, and biology in general. He will give a lecture at the 2014 Fall Southeastern Sectional Meeting in Greenboro, NC. The rest of the itinerary for his Maclaurin Lectures has not yet been determined.

- **CoMC Focus Group Breakfast.** Vicki Powers chaired the CoMC Focus Group Breakfast, held at the Baltimore Joint Mathematics Meetings. As in past years, the breakfast gathered attendees who were diverse in terms of their mathematical ages, their institutions and their reasons for attending the JMM. Suggestions were made about the Sectional Meetings, such as creating links to local industry and having funding for undergraduates to attend. CoMC discussed the value of continuing the tradition of the Focus Group Breakfast, and decided not to continue it in its present form. CoMC would be open to experimenting with other ways to gather input from conference participants.
- **Baltimore Questionnaire.** The responses from the Baltimore questionnaire were reviewed. Once again, the AMS used an electronic survey form and sent email to all participants after the meeting with a link to the survey. Over 1760 participants completed the survey. Specific issues that were discussed included the continuing problems with wireless access, and possible improvements for both the printed program and the online version. CoMC members will make suggestions about revisions to the current survey. During this discussion, CoMC passed the following motion:

CoMC recommends to the Joint Meetings Committee that the JMM be held in either the first or second week of January.

- **2014 Annual Review-- Sectional Meetings.** Laura De Carli, Kailash Misra and Vicki Powers (chair) formed the subcommittee that carried out this review. The subcommittee studied the results from a survey that was sent to Fall 2013 Sectional Meeting attendees. Two of the subcommittee members participated in the CoMC Focus Group discussion held at the 2014 JMM.

Overall, the report was very positive. In summary, the report stated:

The basic finding of the subcommittee is that the Sectional Meetings are valuable and successful and that the participants are for the

most part satisfied with the basic structure and organization of the meetings.

The AMS staff, the associate secretaries, and the local organizers deserve a round of applause for making the Sectional Meetings so successful!

The subcommittee made the following recommendations:

1. **Adding more activities for students.** The subcommittee recommends that the AMS encourage local organizers and Special Session organizers to implement activities for increasing the participation of graduate and undergraduate students in Sectional Meetings and for giving them more opportunities for networking.
2. **Choice of location.** Local organizers and associate secretaries should consider the lodging and food possibilities when deciding on the location of a Sectional Meeting.
3. **Invited Talks.** The subcommittee would like to reiterate what was said in the last report on sectional meetings (from 2008): *“It is important that people giving invited lectures be chosen not only for their mathematical talent, but also for their expository skills.”*
4. **Booklet.** We recommend that the AMS update the on-line schedule of the Sectional Meetings with the most recent changes of the program, and consider discontinuing the (costly) printed booklet.
5. **Publicize funding available for graduate students more.** The AMS should publicize more the availability of graduate student support.

During this discussion, CoMC passed the following motion:

CoMC strongly encourages Special Session organizers at Sectional Meetings to include one 45-minute expository talk aimed at graduate students and non-specialists.

- ***Report on AMS Travel Grants.*** The AMS now administers several travel grants programs on a regular basis. These include a program of travel grants awarded to graduate students in order to attend the Joint Mathematics Meetings and Sectional Meetings, and the AMS-Simons Travel Grants program for early career mathematicians. The National Science Foundation has recently awarded two grants to the AMS to fund travel to international conferences. In 2013, the AMS administered a travel grants program to fund

invited speakers and early career mathematicians in order to attend the inaugural Mathematical Congress of the Americas, held in Guanajuato, Mexico, on August 5 – 9, 2013. In 2014, the AMS will administer a travel grants program to fund invited speakers and early career mathematicians in order to attend the International Congress of Mathematicians, August 13 - 21, 2014, to be held in Seoul, Korea.

- **Report on MRC program.** The Mathematics Research Community (MRC) program, funded by NSF, is a program run by the AMS to support young mathematicians as they begin their research careers. The program is now in its seventh year. The NSF grant that supports this program has recently been renewed (supporting programs that will begin in summers 2014, 2015 and 2016). The conferences in summer 2014 will be:

Cluster Algebras, June 8 – 14, 2014

Michael Gekhtman (University of Notre Dame)
Mark Gross (University of California, San Diego)
Gregg Musiker (University of Minnesota)
David Speyer (University of Michigan)
Gordana Todorov (Northeastern University)

Algebraic and Geometric Methods in Applied Discrete Mathematics,

June 15 – 21, 2014

Carina Curto (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
Jesus A. De Loera (University of California, Davis)
Christine Heitsch (Georgia Institute of Technology)
Michael Orrison (Harvey Mudd College)
Francis Edward Su (Harvey Mudd College).

Mathematics of Quantum Phases of Matter and Quantum Information,

June 24-30, 2014

Siu-Hung Ng (Iowa State University)
Eric C. Rowell (Texas A&M University)
Zhenghan Wang (Microsoft Station Q and U.C. Santa Barbara).

Network Science, June 24-30, 2014

Mason Porter (University of Oxford)
Aaron Clauset (University of Colorado, Boulder)
David Kempe (University of Southern California)

- **Update date on Council actions.** The members of CoMC were informed about the actions that had been taken on the recommendations made at the 2013 CoMC meeting by the Council during its April 2013 meeting.

Old Business

- **AMS Community Network.** CoMC first discussed the possibility of having AMS Activity Groups at its meeting in March 2011. Over the next three years, the initial idea evolved into a program of online communities. The AMS has now launched the AMS Community Network, which will host AMS Activity Groups, Community Forums and private groups such as AMS committees. Currently, there are several Community Forums, including one for directors of undergraduate studies, one for directors of graduate studies and one for directors of summer math camps. CoMC members agreed to participate in a private group to be established in order to handle CoMC committee business.
- **Policy on a Welcoming Environment.** The AMS-ASA-AWM-IMS-MAA-NCTM-SIAM Committee on Women in the Mathematical Sciences (JCW) proposed in early 2013 a “welcoming environment policy” and suggested to participating societies that they discuss adoption of such a policy. The objective of such a policy is to encourage members of a society to ensure that all feel welcome at events of all types, including meetings and conferences. CoProf discussed the proposed policy at its meeting in September 2013 and recommended formation of a subcommittee with representatives from CoProf, CoMC and the Committee on Women in Mathematics (CoWiM). The members of the subcommittee are Don McClure (CoProf), Anna Mazzucato (CoMC), and Carol Wood (CoWiM). The subcommittee presented a draft of a proposal, which was viewed positively by committee members. The draft of the policy will also be reviewed by the Committee on the Profession (CoProf), and will be vetted by the AMS attorney.

