

Committee on Membership (COMem), Report for 2002

The 2002 Committee on Membership was made up by William Cummings, Chair, Ronald Armale, Charles Campbell, Lee Bernstein, Philip Bucksbaum, Judy Franz, D.R. Hamann, Joseph Lykken, Kathleen McCloud, and Louise Parsons, Student Representative.

The Committee met twice in 2002. A list of issues addressed this year is summarized below.

The 2001-2002 Half-Price Membership concluded in February 2002 and produced 971 new members. Tracking of these members has begun and will be monitored for retention purposes over the next few years.

A main focus of the Committee this year has been on getting more industrial members involved in APS and to promote benefits that are relevant to this section of current and potential industrial members. An Industrial Member brochure has been created and a half-price campaign will follow in the next few months.

There were lengthy discussions at the spring meeting regarding a possible dues increase for 2003. COMem members unanimously passed a motion that dues should increase in line with inflation each year to avoid large jumps in future years.

The COMem continued to review membership benefits and make sure that any new proposed benefits provided value to the members and were consistent with member survey information. Based on this criteria, an APS branded credit card was rejected.

After consulting with AIP, a recommendation was made for a 15% discount for members who use the AIP Career Services at the March and April 2003 meetings.

GEICO benefits were extended to Connecticut members this year. An email was sent to all members in this state as well as an email to California members announcing a 23% discount.

The Committee continued to monitor member journal pricing to ensure that the prices remained below a level of 10% or less of the Tier 1 institutional prices.

W. Cummings, Chair, COMem, October 30, 2002