

London Mathematical Society Prizes Committee Terms of Reference

1. Constitution and Purpose

- 1.1 This is a Committee of Council.
- 1.2 This Committee shall have the responsibility for recommending to Council the winners of the prizes in the Society's portfolio.
- 1.3 This Committee shall provide advice to Council on matters relevant to the prizes portfolio.

2. Roles and responsibilities

- 2.1 The Prizes Committee will have the following roles and responsibilities.

Prizewinners

- 2.2 The Committee shall recommend to Council the winners of each prize in the Society's portfolio.
 - i) When considering whom to recommend the Committee shall endeavour to identify those candidates with the highest possible scientific achievements, at the same time keeping in mind the importance of diversity especially in subject, gender, institution and geography.
 - ii) For each such recommendation the Committee will draft a citation.
 - iii) The Committee may recommend that a specific prize be not awarded in a given year.

Advice to Council

- 2.3 The Committee shall provide advice to Council on the prizes portfolio.

Budgets and Reporting

- 2.4 The Committee is responsible for:
 - i) keeping within any budget delegated to it by Council and spending it effectively;
 - ii) advising Council on budget forecasting and expenditure; and
 - iii) providing regular reports to Council.

3. Membership

- 3.1 The Committee shall consist of ten members, including the President.
- 3.2 The President will chair the Committee.

- 3.3 All other Committee members shall be appointed by Council.
- 3.4 The Committee members will normally be members of the Society and shall each serve a term of office of three years, not normally renewable.
- 3.5 There should normally be no more than one person on the Committee from any one institution (excluding the President). As far as possible Council will ensure subject, geographical, gender, and other diversity balance.

4. Frequency and format of meetings

- 4.1 The Committee shall meet as required in execution of its duties under section 2 above, although not normally more than 2 times per year, usually in De Morgan House. The Chair may call urgent meetings on specific issues if required.
- 4.2 Participation in meetings via video-conferencing or telephone-conferencing is acceptable on occasion.
- 4.3 Each Committee Member shall be expected to take an active role in electronic discussions.

5. Attendance

- 5.1 If a member is absent without reasonable cause for three or more consecutive meetings the member will be considered to have resigned from the Committee.
- 5.2 The secretariat support for the Committee shall normally be provided by the Society Business and Research Officer.

Agreed by Council
19 October 2018

Appendix: current list of prizes

De Morgan Medal

Pólya Prize

Fröhlich Prize

Shephard Prize

Senior Berwick Prize

Senior Whitehead Prize

Senior Anne Bennett Prize

Naylor Prize and Lectureship in Applied Mathematics

Berwick Prize

Whitehead Prize

Anne Bennett Prize

Hirst Prize and Lectureship for the History of Mathematics