New Business

- **The AMS-MAA-SIAM Porter Public Lecture.** The AMS-MAA-SIAM Gerald and Judith Porter Public Lecture has been delivered each year at the Joint Mathematics Meetings since 2010. Currently the lecturer is selected by a standing committee of the MAA which consists of three MAA representatives and one representative each from the AMS and SIAM. The lecture series is supported by an MAA fund. The first five lecturers in the series were [with estimated attendance]:
 - 2010 Steven Strogatz (Cornell): "The calculus of friendship" [600]
 - 2011 Robert Lang (Origami): "From flapping birds to space telescopes: The mathematics of origami" [300]
 - 2012 Erik Demaine (MIT): "Geometric puzzles: Algorithms and complexity" [900+]
 - 2013 Kenneth Golden (University of Utah): "Mathematics and the melting polar ice caps" [1100]

- 2014 Eitan Grinspun (Columbia): "The mathematics behind Hollywood's visual effects" [1100]

The Joint Meetings Committee reviewed the series at its meeting in the summer of 2013 and supported continuing it. MAA has proposed that this committee become a standing joint committee of six with equal representation from all organizations. Additionally, the current charge specifies a two-year term, but the MAA proposes changing this to a three-year term. These measures were approved by the MAA Board of Governors in August 2013. CoMC approved these changes and recommends them to the Council.

- ***The Mathematical Council of the Americas and Invitation for AMS Participation.*** The Mathematical Council of Americas (MCofA) was created during the 2013 Mathematical Congress of the Americas (MCA) held in Guanajuata, Mexico in August 2013. Its purpose is to organize future MCAs and promote development and cooperation in mathematics among all mathematicians in the Americas. The plan is to organize a quadrennial MCA in rotating countries of the Americas, the second of which will be held in Montreal in 2017.

The MCofA has formulated provisional statutes and appointed an interim Executive Committee. Susan Friedlander is on the Executive Committee.

The American Mathematical Society has been invited to join the Mathematical Council of Americas. This requires a membership fee of \$1,000 annually for societies with more than a thousand members. This entitles the member society to three representatives on the Council.

As of January 1, 2014, the following Societies have joined: CMS, MAA, SBM (Brazil), SIAM, SBMAC (Brazil), AMM (Mexico), IMA (Argentina). The following Institutions have joined: CRM, CIMAT (Mexico), CMM (Chile), Fields Institute, IMA, IPAM, IM-INAM (Mexico), MBI, MSRI.

The AMS ECBT approved joining the MCofA at its November 2013 meeting. The Secretariat endorsed joining at its January 2014 meeting. At its 2014 meeting, CoMC approved the proposal to join the MCofA, and recommends this to the Council.

- ***The Number of Invited Addresses at AMS Sectional Meetings.*** At its March 2013 meeting, the Secretariat addressed concerns that at the Sectional Meetings, the Sunday afternoon address is poorly attended. After much discussion, it was moved and seconded to recommend the following policy to the appropriate AMS body:

Sectional Meetings will have three to four plenary speakers, with three being the norm.

This would not include the Einstein Lectures or the Erdős Lectures, which would be in addition to the three to four invited addresses.

CoMC endorsed the policy and recommends that the Council approve it.

2015 CoMC Meeting.

- The committee approved the suggested date of March 21, 2015 for its next meeting, to be held at AMS Headquarters in Providence, RI.
- For the 2015 meeting, the topic to be reviewed will be: Invited plenary, distinguished and joint lectures.

*Ellen Maycock
Associate Executive Director
March 24, 2014*



Dear Professor David Vogan
President
Dear Professor Donald Mclure
Executive Director
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The Mathematical Council of the Americas (MCoFA) was created at a meeting of heads of mathematical organizations and institutions held in Guanajuato, Mexico, on August 4, 2013, just prior to the inaugural Mathematical Congress of the Americas, MCA 2013.

The Council's primary tasks are to organize the future MCAs and to promote or collaborate with other initiatives aiming to advance the development of Mathematics and the cooperation among mathematicians in the continent. See the provisional Statutes, attached to this message.

As the interim Executive Committee of the MCoFA, we would like to invite the **American Mathematical Society** to join the Council as a Member society. Similar messages are being sent to major mathematical societies and institutes in North America, Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience, not later than December 31st, 2013, whether you accept our invitation and, in the affirmative case, which category suits you best: Large Society, Small Society or Associate Member.

The membership dues are US\$300 (three hundred US dollars)/year for Small Societies and US\$1,000 (one thousand US dollars)/year for Large Societies; Associate Members pay no dues and have no voting rights.

We look forward for your response. Thank you very much for your attention.

Los Angeles, Guanajuato, Rio de Janeiro, September 16th, 2013

The interim Executive Committee of the MCoFA
Susan Friedlander, Jose Antonio de la Pefia, Marcelo Viana

Mathematical Council of the Americas - MCofA

Statutes

1 - NATURE

The MCofA is a network for professional mathematical societies and research institutes based in the Americas, dedicated to promoting the development of Mathematics, in all its aspects, throughout the continent. As a continental collaborative effort, special attention will be given to cooperating with UMALCA - Mathematical Union for Latin America and the Caribbean.

2 - PURPOSE

The MCofA aims to highlight the excellence of mathematical achievements in the Americas within the context of the international arena and to foster the scientific integration of all mathematical communities in the continent.

3 - ACTIVITIES

3.1 The MCofA will organize a quadriennial Mathematical Congress of the Americas, in rotating countries in the continent.

3.2 The MCofA will promote, or collaborate with, other initiatives aiming to advance the development of Mathematics and the cooperation among mathematicians in the continent.

4 - MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Application for membership is open to societies and institutes based in the Americas, which are primarily dedicated to Mathematics, support the goals of the MCofA and admit their individual members without discrimination. Membership applications should be submitted to the Executive Committee for evaluation.

4.2 There are 3 (three) categories of members: Regular Members (consisting of Large Societies and Small Societies), Associate Members and Institutional Members.

4.3 The Regular Members are:

- a) Large societies (>1,000 members), with 3 (three) designated representatives in the Council.
- b) Small societies (<1,000 members), with 1 (one) designated representative in the Council.

