

Voluntary dues will demonstrate support

This fall members of the American Physical Society will be able to use their dues statements to indicate directly to the leadership of the Society an increased, a decreased or an unchanged level of support for proposed 1974 programs. The members can recommend support for the programs of their choice—Placement and Manpower Services, Professional Concerns, Physics Education, Public Awareness of Physics, and Optional Membership Services—in the way that really counts, by making a special voluntary contribution for these budget items.

Brief descriptions of the major activities in each program and a tentative budget will accompany the dues statements.

This new system is intended to indicate whether or not the members wish the Society to commit itself to these new programs, and how they wish the priorities to be assigned.

Defeat for professional responsibility amendment

The APS Amendment on Professional Responsibility, the so-called "March Amendment" (see *PHYSICS TODAY*, November 1972, page 42), has been defeated by a vote of 4388 to 3579 according to the board of tellers of the Society. The defeated amendment reads as follows:

Under Article II add the italicized words: "Article II. The object of the Society should be the advancement and diffusion of the knowledge of physics *in order to increase Man's understanding of nature and to contribute to the enhancement of the quality of life for all people. The Society should assist its members in the pursuit of these humane goals and it should shun those activities which are judged to contribute harmfully to the welfare of Mankind.*"

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Goldberger to head energy-study group

A Planning Committee on Energy Studies has been formed in response to a resolution adopted by the APS Council at its April meeting in Washington. The chairman is Marvin Goldberger of Princeton University.

At a meeting to be held at Los Alamos, New Mexico from 13–18 August, the committee will undertake its initial charge—to determine what contribution physicists should make to the solution of the energy problem. A recommendation will then be submitted to the Council, stating whether or not an "in-depth" study should be made in the summer of 1974.

Committee to select Congressional Fellows

Members of the Congressional Fellowship Committee, which screens applications for the APS congressional fellowship program (see *PHYSICS TODAY*, June, page 69), have recently been appointed. Solomon J. Buchsbaum of Bell Laboratories is chairman, and Barry M. Casper of Carleton College is vice-chairman.

The other committee members are John P. Andelin, administrative assistant to congressman Mike McCormick; Francois N. Frenkiel, of the Naval Ship R&D Center in Bethesda, Maryland; Jack Sandweiss, of Yale University, and Frank Von Hippel, of Argonne National Laboratory. Sidney Millman of the American Physical Society and Richard A. Scribner of the American Association for the Advancement of Science are serving as ex-officio members of the committee.

Council requests study of two AIP services

The Council of the American Physical Society has requested the Forum on Physics and Society to set up a small committee to study the operation of the AIP Placement Service and the Physics Postdoctoral Information Pool, both of which receive support funds from APS. The study is intended to produce recommendations that might increase the effectiveness of these services, particularly in the present period of low employment, according to executive secretary W. W. Havens Jr.

Eugen Merzbacher of the University of North Carolina has been named chairman of the new committee, and he is asking for suggestions or comments from APS members that might help the committee in its effort to relieve the present tight employment situation. He can be reached at the Physics Department, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C. 27514, or at (919) 933-1386.

Millman and Shoaf join Society staff

Sidney Millman, who retired recently from Bell Laboratories, and Mary L. Shoaf, of West Chester State College, have joined the staff of the American Physical Society as part-time consultants. Millman represents the APS Committee on Education on the Council on Physics in Education of the American Association of Physics Teachers. He has also been elected as a member-at-large by the governing board of the American Institute of Physics. Both Millman and Shoaf will also work on additional projects recently undertaken by the Society. □