

2010 MAS Winter Council Meeting
Saturday, February 27, 2009 2:00 pm – 4:40 pm (EST)
Conference Call

Attendance:

Ed Vicenzi	President (2009-2010)
Cathy Johnson	Past President (2008-2009)
John Henry Scott	President Elect (2010)
Scott D. Davilla	Secretary (2008-2009)
James J. McGee	Treasurer (2009-2010)
Stuart McKernan	Director (2008-2010)
Nicholas Ritchie	Director (2008-2010)
Jim Bentley	Director (2009-2011)
Heather A. Lowers	Director (2009-2011)
Andrew Deal	Director (2010-2012)
Thomas F. Kelly	Director (2010-2012)
Vernon Robertson	Corporate Liaison (2007-2010)
Dan Kremser	Membership Services (2008-2011)
Paul Carpenter	Strategic Planning (2008-2011)
Lou Ross	Sustaining Membership (2008-2011)
Ian M. Anderson	Microscopy & Microanalysis, Editorial Board (2009-2012)
Brendan Foran	MAS Co-Chair Microscopy & Microanalysis 2010
Luke Brewer	Organizer, Electron Backscattered Diffraction (EBSD 2010)
Angus Netting	AMAS President.
Brendan Griffin	IUMAS President
David W. Piston	MSA President

Welcome and Introduction of guest attendees (Ed Vicenzi)

President Ed Vicenzi brought the 2010 Winter Council Meeting to order at 2:02 pm and welcomed the guest Society Presidents. A quorum was present.

Secretary's Report & Action Items from 2009 Summer Council Meeting (Scott Davilla)

Motion: Cathy Johnson moved to approve 2009 Summer Council Secretary's Report, seconded by Stuart McKernan. There was no discussion and the motion was approved.

The current Action Items were reviewed and updated as to status.

Meetings

M&M 2009 Richmond wrap-up (Luke Brewer)

Given economic conditions, this was a good meeting with strong MAS component. There was a concern with Symposium overlap of similar content and this should be kept in mind in future scheduling. The net proceeds were approximately \$13K.

Action item: Luke Brewer, John H Scott, Stuart McKernan and Brendan Foran to formally outline the M&M MAS co-chair duties.

EBSO 2010 Madison, WI May 24-26 (Luke Brewer)

Exceeding targeted attendance with 125 total registrants, 50 are students. The best avenue for obtaining attendance support was through email targeted to individual professors. It was suggested to start advertising earlier in Microscopy Today (December/November time frame). The NSF proposal has been submitted and this funding will determine the amount of student support. There was a clarification about MAS seed funding, the intent is to fund student support and the funds are not expected to be returned to MAS.

Corporate fundraising has exceeded expectations with approximately 10 companies contributing. It was suggested that the Council and the Strategic Planning Committee think about how to establish better long-term connections with new MAS registrants. Also suggested was that the MAS website capabilities be expanded to handle abstract submission and database manipulation for Topical conference support.

M&M 2010 Portland, OR Aug 1-5 (Brendan Foran/John Mansfield)

The meeting is on track with respect to the schedule. The PPM will occur on March 19th. There have been over 1000 abstracts received of which 200 are invited talks and 186 are student papers.

M&M 2011 Nashville, TN Aug 7-11 (Masashi Watanabe)

No report was received. It was suggested to formalize requests to the MAS membership that ideas for new symposia can be submitted.

Proposed Topical Conferences

Cathodoluminescence 2011 (Paul Carpenter for Colin MacRae)

NIST, Gaithersburg, NIST -October 2011

Organizers, Colin MacRae and Marion Stevens-Kalceff

Local organizing committee, Scott Wright and Jeff Davis

Additional key contacts, Paul Carpenter and Ed Vicenzi.

The Secretary and Treasurer positions remain to be filled.

This will be an MAS Topical Conference with co-sponsorship by AMAS (pending their council approval) and as such there will need to be a formal understanding of the financial commitment and revenue sharing. A concern was raised about the logistics regarding travel of AMAS attendees to the east coast site location. Concern was expressed about IUMAS/2011 meeting and conflicts with a joint AMAS/MAS Topical Conference with respect to student attendance. The point was raised that budget numbers are required for Topical Conference approval.

Motion: Jim McGee moved to approve the October, 2011 Topical Conference, submitted by Colin MacRae on Cathodoluminescence, contingent upon submission of estimated budget information by Summer 2010 MAS Council Meeting. AMAS joint sponsorship will be addressed in the future. Seconded by Nicholas Ritchie.

There was discussion to start the promotion with a Microscopy Today article. The motion was approved.

Standards 2011 (Heather Lowers)

Microanalytical Reference Materials for EPMA, LA-ICP-MS, and SIMS , Denver CO, May 24-26, 2011.

This Topical Conference would deal with using standards, what standards are available and what standards are in use. Additional areas of discussion would be how to synthesize standards, are synthetic standards preferred, or are natural standards. The consensus was that this Topical Conference would be valuable to the community and could also serve to bring more geoscientists into the MAS Society. There was a major concern about a direct conflict with IUMAS-V May 22-27, 2011. It was suggested to move the date to spring of 2012, as this would resolve the date conflict. Moving the date would also allow the possible creation of a USGS standard with round robin analysis and the discussion of the results and procedures during the Topical Conference. The consensus was to hold the proposal and considered it for formal approval during Summer Council pending a review by the organizers of the logistics of moving the date to Spring 2012.