4.4 The Associate Members are small mathematical societies in mathematically less developed countries, currently unable to sustain the financial burden of Regular Membership. Associate Members pay no dues and may designate a non-voting representative in the Council. They should apply for Regular Membership within 8 (eight) years from their first association to MCofA.

4.5 Institutional Members are research institutes. They designate a non-voting member in the Council.

5 - DUES

5.1 The membership dues of Regular Members and Institutional Members are set by the Council, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee. Normally, the dues for the Small Societies and for the Institutional Members are 1/3 (one third) of those of the Large Societies.

5.2 Membership dues are paid to a bank account designated by the Executive Committee.

5.3 Regular Members with 2 (two) or more years in arrears will have their voting privileges suspended.

6 - COUNCIL

6.1 The Council is the main decision body:

- It sets the strategic goals of the MCofA.
- It elects the Executive Committee.
- It approves the membership dues, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.

- It approves the site and host institution of the Mathematical Congress of the Americas, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.

6.2 The Council is formed

by

- a) The designated representatives of the Regular Members, each carrying one vote.
- b) The designated representatives of the Associate Members and the Institutional Members, without vote.

6.3 The Council meets in person once every 4 (four) years, at least, in conjunction with the Mathematical Congress of the Americas. Physical or virtual meetings can be convened at any time by the Executive Committee or at the demand of 1/4 (one quarter) of the Regular Members.

7 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7.1 The Executive Committee is the main executive body:

- It presides over and implements the decisions of the Council.
- It makes a recommendation to the Council on the memberships dues.
- It has the responsibility of overseeing and reporting to the Council on the finances of the MCoFA.
- It calls for bids to hold the Mathematical Congress of the Americas and makes a recommendation to the Council on the site and host organization of the Congress.
- It acts as the Steering Committee of the Mathematical Congress of the Americas, in particular, appointing the Program Committee and the Awards Committee.
- It appoints any other committees relevant to the activities of the MCoFA.

7.2 The Executive Committee is formed by 5 (five) members elected by the Council, with staggered 4 (four) year terms, together with 1 (one) member designated by the host organization of the forthcoming Mathematical Congress of the Americas.

7.3 No person will be elected to serve in the Executive Committee for more than 2 (two) consecutive terms.

7.4 The Executive Committee will organize itself to carry out its responsibilities.

Approved at Guanajuato, Mexico on August 4, 2013.

JCEO ANNUAL REPORT TO AMS, 2013

The following is a brief report on the activities of the AMS-MAA-SIAM Joint Committee on Employment Opportunities for 2013.

Annual Meeting. The JCEO held its annual meeting for 2013 on Thursday, January 10 at JMM in San Diego. In attendance were committee members Sharon Arroyo, Leslie Button, Ivelisse Rubio Canabal, Sarah Ann Stewart Fleming, Sharon Garthwaite, Sue Geller, Margaret Robinson (chair), Sema Salur, and Gerard Venema along with staff Ellen Maycock (AMS), Diane Boumenot (AMS), Laura Byrum (AMS), and Linda Thiel (SIAM). Note that MAA did not send a staff representative to the meeting, as they have not done for the past few years now.

The main agenda items were as follows:

- AMS business: Discussion of the Employment Center, Mathjobs.org, the help desk in the employment center, a survey distributed to applicants and employers about the Employment Center, and a report conducted by the AMS on employment services.
- JCEO articles: Discussion of feedback from *Ethics for Interviewers: Location Matters*, a JCEO article encouraging use of the Employment Center for interviews, published in the August 2012 Notices of the AMS as a letter to the editor. Discussion of possible future article on letters of recommendation addressing applicant's teaching.
- AMS On the market blog. (see below.)
- SIAM business: Report on Job Board, NSF-supported report on Mathematics in Industry, career-related articles.
- The need for a change in the committee's charge to reflect the services of all three Societies.

Help Desk at JMM. The JCEO staffed a help desk for two days inside the employment center from 10am to 5pm on Wednesday, January 9 and Friday, January 11. Staffers used a sign-up sheet with 15 minute time slots due to the popularity of the service. The committee plans to expand the hours of the help desk at the 2014 JMM.

AMS On the Market blog. About three years ago Sue Gellar started a blog called On The Market, aimed at job seekers, hosted by the AMS. This past year Prof. Gellar solicited additional articles from JCEO members. New posts were made in January and February; however, it was difficult to maintain constant updates as many issues facing job seekers stay constant year to year. In November the Web Advisory Group at the AMS decided to suspend the blog due to inactivity with plans to preserve the content in some manner.

—Respectfully submitted by Sharon Garthwaite, Chair of JCEO, December 1, 2013.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RIGHTS OF MATHEMATICIANS**

MELVYN B. NATHANSON

This is a report on recent activities of the AMS Human Rights Committee.

1. HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES OF INDIVIDUAL MATHEMATICIANS

This committee was originally formed to look into cases of mathematicians in other countries who were victims of persecution for political, religious, or other reasons, and to try to remedy abuses of the human rights of our colleagues abroad. In the past year, the committee investigated three cases of mathematicians whose human rights may have been violated. In two cases it was determined that the cases had merit, and that the mathematicians and their families were in danger. In the first case, a possible assassination attempt by car bombing had failed, and the targeted mathematician was seeking political asylum in Europe. In the second case, a mathematician had been arrested and jailed for taking part in a political protest. In both cases, the AMS president wrote letters to the relevant authorities on behalf of the mathematicians. Asylum was granted in the first case, and in the second the mathematician was fined and released. These positive outcomes were obviously not the direct consequence of AMS intervention, but the fact that the mathematical community in the United States made public statements on behalf of the afflicted scientists must certainly have helped them. Historically, scientists suffering from political or other persecution have only been helped when their cases were publicized in the US and scientific societies made public statements on their behalf.

2. AAAS SCIENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS COALITION

The AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition was launched in January 2009. The Coalition is a network of scientific and engineering membership organizations that recognize a role for scientists and engineers in human rights. Its member organizations include the American Physical Society, the American Chemical Society, the American Statistical Association, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and many others. The AMS Human Rights Committee recommended last year that the AMS join the AAAS Coalition, and this recommendation was adopted by the AMS. We are now a member of the Coalition.

