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THE LANCHESTER PRIZE COMMITTEE

A NNOUNCEMENT was made at the annual meeting of the SOCIETY in May, 1955, in New York, that The Johns Hopkins University would again award the \$1000 Lanchester Prize for the best paper published in 1955 "on operations research or reporting on an operations-research study, identified as such," the choice of paper to be made by the Operations Research Society of America.

The council of the SOCIETY has appointed the undersigned committee to recommend the prize paper. This committee intends to use the same criteria as last year's committee in judging the prize-worthiness of papers; these criteria were listed on page 449 of the November, 1954 issue of this JOURNAL.

This committee is again enlisting the services of a group of initial screeners to help search the obvious sources such as this JOURNAL, the *Operations Research Quarterly*, *Management Science*, and certain symposium proceedings, as described in the report of the previous committee on page 350 of the August, 1955 issue.

But even though greatly enlarged by a group of screeners, the committee cannot hope to cover all publications that might contain papers on operations research. Hence *it invites and will welcome nominations from all interested persons*. It is particularly interested in nominations of papers (in the English language) from publications other than those mentioned above. Such nominations should be accompanied by a detailed statement of the arguments that recommend consideration for the Lanchester Prize.

The committee and the SOCIETY desire to adhere as closely as possible to the conditions set forth in The Johns Hopkins University letter of May 17, 1954 (see page 362 of the August, 1954 issue of this JOURNAL), but it feels that it can meet the condition "that consideration should be given . . . to any paper published in the English language and free of security classification" only if all members of the SOCIETY, readers of the JOURNAL, and others contribute their help in watching for prize-worthy papers in unlikely, obscure, or little-known sources.

Nominations should be in the hands of the committee Chairman, Dr. JACINTO STEINHARDT, P.O. Box 2176, Potomac Station, Alexandria, Va., by February 15, 1956, if they are to receive adequate attention.

The Lanchester Prize Committee
ROBERT F. RINEHART
GEORGE SHORTLEY
JACINTO STEINHARDT, *Chairman*

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY ON BALLOTING ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

A T THE Third Annual Meeting of the SOCIETY, June 3-4 1955, the Council approved for submission to the membership an amendment to the SOCIETY's Constitution that would have had the effect of eliminating the Associate Member

class of membership. The ballots on this amendment have now been tabulated, and the amendment was defeated, by vote of 113 for, 147 against; thus the amendment failed to pass by the necessary two-thirds majority. The tellers for the count of these ballots were HAROLD LARNDER and JOHN BRAGG.

August 19, 1955

M. L. ERNST

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
(Year ending April 30, 1955)

Income and Expense

Revenues

Members and Fellows dues.....	\$13,647.05	
Less: Increase in liability for undelivered journals.....	2,090.25	
Net membership revenue.....		\$11,556.80
Journal subscriptions (net).....	6,763.38	
Less: Increase in liability for undelivered journals.....	1,506.99	
Net subscription revenue.....		5,256.39
Journal back issue sales.....		3,472.66
Advertising (net).....		1,378.63
Interest income.....		162.50
Profit on 1954 meetings.....		171.66
Miscellaneous revenue.....		3.45
Total revenue.....		\$22,002.09

Expenses

Journal editing and printing.....	9,142.63	
Journal back issue mailing.....	176.14	
Maintenance of mail lists.....	346.91	
Managerial service.....	3,787.75	
Year book.....	635.27	
Officers and council expense.....	470.24	
Committee expenses:		
Education committee.....	147.76	
Prize committee.....	197.14	
Membership committee.....	15.70	
		360.00
Auditing.....		100.00
Miscellaneous expenses.....		23.50
Total expenses.....		15,043.04

Net income

\$ 6,959.05

Report of the Treasurer

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*Balance Sheet**Assets*

Cash on hand.....	\$ 240.00	
Cash in bank.....	15,423.65	
Investments.....	10,000.00	
Advances for 1954 and 1955 meetings.....	500.00	
Total assets.....		\$26,163.25

Liabilities and Net Worth

Liability for undelivered journals.....	\$ 8,335.34	
Net worth:		
Net worth, April 30, 1954	\$10,869.26	
Net income for year	6,959.05	
Net worth, April 30, 1955.....	17,828.31	
Total liabilities and net worth.....		\$26,163.25

ALFRED N. WATSON

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

I have examined the records of the Business Manager of the SOCIETY and I am satisfied that the accompanying financial statements present the financial status of the SOCIETY at April 30, 1955 and the financial results of SOCIETY operations during the past fiscal year.

July 20, 1955

SIDNEY DAVIDSON

PRELIMINARY BALLOT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL of the SOCIETY, during the 1955 Annual Meeting, appointed the following Nominating Committee to prepare the ballot for the forthcoming SOCIETY elections:

DR. H. IGOR ANSOFF
 DR. DAVID BLACKWELL
 MR. ALLEN V. BUTTERWORTH
 DR. OSCAR A. HOFFMAN
 MR. JOHN F. MAGEE, *Chairman*

At the suggestion of the President and the Council, the Committee has prepared a preliminary ballot to be published at this time:

NOMINATIONS BY THE COMMITTEE

<i>President:</i>	RUSSELL L. ACKOFF, Case Institute of Technology THORNTON PAGE, Operations Research Office
<i>Vice President:</i>	T. E. CAYWOOD, Caywood-Schiller Associates BERNARD O. KOOPMAN, Columbia University
<i>Secretary:</i>	MARTIN L. ERNST, Operations Evaluation Group
<i>Treasurer:</i>	W. F. OFFUTT, E. H. Smith & Co. HARRY B. WISSMANN, Arthur D. Little, Inc.

Council: RICHARD E. BELLMAN, The Rand Corporation
MERRILL FLOOD, Columbia University
GILBERT W. KING, International Telemeter Corporation
A. M. MOOD, General Analysis Corporation

Two members are to be elected to the Council for the three-year term 1956–1959.

We wish to remind the members that any additional nominations by petition must be received by the Secretary not later than January 3, 1956, to be included as part of the final ballot. Such a petition must be signed by at least ten Fellows or Members in good standing.

October 31, 1955

JOHN F. MAGEE