

CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF MATHEMATICS  
SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE D'HISTOIRE ET DE PHILOSOPHIE DES MATHÉMATIQUES

Communication

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I. 1976 Annual Meeting at Laval: June 4

Enclosed is a preliminary programme for our 1976 meetings at Université Laval, Quebec City, Quebec. Specific times and room assignments are not now available. Preliminary plans call for the invited lecture to be given in the morning followed by a business meeting of the Society followed by a luncheon with the contributed papers presented in the afternoon. The specific times and details will be available to registrants at the registration desk at Laval.

You should have received by now information from the Conference of Learned Societies giving you details on how to make travel and housing arrangements. It is important to make these arrangements early as the Conference is apparently conflicting with another conference in Quebec City at the same time. In addition, there are very limited travel arrangements to Quebec City.

The Society anticipates receiving some funds from the Canada Council to help defray the cost of travel for members. The exact amount of these funds is not now known but will be very limited. There will be forms available at the registration desk for applying for these funds.

II. Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee for this year consisted of Edward Barbeau (Mathematics, Toronto), Edwin Jaehne (IHPST, Toronto), and Marshall Walker (Mathematics, York). All of the officers of the Society are eligible for re-election this time and one new council member will be elected. The Nominating Committee present the following for your consideration.

President	Viktors Linis (Mathematics, Ottawa)
Vice-President	G. de B. Robinson (Mathematics, Toronto)
	N. T. Gridgeman (NRC, Ottawa)
Secretary-Treasurer	Charles V. Jones (Mathematics, York)
Council Member	Maureen Flower (Toronto)
	Hugh Lehman (Philosophy, Guelph)

These names will appear on the ballot which will be mailed to you in thirty days. If you have additional nominees for any of these offices please forward their names with your name as nominator to the secretary. Also please forward a statement by the nominee consenting to his candidacy. A name cannot appear on the ballot without the consent of the candidate. If the Secretary must obtain this consent it may delay the process beyond the deadline for the ballot.

III. Amendment to the Bylaws

Because of the difficulty in making the election procedure work as outlined in the Bylaws, the Executive Council recommends that the Society adopt the following amendments to the Bylaws:

Article IV, Section 3 reads as follows:

At the annual meeting, a Nominating Committee of three members shall be elected by the Society. It shall be the duty of this Committee to nominate candidates for the offices and Council Memberships to be filled at the next annual meeting and at any special meeting called for the purpose of filling vacancies. The membership shall be notified of the Nominating Committee's nominees at least thirty days before the meeting. Before the election at the meeting additional nominations from the floor shall be permitted.

The Executive Council recommends the following amendment:

After the annual meeting, a Nominating Committee of three members shall be appointed by the Executive Council. It shall be the duty of this Committee to nominate candidates for the offices and Council Memberships to be filled at the next election. The membership shall be notified of the Nominating Committee's nominees at least thirty days before the distribution of ballots, during which time additional nominations by members shall be permitted.

Article IV, Section 4 now reads as follows:

The officers and Council Members shall be elected by ballot. The officers shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected and Council Members shall serve for two years or until their successors are elected. The members of the Executive Council shall begin their terms of office at the close of the meeting at which they are elected.

The Executive Council recommends the adoption of the following amendment:

The officers and Council Members shall be elected by mail ballot. The ballots shall be returned to the Secretary, by mail or in person, on or before the hour of the next meeting of the Society, or any other election date set by the Executive Council, but not less than thirty days after the distribution of ballots. The officers shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected and Council Members shall serve for two years or until their successors are elected. The members of the Executive Council shall begin their terms of office at the close of the election.

Article IV, Section 6 now reads as follows:

A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice-President. A vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by election at the next annual meeting or special meeting of the Society. A vacancy in either of the offices of Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Council, such appointment expiring at the close of the next annual or special meeting of the Society, at which meeting the offices of Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled by election. The membership shall be notified of vacancies occurring in the offices of the Society and of elections at a special meeting called to fill such vacancies.

The Executive Council recommends the adoption of the following amendment:

A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice-President. A vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by election at the next meeting of the Society. A vacancy in either of the offices of Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Council, such appointment expiring at the close of the next meeting of the Society, at which meeting the offices of Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled by election. The membership shall be notified of vacancies occurring in the offices of the Society.

These amendments to the Bylaws will be acted upon at the annual meeting at Laval. The Bylaws require a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

It is the intention of these amendments to make the election procedure such that all members may participate even though they do not or cannot attend the annual meeting.

Copies of the Bylaws will be distributed after the annual meeting. If you wish to have a copy before the meeting, please send your request to the Secretary.

#### IV. 1977 Annual Meeting at Hamilton/Toronto

The Society is planning to make arrangements to meet with the Canadian Mathematical Congress at McMaster University, probably on June 2, 1977. This would enable members to attend the Gauss Bicentennial Symposium to be held in Toronto on June 3 and 4, 1977, at the Science Centre. This Symposium is being sponsored by the Royal Society of Canada; the following individuals have been obtained as speakers: H. S. M. Coxeter (Toronto); J. A. Dieudonne (Nice); E. Forbes (Edinburgh); G. Garland (Toronto); K. O. May (Toronto); A. Selberg (Princeton); and D. A. Sprott (Waterloo). You may wish to make plans for this special meeting.

#### V. Directory of Members

The Executive Council has decided to publish a directory of members of the Society. This directory will include a list of the names of members with addresses and institutional affiliation and areas of research and interest. This information will be obtained from the membership applications and renewal forms. Please let the secretary know if you have any changes in the above data.

#### VI. Increase in Subscription Rate for *Historia Mathematica*

The cost of the subscription to Historia Mathematica will increase to \$8.00 beginning with Volume 4 (1977). This will make a total of \$12.00 for membership in the Society with a subscription (as compared to \$10.00 for 1976). You will be notified of this with the request for your renewal of membership some time later this fall.

There is also enclosed a blank application for membership in the Society and subscription to *Historia Mathematica* for this year (Volume 3, 1976). If you know of anyone who may be interested or should be a member of the Society please pass this application blank to them.

## VII. Executive Council

The officers and Council Members of the Society (the Executive Council) for 1975/76 are as follows:

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The Executive Council has met twice in Toronto: November 4, 1975 and April 1, 1976. Among its other activities the Executive Council has been looking for ideas for projects for the Society. The results of some of these deliberations will be presented to the members at the annual business meeting at Laval. One idea briefly discussed was a publication programme in which the Society would reprint classics in the history of mathematics that are now in the public domain and presently out of print. It would be helpful in making a decision on this matter to have some feedback from the members on the desirability of such a project. If you have any feelings about this, any ideas or criticisms, any suggestions for titles that may qualify for publishing, any ideas on the mechanics of implementing such a programme, or reaction of any kind, would you please send them to the Secretary or any officer or Council Member of the Society.

The Executive Council would also appreciate receiving any suggestions for other projects that the Society might undertake.

N.B. NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY BY APRIL 28.

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