The Coalition has working groups in different areas. The Welfare of Scientists group considers the cases of individual mathematicians whose human rights are threatened. In the case of the mathematician seeking asylum in Europe, I informed the working group chair, and he publicized the case through his network and additional letters were sent to the immigration court in Europe. The AAAS Coalition is also concerned with broader issues of science and human rights. For example,

Date: March 27, 2014.

Article 15 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights states that there is a right to enjoy the benefits of science, but this provision of the treaty has never been explored or articulated. The AAAS Coalition is working with the United Nations to develop the content of Article 15.

When the AMS joined the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition, there were no fees and no obligation other than to send representatives to the January and July meetings in Washington. The AAAS is now asking member organizations to pay dues to help defray the expenses of the Coalition. I strongly recommend that the AMS continue its membership in the Coalition. It is important that the AMS demonstrate that it understands that human rights and science are related, that there is a human right to do science and benefit from the advances of science, that we are committed to protecting the human rights of scientists around the world, and that we will work with other American scientific societies in these endeavors.

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Proposed Charge

**AMS Representatives to the
Mathematical Council of the Americas**

General Description

- Committee is standing
- Number of members is three
- Term is four years

Members are appointed by the AMS President. One of the three members is to be selected from the Secretariat.

Principal Activities

The principal activity of this committee is to represent AMS on the Mathematical Council of the Americas. The Council meets in person once every four years, at least, in conjunction with the Mathematical Congress of the Americas. Physical or virtual meetings can be convened at any time by the Executive Committee of the MCoFA or at the demand of one quarter of the Regular Members of its Council.

The Mathematical Council of the Americas is the umbrella organization with the responsibility of organizing the Mathematical Congress of the Americas, a series of conferences to be held every four years, starting in 2013. As a Regular Member of the Mathematical Council of the Americas (MCoFA), the AMS is entitled to designate three representatives to the Council.

Proposal to Launch a New Electronic Journal

Preamble

The AMS and other scholarly publishers were contacted in November by a group of mathematical scientists interested in launching a new journal on applied and computational topology. Their inquiry is included as Part 2 of this attachment. They were seeking a publishing partnership with the goal of publishing the journal. The inquiry raised a number of specific questions about how such a partnership might be structured and how such a journal would operate.

While we have weighed the possibility of starting new journals, this is the first time in recent memory that we have been contacted by an outside group about launching a completely new journal. (Other recent queries have related to the possibility of the AMS becoming a new home for an established journal or providing various forms of sale-of-service for an established journal.)

We do believe that we can make significant contributions to the research and library communities by publishing more. A society publisher such as the AMS offers the most cost effective solutions for dissemination of scholarly research. A fundamental dilemma, however, is the challenge of creating a viable new journal when the resources of libraries are as strained as they are today.

In order for a new journal to succeed, it has to be able to attract good authors and, for a subscription journal, it has to build a solid base of subscribers. A new journal also has to attract an engaged readership; we feel that the plan we propose in Part 1 of this attachment can promote this goal.

We evaluated the volume of the current research literature that could be served by the proposed journal. Based on statistics from the Mathematical Reviews Database using combinations of relevant MSCs, there were more than 750 articles published in journals or conference proceedings during the three year period 2011-2013 that might be candidates for such a journal. Anecdotally, three current members of the Committee on Publications noted that they are currently writing or recently wrote papers that could be appropriate for the journal. We also believe that the journal will have a distinguished editorial board which can attract excellent submissions.

The journal will be a small journal at an estimated 400 pages per year. Consequently, the subscription price will be very modest. In the first year 2015 we will make it a free benefit to subscribers of *Mathematics of Computation*; see Part 1 of this attachment. Other subscribers will be able to opt in for a free subscription in 2015. A 2016 subscription price would be set by the ECBT at the May 2015 meeting.

We have considered alternative approaches to expanding publishing in the area of applied and computational topology. Two people involved in the discussion raised the possibility of expanding the editorial board of *Mathematics of Computation*. Since the editorial goals of the proposed journal and of *Mathematics of Computation* are not well aligned, it was generally agreed that this alternative should not be pursued.

We feel that the new *Journal of Applied and Computational Topology* is an opportunity that we should pursue. We believe that we can publish an excellent journal that will be a credit to the publishing program of the AMS.

The journal will be reviewed on the regular four-year cycle of the Committee on Publications when research journals other than the primary journals are reviewed. The next such review will occur in 2015, and then again in 2019.

The Council is asked to approve the following resolution, recommended by the Executive Director, Publisher, and Associate Executive Director for Publishing:

The Council endorses establishing the *Journal of Applied and Computational Topology* as described in the formal description contained in Part 1 of this attachment.

Part 1

Proposal to Launch a New AMS E-only Journal

Rational for establishing a new journal. Recent years have witnessed a substantial increase in the use of methods from algebraic and combinatorial topology in research within sciences and engineering, including in data analysis, visualization, image processing, robotics, and more broadly in theoretical computer science, biology, medicine, and social sciences. Frequently, structural topological insights are needed in the discovery and analysis of fundamental mechanisms in applications. The investigation of large data sets often requires development of new algorithms, which in turn depend on mathematical insights.

Journal of Applied and Computational Topology

Journal overview. The proposed *Journal of Applied and Computational Topology* is a new electronic-only journal devoted to publishing high-quality research articles bridging algebraic and combinatorial topology on the one side and science and engineering on the other. It aims to serve both mathematicians and users of mathematical methods. We invite research contributions: from within the sciences, with focus on essential uses of topological methods and, from within topology, with a strong applied component or motivation from science and engineering. We particularly encourage the submission of topical surveys and expository articles.

Editorial Board. Submission, refereeing and acceptance of articles are performed by the Editorial Board (to be formed). The board will consist of a small group (at most 3) of managing editors and a larger group of associate editors overseeing the refereeing process.

Production. Prepress work will be done to the same standards as other AMS research journals.

Access. Volumes on the journal will be freely available at the AMS website five years after the publication. Similarly to other AMS journals, *Journal of Applied and Computational Topology* will be archived in Portico at www.portico.org and in CLOCKSS at www.clockss.org to assure perpetual access.

Subscription. The journal will be introduced as a companion journal to Mathematics of Computation (MCOM) and will initially be included in the subscription to MCOM. The journal will also be available as a stand-alone product.

Publication Expenses. Publications expenses for *Journal of Applied and Computational Topology* will be covered by sales of subscription to the journal.

Attachment. THE ORIGINAL INQUIRY FROM THE INITIATIVE GROUP.