IUMAS 6 (Ed Vicenzi, Ian Anderson and Paul Carpenter)

MAS has agreed to host IUMAS-6 in the 2014 timeframe. The issue was raised as to whether MAS should hold a standalone meeting or fold the IUMAS meeting in with Microscopy and Microanalysis 2014 in Hartford CT. There was concern that MAS lacked the people power to handle the IUMAS meeting alone. Holding this meeting together with M&M 2014 would integrate much of the logistics with the existing meeting infrastructure and might be attractive to M&M 2014 attendance. It was suggested that MSC/SMC, the Canadian Society would be interested in helping with the organization. The possibility of providing IUMAS-specific programming on the Sunday preceeding (current format for a Pre-Meeting Congress) for MAS/IUMAS attendees was suggested. Nicole Guy (Hachero-Hill) has indicated that they could handle various configurations including a standalone meeting. The MSA President expressed support for holding a joint meeting. A joint meeting would also reduce financial exposure as both MAS and MSA societies share the exposure and the exhibits can defer organization costs. A consensus was reached that we should investigate hosting the IUMAS meeting jointly at M&M 2014. The point was raised that MAS Council must first formally approve hosting the IUMAS meeting.

Motion: Cathy Johnson moved to approve hosting IUMAS 6 in 2014, seconded by Nicholas Ritchie. There was some discussion about planning the meeting for 2014 or 2015. The motion was approved.

Action Item: Ed Vicenzi, to discuss with the MSA President and Hachero-Hill, the details of integrating IUMAS with M&M 2014.

Committee Reports

Membership Services (Dan Kremser)

The second year of electronic voting was very successful with 48 percent of the membership voting. 46 members renewed for three years, 21 student members qualified for the complimentary M&M Journal subscription, and 145 Members took advantage of the “timely renewal” rate, corresponding to a \$5 discount on 2010 dues (for students, regular and emeritus members). It was discussed that the current MAS banner is obsolete with the wrong website and is not very portable. A new portable popup banner to replace it as well as a table throw was requested.

Action item: Dan Kremser to obtain detailed quotes a popup banner and table throw and to coordinate with computer actives committee regarding a banner design.

Sustaining Members (Lou Ross)

There are 28 Sustaining Members with two new and 8 unpaid members.

Computer Activities (Nicholas Ritchie)

The new website is up and running. Thinking of ways to add value to the organization by adding additional sections such as content from Microscopy Today, positions available, etc. The Computer Activities committee is looking for a person to assist with this type of content creation.

International Liaison (Ed Vicenzi)

A report was given that summarized the last 12 months of increased interaction with our sister societies in Europe (EMAS) and Australia (AMAS) as well as with IUMAS, the international union.

Tour Speakers & Affiliated Regional Societies (Ed Vicenzi for Paul Hlava)

A report was submitted and there was no discussion.

Awards

Presidential Awards (Ed Vicenzi)

Presidential Service Award, Scott Wight

Heinrich Award, Hendrix Demers

Presidential Science Award, John Donovan

Peter Duncumb Award for Excellence in Microanalysis

A single Duncumb Award nomination was received. Dale Newbury nominated David Joy with detailed support letters from Raynald Gauvin and Joe Goldstein.

Motion: Jim McGee motioned to approve David Joy as recipient of the Duncumb Award, seconded by Tom Kelly. There was no discussion and the motion was approved.

Treasurer’s report/approval of the 2010 budget

The Treasurer’s report was given with the following highlights;

- The M&M Meeting co-sponsor shares have been received for 2007, 2008 and 2009. The new MSA management as well as MSA Council have committed to providing the co-sponsor shares within 3 months of the meeting or by the end of the calendar year. The co-share surplus enabled the transfer of \$30,000 back to the Schwab Account.
- Total MAS assets are approximately \$281,000 with \$213,000 in the Schwab account, \$65,000 in our M & G bank account, and \$2400 in the PayPal account.
- An IRS late filing penalty for 2008 was received; this was due to error made by our accountant and he has requested an abatement of that penalty.
- A search was initiated for new accounting/business office options. We will need to define exactly what services MAS requires.
- The 2009 MAS Social was funded courtesy of Past President Cathy Johnson.

Discussion:

- The expenses of Sustaining Members Committee need to be budgeted.
- MAS will need to look for ways to increase income including treating the Topical Conferences as net income sources while continuing look for ways to reduce expenses.

Motion: Scott Davilla moved to approve the 2010 Budget, seconded by Nicholas Ritchie. There was no discussion and the motion was approved.

Other Business

- Dan Kremser led a discussion about MAS membership Emeritus Status. While we have a formal process that Executive Council elects Emeritus members, we don't have a formal submission process. To resolve this, an editable PDF form for Emeritus status submission has been created and comments or suggestions are requested.
- It was mentioned that MSA Council has passed a set of guidelines regarding the MAS co-share in the M&M meeting. A formal document is being prepared.
- Heather Lowers issues a call for MicroNews articles.

Motion: Jim McGee moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nicholas Ritchie. There was no discussion and the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted

Scott D. Davilla
MAS Secretary