

interest to the membership, as detailed in the report on the Council meeting above.

An amendment to the By-laws, already approved by the Council, was presented for action. It consists of adding italicized words to the fifth sentence of Article X, Section 1, so that the sentence reads as follows:

A business meeting of the Society shall take final action only on business accepted by unanimous consent, or business notified to the full membership of the Society in the call for the meeting, *except that the business meetings held at either the Annual Meeting or at the Summer Meeting may take final action on business which has been recommended for consideration by the Council and has been accepted by the vote of four-fifths of the members of the Society present and voting at such a meeting.*

The Business Meeting approved the amendment.

There were questions and comments on the supply and demand for mathematicians with Ph.D. degrees and on the operation of the Employment Register.

The possibility of air mailing offprints for the Mathematical Offprint Service and of air mailing the Contents of Contemporary Mathematics Journals to those willing to pay for the service was explored.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

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Associate Secretary

THE NOVEMBER MEETING IN ANN ARBOR

The six hundred seventy-first meeting of the American Mathematical Society was held at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan on Saturday, November 29, 1969. There were 238 registrants, including 201 members of the Society.

By invitation of the Committee to Select Hour Speakers for Western Sectional Meetings there were two one-hour addresses. Dr. Alan Baker of Cambridge University and the Universities of Michigan and Colorado addressed the Society on the subject *A survey of recent results in the theory of diophantine equations*; he was introduced by the Associate Secretary. Professor Avner Friedman of Northwestern University spoke on the topic *Free boundary problems for parabolic equations*; Professor Tsuan Wu Ting presided at Professor Friedman's lecture.