Part 2: Original Inquiry from the Initiative Group

ATTACHMENT to the proposal to launch “*Journal of Applied and Computational Topology*”

We, a group of applied topologists in the USA and in Europe, are writing to inquire about the possibility of starting a new journal. Its motivation and mission follow below; its “aims and scope” are attached.

The field

Algebraic Topology is a classical mathematical field. It combines deep and well-developed theory with strong connections to other parts of theoretical mathematics, such as algebra, differential geometry, geometric analysis, dynamical systems, etc. More recently there have been major developments of applications of algebraic topology to natural and engineering sciences, including applications to theoretical computer science, robotics, biology, data analysis, and visualization.

The scientific community

A worldwide scientific community of researchers concentrating their efforts on diverse aspects of applied topology is in rapid growth. It consists both of researchers from science and engineering wishing to exploit topological structures and of mathematicians with a topological training attracted by problems and challenges of a new type generated within science and engineering. As witnesses for this community building, we mention in particular:

- Several high-profile international conferences, in particular the series Algebraic Topology – Methods, Computation and Science (<http://www.icms.org.uk/workshops/atmcs5>), have focused on aspects of applied and computational topology; the next conference in this series will take place in Vancouver, CA, in May 2014.
- The thematic year 2013 - 2014 at the Institute for Mathematics Applications at the University of Minnesota is devoted to Scientific and Engineering Applications of Algebraic Topology (<http://www.ima.umn.edu/2013-2014>). Every workshop at the IMA has so far gathered more than 100 participants from all over the world.
- Researchers from 13 European countries have collaborated since 2011 under the umbrella of the European Science Foundation network Applied and Computational Algebraic Topology (<http://www.esf.org/acat/>). In addition, foundational work in the field has been funded by DARPA and the National Science Foundation.

So far, researchers within this emerging area have published their results in a variety of established journals that are either read by mathematicians or by colleagues in the applied sciences, but rarely by both. We feel that the time has come for the establishment of a venue for publication of work in this emerging area offering this pluri-disciplinary community a new “home”.

Organization

The preliminary title of the journal is Journal of Applied and Computational Topology (JACT). To start with, we envisage a journal with around 400 pages per annual volume starting from 2015. We plan to establish a small group of (at most 3) managing editors who take final decisions and a quite large and diverse editorial board overseeing the refereeing process.

The purpose of this letter is to inquire whether you would be interested in publishing such a journal. If the answer is yes, we would like to learn more about the possible setup and about the support you can provide. Specifically, in order to make plans and decisions, we are curious to hear about:

- The kind(s) of repository that the journal would be placed under: E-journal and printed journal, how is stability of the repository assured?
- What sort of bundling strategy(ies - if any) would apply to such a new journal?
- What about the pricing of the new journal – in view of possible bundling strategies?
- Open access: What is the policy of your company now and in the foreseeable future? Can we count on delayed open access in general?
- Copy editing support: What services do you provide? Can you assure top quality for the final layout (including mathematical formulas and, very often, detailed illustrations)?
- Management system for submission and refereeing etc.: Please explain your standards.
- Publicity: How can you help promoting this new journal, both to the libraries and to potential authors?

Please, let us know what additional information we can provide to you about this potential endeavor.

Best regards,

Gunnar Carlsson, Stanford University
Herbert Edelsbrunner, IST Austria
Dmitry Feichtner-Kozlov, Universitaet Bremen
Kevin Knudson, University of Florida
Dmitriy Morozov, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
Martin Raussen, Aalborg University
Shmuel Weinberger, University of Chicago

Proposal to launch *Journal of Applied and Computational Topology*
CPUB recommendation

Two weeks ago, the AMS Committee on Publications was asked to quickly formulate a recommendation to the AMS Council as to whether or not the AMS should launch a new e-journal, the "Journal of Applied and Computational Topology" (JACT). We were also asked if there were related issues that CPub would like to have considered.

While there is some concern about the lack of time for meaningful discussions within CPUB, and also some concern about the anecdotal nature of the scientific merits, the Committee largely supports this proposal to launch JACT on a trial basis. This assumes that: (i) the editorial board will be clearly mathematical in character, and (ii) there would be review after a few (say 4) years as to the viability of the journal in terms of quality submissions received.

Here some related issues that the CPUB committee has raised. I emphasize that there is no unanimity of opinion, merely a consensus.

a) Should SIAM be involved in this journal? Since the prospectus calls for a strong applied component to "science and engineering" this seems like a natural partnership.

b) The AMS has occasionally launched new journals in the past, but it is unclear what the policy is. This policy should be made clear. This is especially important since the climate on math publication is evolving. For example, what non-economic considerations apply for the creation of niche journals like JACT, or "Representation Theory" (launched 1997), or "Conformal Geometry and Dynamical" (launched 1997)? What were the criteria used when the "electronic research announcements" (ERA) was dropped by the AMS in 2007, 12 years after initial publication?

Draft of March 30, 2014
Submitted April 3, 2014
Chuck Weibel (as chair, CPUB)

memo for the AMS Council

1 message

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Thu, Apr 24, 2014 at 5:27 PM

Dear Carla,

Below is a memo from the Editors of Mathematics of Computation to Members of the AMS Council.

Sincerely,
Susanne

MEMO TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AMS COUNCIL

We (the Editors of Mathematics of Computation) have some serious concerns about the wording regarding subscriptions in the proposal to launch the new AMS Journal of Applied and Computational Topology.

The following sentences appear in the paragraph on subscription (Attachment H, Page 31).

"The journal will be introduced as a companion journal to Mathematics of Computation (MCOM) and will initially be included in the subscription to MCOM. The journal will also be available as a stand-alone product."

There are two problems with the wording. First of all, the word "initially" is too vague. Secondly, it can be interpreted to mean that subscribers of Mathematics of Computation will pay more to get the new journal as a companion journal while nonsubscribers of Mathematics of Computation can pay for the new journal alone.

It is our firm belief that the subscription for Mathematics of Computation and the subscription for the new journal must be completely independent. Subscribers of Mathematics of Computation should not be forced to pay for something that they do not want, and the subscription rate for Mathematics of Computation should not be raised in order to cover any of the publishing costs of the new journal. Otherwise it will cause an irreparable loss of subscriptions to Mathematics of Computation.

Therefore we suggest that these two sentences in the proposal be replaced by the the following sentences that are based on those in the sixth paragraph in the Preamble (Attachment H, Page 29).

