

Council elects new committee members

At its November meeting the Council elected the following new members of statutory and standing committees:

Publications Committee (three-year term): Philip W. Anderson (Bell Labs and Princeton University) and Chen Ning Yang (SUNY, Stony Brook).

Nominating Committee (two-year term): Herman Feshbach (MIT), Evans Hayward (National Bureau of Standards), Paul M. Marcus (IBM) and Eugen Merzbacher (University of North Carolina).

Panel on Public Affairs (three-year term): William A. Fowler (Caltech), Stanley Geschwind (Bell Labs), David A. Lind (University of Colorado), June Matthews (MIT) and Anthony V. Nero (Lawrence Berkeley Lab). Melvin Gottlieb (Princeton) was elected vice-chairman of POPA. Edward Gerjuoy (University of Pittsburgh) has replaced Louis Rosen as chairman.



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Audit Committee (three-year term): David R. Lide (National Bureau of Standards).

Committee on International Freedom of Scientists (three-year term): Freeman J. Dyson (Institute for Advanced Study) and John Parmentola (MIT).

In addition, these committees have incumbent and *ex-officio* members.

The Council also approved the election of 134 new Fellows of the Society. Their names were published in the January *Bulletin*. Upon recommendation of the Committee on Fellowship, new Fellows of the Society will receive a Certificate of Fellowship. The deadline for the next nomination of Fellows is 1 March. Fellowship nomination forms can be obtained from the APS offices.

Members approve revised constitution

The membership of APS has approved the revisions of the APS Constitution that were recommended by the Committee on Constitution and By-laws. Principal among the revisions are:

- Changes in the titles of the vice-president and vice-president elect to president elect and vice-president, respectively;
- The establishment of the position of Editor-in-Chief and provision that he be an officer of the Society and a member of the Executive Committee;
- The adoption of the calendar year as the Society's official year.

Other revisions approved pertain to the election of Fellows, dates of Council meetings, nomination, election and terms of the vice-president and councilors-at-large and the election and tenure of committee members. The text of the revisions were printed in the July/August 1980 *Bulletin* and were distributed to the membership with the election ballots.

Free one-year memberships for refugees

The easing of USSR emigration restrictions several years ago has resulted in the entry of a number of Russian-born physicists into the US. Last spring, an ad hoc committee consisting of Sidney Borowitz, Edward Gerjuoy, David Kraft, Frank Martino and Brian Thomas (chairman) met to discuss the problems faced by these and other refugee

and émigré physicists in this country. The committee observed that paramount in the effort for these émigrés to re-establish themselves scientifically is for them to be "plugged into" the flow of scientific and professional information. Recognizing that this is best accomplished by receipt of *PHYSICS TODAY* and the *Bulletin* and by awareness of APS meetings, the committee recommended that APS grant complimentary one-year memberships to émigré physicists whose status as refugees can be certified by refugee assistance organizations. The committee further proposed that APS recommend that AIP urge its other member societies to take similar action.

With endorsements from the Committee on Opportunities in Physics and the Committee on International Freedom of Scientists, these proposals were approved by the APS Council at its November meeting. The program will be administered by the office of the APS Executive Secretary. Questions concerning the eligibility of physicists for these complimentary memberships can be addressed to David W. Kraft, APS Deputy Executive Secretary.

History division is in the making

The by-laws for the proposed Division of the History of Physics (*PHYSICS TODAY*, April 1980, page 65) have been accepted by the APS Council and organization of the Division is now under way. Interested persons should contact the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Laurie M. Brown, of Northwestern University. Other members of the committee are Stephen G. Brush, Max Dresden, William A. Fowler, Gerald Holton, Martin J. Klein, Gertrude Scharff-Goldhaber, Roger Stuewer, K. C. Wali and Albert Wattenberg.

Reminder

The deadline for applications to the APS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program is 31 March.