

## Committee on Committees



The Committee on Committees consists of two Councillors, one of whom is chair, and 12 other members, each appointed by their respective sections to serve three-year staggered terms (see Table 1).

The Committee on Committees makes recommendations for committee appointments to Council from nominee lists provided by the membership.

**Table 1. Committee on Committees Members**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Name &amp; Term Expiration</b>
Cell/General	Mordecai P. Blaustein* (95)
Environmental	Barbara Horwitz** (96)
Cell/General	David Dawson (95)
Environmental	Suzanne Fortney (97)
Water/Electrolyte	Ronald Freeman (95)
Gastrointestinal	P. Gunter-Smith (97)
Cardiovascular	David Harder (97)
Neural Control/ Auton. Regulation	Eileen Hasser (97)
Comparative	Jeffrey Hazel (97)
Central Nervous System	Ralph Lydic (96)
Teaching	Joel Michael (95)
Respiration	Lynne Olson (95)
Renal	David Ploth (96)
Endocrinology/ Metabolism	Gerald Shulman (96)

\*Chair  
\*\*Incoming Chair

The Committee on Committees plays an important role in selecting nominations for the APS standing committees. This process is highly dependent on nominations received from members of the Society. The process is initiated by solicitation of nominations from APS members and culminates with Council approval of nominees recommended by the Committee on Committees. The process for obtaining nominations for APS standing committees is a somewhat complex process. By familiarizing members with the steps involved in the final selection of nominees, it is hoped that members will be encouraged to submit nominations and to participate in the process.

### Process of Committee Membership Selection

During November and December, nominations are solicited from the President, Councillors, members of the Committee on Committees, chairs of committees, sections, and departments of physiology, as well as from the general membership. The call for nominations is announced in *The Physiologist*.

By January or February, the Committee on Committees receives a list of all nominees and their nomination forms.

By February or March, each member of the Committee on Committees chooses his/her slate of candidates and an alternate for each committee. Selection is based on qualifications for the particular committee appointment. Section affiliation, gender, and minority or junior investigator status are also given serious consideration.

In March, the APS office prepares a list of nominees ranked by the number of votes.

At the spring APS meeting, the Committee on Committees meets to select the final slate of candidates. Input from committee chairs, as well as considerations of section representation, gender, minority status, and age, are discussed before determining the final slate.

The Committee on Committees also makes recommendations for the committee chairs. The recommendations for chairs of the Program, Finance, and Publications Committees are given to the Executive Cabinet (President, President-Elect, and Past President). The Executive Cabinet interviews these candidates, or those of their own choosing, and selects one nominee for each vacant position.

In the summer, the Committee on Committees chair presents the Committee's report and recommendations concerning appointments for committees and committee chairs to Council.

Council approves all appointments to committees for service starting in the following year.

In summer or early fall, members are notified of their appointments to committees.

### Summary of Committee on Committees Activities

The Committee on Committees met on April 9, 1995, at the Experimental Biology '95 meeting in Atlanta. The Committee on Committees reviewed the list of nominees for each of the committee vacancies and selected a final list of nominees and alternates. This slate will be presented to the Council at its summer meeting on June 23–25, 1995. To assist the Committee on Committees and the Council with nominations for committee membership and committee chairs, both the incoming chair and the current chair sat in on the meetings of several committees and met with several committee chairs during the Experimental Biology '95 meeting. It is especially important for the chairs of various APS committees to provide input to the chair of the Committee on Committees regarding suggestions for new committee chairs. This input will need to be formalized to assure an orderly turnover of chairs and committee members.

### Selection of Nominees for Committees

The Committee on Committees selected a slate of nominees and alternates based on expertise, section affiliation, gender, age, and minority status for approval by Council (Table 2).

The Committee on Committees encourages all members