"In the first year 2015 the new journal will be a free benefit to

subscribers of Mathematics of Computation for marketing purposes.
After the first year it will become a stand-alone journal and
a 2016 subscription rate for the new journal will be set by the
ECBT at the May 2015 meeting."

Attachment J
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Sincerely,

Susanne Brenner
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Chi-Wang Shu

Report of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Notices Editorial Policy

David Vogan <dav@math.mit.edu>

Thu, Feb 6, 2014 at 9:03 AM

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Dear members of Council, Committee on Publications, and Notices Editorial Board,

In December 2013, acting with the advice of AMS Secretary Carla Savage, I formed a "President's Advisory Committee," which I chaired, and whose members are listed at the end of the report below. The report went to the Notices Editorial Board at its January meeting in Baltimore, and the recommendations are now being implemented by Notices Chief Editor Steve Krantz.

The March issue of the Notices will include a number of letters to the editor on the subject of the November article by Saaty and Zoffer; a statement from Steve Krantz; and a response from Saaty and Zoffer to the letters. The intention is that this will be the end of the discussion in the Notices.

The committee had no authority of any kind, so its report was just advice. The report is sent to you for information.

I will be happy to try to answer any questions you might have. If there are many questions, we can discuss them at future meetings of the Council (which appoints the Chief Editor of the Notices, and has delegated to that editor authority over its editorial policy) or of the Committee on Publications.

Hope that you are all enjoying the snow, or being envious of it!

Yours,
David Vogan

Report of the President's Advisory Committee on Notices Editorial Policy

This committee was formed to recommend to the Notices editorial board possible changes that they might adopt in response to reactions to the publication in the November 2013 Notices of an article by Thomas L. Saaty and H. L. Zoffer.

After extensive deliberation, the committee recommends the following policies:

- 1) Features and Communications will usually be refereed for content and exposition by at least two readers not expert in the field (possibly members of the Notices Editorial Board). At least for Features with a non-mathematical component, an opinion of at least one external referee recognized as an expert in the subject will usually be sought.

2) Features and Communications, together with any referee reports, will be made available to the entire Editorial Board at least two weeks before acceptance.

3) Approval of the Chief Editor and two other members of the Editorial Board will be required for acceptance of Features and Communications.

Chief Editor Steven Krantz participated in the formulation of these recommendations, and will put them into effect.

It is our hope and belief that increased involvement of the Editorial Board will strengthen the tradition of interesting and accessible mathematical exposition in the Notices, of which the American Mathematical Society is justifiably proud.

Dan Abramovich, editor, Transactions of the AMS
Sergei Gelfand, Publisher, American Mathematical Society
Steven Krantz, Chief Editor, Notices
David Marker, Chair, AMS Committee on Publications
Steven Strogatz, Associate Editor, Notices
David Vogan, President, AMS; Chair of Advisory Committee
Charles Weibel, incoming Chair, AMS Committee on Publications

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**LIST OF SELECTED MEETINGS, HOLIDAYS, AND RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES
FOR USE BY AMS STAFF WHEN SCHEDULING AMS MEETINGS**

This file provides a list of dates and sites of various meetings, holidays, and religious observances (mainly the ones that AMS staff needs to be aware of for the purpose of scheduling AMS meetings). It includes meetings of AMS Council, ECBT, ABC, Policy Committees, etc. It is a helpful reference when you are trying to schedule AMS meetings and want to avoid conflict with other meetings that have already been scheduled. This file is **NOT INTENDED TO BE ALL-INCLUSIVE** and **SHOULD BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH** the *Mathematics Calendar* that can be found in the *Meetings & Conferences* section of the AMS web site: <http://www.ams.org/meetings>.

Please notify Sheila Rowland (sjr@ams.org) or Ellen Heiser (ehh@ams.org) of any changes or additions that should be made to this file.

DATE	MEETING/HOLIDAY/RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE	SITE
April 4, 2014 (Fri)	Agenda and Budget Committee (ABC) Meeting	WebEx meeting
April 5-6, 2014 (Sat-Sun)	AMS Sectional Meeting	University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
April 11-13, 2014 (Fri-Sun)	AMS Sectional Meeting	Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
April 14-22, 2014 (Mon-Tue)	Passover	---
April 18, 2014 (Fri)	Good Friday	---
April 20, 2014 (Sun)	Easter	---
April 26, 2014 (Sat)	AMS Council Meeting	Chicago, IL
April 28, 2014 (Mon)	Joint Policy Board for Mathematics (JPBM) Meeting	Washington, DC
May 2, 2014 (Fri)	Conference Board of the Mathematical Sciences (CBMS) Meeting	Washington, DC
May 28-30, 2014	Society for Scholarly Publishing (SSP) Annual Meeting	Boston, MA
May 15, 2014 (Thu)	AMS Committee on Committees Meeting	Providence, RI
May 16-17, 2014 (Fri-Sat)	AMS Executive Committee and Board of Trustees (ECBT) Meeting	Providence, RI
May 20-24, 2014 (Tue-Sat)	USA-Uzbekistan Conference on Analysis and Mathematical Physics (in cooperation with AMS)	California State University, Fullerton, CA
May 26, 2014 (Mon)	Memorial Day	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
June 2, 2014 (Mon)	USA Math Olympiad Ceremonies	Washington, DC
June 16-19, 2014 (Mon-Thu)	AMS-Israel Mathematics Union Joint International Meeting	Tel-Aviv, Israel
July 4, 2014 (Fri)	Independence Day	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>

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July 7-11, 2014 (Mon-Fri)	Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) Annual Meeting	Chicago, IL
July 15-17, 2014 (Tue-Thu)	Council of Engineering and Scientific Society Executives (CESSE) Annual Meeting	Spokane, WA
August 7-9, 2014 (Thu-Sat)	Mathematical Association of America (MAA) MathFest	Portland, OR
August 10-11, 2014	IMU General Assembly Meeting	Gyungju, South Korea
August 11, 2014 (Mon)	Victory Day	<i>AMS RI Office Closed DC & MI Offices Open</i>
August 12 and 14, 2014 (Tue and Thu)	International Congress of Women Mathematicians 2014 (ICWM 2014)	Seoul, Korea
August 13-21, 2014 (Wed-Thu)	International Congress of Mathematicians 2014 (ICM 2014)	Seoul, Korea
September 1, 2014 (Mon)	Labor Day	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
September 12-13, 2014 (Fri-Sat)	AMS Committee on Publications (CPUB) Meeting	Chicago, IL
September 13-14, 2014 (Sat-Sun)	AMS Committee on the Profession (CoProf) Meeting	Chicago, IL
September 20-21, 2014 (Sat-Sun)	AMS Sectional Meeting	University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, WI
October 3-4, 2014 (Fri-Sat)	Yom Kippur	---
October 8-15, 2014 (Wed-Wed)	Sukkot	---
October 10, 2014 (Fri)	Agenda and Budget Committee (ABC) Meeting	Providence, RI
October 13, 2014 (Mon)	Columbus Day	<i>AMS RI & DC Offices Closed MI Office Open</i>
October 13, 2014 (Mon)	AMS Mathematical Reviews Editorial Committee (MREC) Meeting	Ann Arbor, MI
October 16-18, 2014 (Thurs-Sat)	AMS Committee on Education (COE) Meeting	Washington, DC
October 18-19, 2014 (Sat-Sun)	AMS Sectional Meeting	Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia
October 25-26, 2014 (Sat-Sun)	AMS Sectional Meeting (The Einstein Public Lecture in Mathematics will be given by James Harris Simons)	San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA
October 27, 2014 (Mon)	Joint Policy Board for Mathematics (JPBM) Meeting	Washington, DC
November 8-9, 2014 (Fri-Sat)	AMS Sectional Meeting (James Sneyd, the AMS-NZMS Maclaurin Lecturer , will give a lecture at this meeting)	University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Greensboro, NC

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November 11, 2014 (Tue)	Veterans' Day	<i>AMS RI Office Closed DC & MI Offices Open</i>
November 21-22, 2014 (Fri-Sat)	AMS Executive Committee and Board of Trustees (ECBT) Meeting	Providence, RI
November 27, 2014 (Thu)	Thanksgiving Day	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
November 28, 2014 (Fri)	Day after Thanksgiving	<i>AMS RI & DC Offices Closed MI Office Open</i>
December 16-24, 2014 (Tue-Wed)	Hanukkah	---
December 25, 2014 (Thu)	Christmas	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
January 1, 2015 (Thu)	New Year's Day	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
January 9, 2015 (Fri)	AMS Council Meeting	San Antonio, TX
January 10-13, 2015 (Sat-Tue)	AMS-MAA Joint Annual Mathematics Meetings	San Antonio, TX
January 19, 2015 (Mon)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
February 12-16, 2015 (Thu-Mon)	American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Annual Meeting	San Jose, CA
February 16, 2015 (Mon)	President's Day	<i>AMS DC Office Closed RI & MI Offices Open</i>
March 7-8, 2015 (Sat-Sun)	AMS Sectional Meeting	Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
March 13-15, 2015 (Fri-Sun)	AMS Sectional Meeting	Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
March 20, 2015 (Fri)	AMS Secretariat Meeting	Providence, RI
March 21, 2015 (Sat)	AMS Committee on Meetings and Conferences (COMC) Meeting	Providence, RI
March 27-29, 2015 (Fri-Sun)	AMS Sectional Meeting	University of Alabama, Huntsville, AL
March 27, 2015 (Fri) TENTATIVE	Agenda and Budget Committee (ABC) Meeting	WebEx meeting
April 3-11, 2015 (Fri-Sat)	Passover	---
April 3, 2015 (Fri)	Good Friday	---
April 5, 2015 (Sun)	Easter	---
April 9-11, 2015 (Thu-Sat) TENTATIVE	AMS Committee on Science Policy (CSP) Meeting	Washington, DC
April 18-19, 2015 (Sat-Sun)	AMS Sectional Meeting	University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV
April 25, 2015 (Sat)	AMS Council Meeting	Chicago, IL

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April 27, 2015 (Mon)	Joint Policy Board for Mathematics (JPBM) Meeting	Washington, DC
May 14, 2015 (Thu) <i>TENTATIVE</i>	AMS Committee on Committees Meeting	TBA
May 15-16, 2015 (Fri-Sat) <i>TENTATIVE</i>	AMS Executive Committee and Board of Trustees (ECBT) Meeting	TBA
May 25, 2015 (Mon)	Memorial Day	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
June 10-13, 2015 (Wed-Sat)	AMS-European Mathematical Society (EMS)-Sociedade Portuguesa de Matemática (SPM) International Meeting	University of Porto, Porto, Portugal
July 4, 2015 (Sat)	Independence Day	
August 5-8, 2015 (Wed-Sat)	Mathematical Association of America (MAA) MathFest	Washington, DC
August 5-8, 2015 (Wed-Sat)	Mathematical Association of America MathFest (MAA Centennial!)	Washington, DC
August 10, 2015 (Mon)	Victory Day	<i>AMS RI Office Closed DC & MI Offices Open</i>
September 7, 2015 (Mon)	Labor Day	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
September 13-15, 2015 (Sun-Tue)	Rosh Hashanah	---
September 22-23, 2015 (Tue-Wed)	Yom Kippur	---
September 27-October 4, 2015 (Sun-Sun)	Sukkot	---
October 3-4, 2015 (Sat-Sun)	AMS Sectional Meeting	Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL
October 9, 2015 (Fri) <i>TENTATIVE</i>	Agenda and Budget Committee (ABC) Meeting	Providence, RI
October 12, 2015 (Mon)	Columbus Day	<i>AMS RI & DC Offices Closed MI Office Open</i>
October 17-18, 2015 (Sat-Sun)	AMS Sectional Meeting	University of Memphis, Memphis, TN
October 24-25, 2015 (Sat-Sun)	AMS Sectional Meeting	California State University, Fullerton, Fullerton, CA
October 26, 2015 (Mon)	Joint Policy Board for Mathematics (JPBM) Meeting	Washington, DC

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November 11, 2015 (Wed)	Veterans' Day	<i>AMS RI Office Closed DC & MI Offices Open</i>
November 14-15, 2015 (Fri-Sat)	AMS Sectional Meeting	Rutgers University Piscataway, NJ
November 20-21, 2015 (Fri-Sat) TENTATIVE	AMS Executive Committee and Board of Trustees (ECBT) Meeting	Providence, RI
November 26, 2015 (Thu)	Thanksgiving Day	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
November 27, 2015 (Fri)	Day after Thanksgiving	<i>AMS RI & DC Offices Closed MI Office Open</i>
December 6-14, 2015 (Sun-Mon)	Hanukkah	---
December 25, 2015 (Fri)	Christmas	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
January 1, 2016 (Fri)	New Year's Day	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
January 5, 2016 (Tue)	AMS Council Meeting	Seattle, WA
January 6-9, 2016 (Wed-Sat)	AMS-MAA Joint Annual Mathematics Meetings	Seattle, WA
January 18, 2016 (Mon)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
February 15, 2016 (Mon)	President's Day	<i>AMS DC Office Closed RI & MI Offices Open</i>
March 25, 2016 (Fri)	Good Friday	---
March 27, 2016 (Sun)	Easter	---
April 8, 2016 (Fri) TENTATIVE	Agenda and Budget Committee (ABC) Meeting	WebEx meeting
April 16-17, 2016	AMS Sectional Meeting	North Dakota State University Fargo, ND
April 22-30, 2016 (Fri-Sat)	Passover	---
April 25, 2016 (Mon)	Joint Policy Board for Mathematics (JPBM) Meeting	Washington, DC
May 19, 2016 (Thu) TENTATIVE	AMS Committee on Committees Meeting	Providence, RI
May 20-21, 2016 (Fri-Sat) TENTATIVE	AMS Executive Committee and Board of Trustees (ECBT) Meeting	Providence, RI
May 30, 2016 (Mon)	Memorial Day	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
July 4, 2016 (Mon)	Independence Day	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>

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August 3-6, 2016 (Wed-Sat)	Mathematical Association of America (MAA) MathFest	Columbus, OH
August 8, 2016 (Mon)	Victory Day	<i>AMS RI Office Closed DC & MI Offices Open</i>
September 5, 2016 (Mon)	Labor Day	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
October 2-4, 2016 (Sun-Tue)	Rosh Hashanah	---
October 7, 2016 (Fri) TENTATIVE	Agenda and Budget Committee (ABC) Meeting	Providence, RI
October 10, 2016 (Mon)	Columbus Day	<i>AMS RI & DC Offices Closed MI Office Open</i>
October 11-12, 2016 (Tue-Wed)	Yom Kippur	---
October 16-23, 2016 (Sun-Sun)	Sukkot	---
October 31, 2016 (Mon)	Joint Policy Board for Mathematics (JPBM) Meeting	Washington, DC
November 11, 2016 (Fri)	Veterans' Day	<i>AMS RI Office Closed DC & MI Offices Open</i>
November 18-19, 2016 (Fri-Sat) TENTATIVE	AMS Executive Committee and Board of Trustees (ECBT) Meeting	Providence, RI
November 24, 2016 (Thu)	Thanksgiving Day	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
November 25, 2016 (Fri)	Day after Thanksgiving	<i>AMS RI & DC Offices Closed MI Office Open</i>
December 24, 2016 – January 1, 2017 (Sat-Sun)	Hanukkah	---
December 25, 2016 (Sun)	Christmas Day	---
December 26, 2016 (Mon)	Christmas Day Observed	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
January 1, 2017 (Sun)	New Year's Day	---
January 2, 2017 (Mon)	New Year's Day Observed	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
January 3, 2017 (Tue)	AMS Council Meeting	Atlanta, GA
January 4-7, 2017 (Wed-Sat)	AMS-MAA Joint Annual Mathematics Meetings	Atlanta, GA
January 16, 2017 (Mon)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
February 20, 2017 (Mon)	President's Day	<i>AMS DC Office Closed RI & MI Offices Open</i>
March 10-12, 2017 (Fri-Sun)	AMS Sectional Meeting	College of Charleston, Charleston, SC

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April 7, 2017 (Fri) TENTATIVE	Agenda and Budget Committee (ABC) Meeting	WebEx meeting
April 14, 2017 (Fri)	Good Friday	---
April 16, 2017 (Sun)	Easter	---
April 22-23, 2017 (Sat-Sun)	AMS Sectional Meeting	Washington State University, Pullman, WA
April 24, 2017 (Mon)	Joint Policy Board for Mathematics (JPBM) Meeting	Washington, DC
May 18, 2017 (Thu) TENTATIVE	AMS Committee on Committees Meeting	TBA
May 19-20, 2017 (Fri-Sat) TENTATIVE	AMS Executive Committee and Board of Trustees (ECBT) Meeting	TBA
May 29, 2017 (Mon)	Memorial Day	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
July 4, 2017 (Tue)	Independence Day	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
July 26-29, 2017 (Wed-Sat)	Mathematical Association of America (MAA) MathFest	Chicago, IL
August 14, 2017 (Mon)	Victory Day	<i>AMS RI Office Closed DC & MI Offices Open</i>
September 4, 2017 (Mon)	Labor Day	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
October 6, 2017 (Fri) TENTATIVE	Agenda and Budget Committee (ABC) Meeting	Providence, RI
October 9, 2017 (Mon)	Columbus Day	<i>AMS RI & DC Offices Closed MI Office Open</i>
October 30, 2017 (Mon)	Joint Policy Board for Mathematics (JPBM) Meeting	Washington, DC
November 11, 2017 (Sat)	Veterans' Day	---
November 17-18, 2017 (Fri-Sat) TENTATIVE	AMS Executive Committee and Board of Trustees (ECBT) Meeting	Providence, RI
November 23, 2017 (Thu)	Thanksgiving Day	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
November 24, 2017 (Fri)	Day after Thanksgiving	<i>AMS RI & DC Offices Closed MI Office Open</i>
December 25, 2017 (Mon)	Christmas Day	<i>All AMS Offices Closed</i>
January 9, 2018 (Tue)	AMS Council Meeting	San Diego, CA
January 10-13, 2018 (Wed-Sat)	AMS-MAA Joint Annual Mathematics Meetings	San Diego, CA

DATE	MEETING/HOLIDAY/RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE	SITE
August 1-4, 2018 (Wed-Sat)	Mathematical Association of America (MAA) MathFest	Denver, CO
January 15, 2019 (Tue)	AMS Council Meeting	Baltimore, MD
January 16-19, 2019 (Wed-Sat)	AMS-MAA Joint Annual Mathematics Meetings	Baltimore, MD
July 31-August 3, 2019 (Wed-Sat)	Mathematical Association of America (MAA) MathFest	Cincinnati, OH
January 5, 2021 (Tue)	AMS Council Meeting	Washington, DC
January 6-9, 2021 (Wed-Sat)	AMS-MAA Joint Annual Mathematics Meetings	Washington, DC