

2011 MAS Spring Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting held: Sunday, July 10, 2011 2:00pm – 2:45pm EDT
By teleconference

Attended: John Henry Scott, Jeff Davis, John Mansfield, Jim Bentley, Rhonda Stroud, Vin Smentkowski, Lucille Giannuzzi, Vern Robertson, Ian Anderson

Executive council members missing: Ed Vicenzi, MAS Secretary (vacant), Heather Lowers, Andy Deal, Tom Kelly, John Donovan

- Call to Order John Henry called the meeting to order at 2pm and announced that a quorum might never be reached for this telecon, based on emails received from Executive Council members who said they could not participate
- Quorum Call By 2:15pm there were only five members of Executive Council on the phone (Scott, Mansfield, Davis, Bentley, and Stroud). Of the remaining voting members of Council only Tom Kelly's participation was uncertain, and it seemed unlikely he would call in after 2:15pm. John Henry explained that without a quorum, Council was unable to vote or conduct official MAS business, but that an informal conversation for the benefit of those on the phone was permitted and might be useful.
- Note Based on Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, the telecon still constitutes an MAS Council meeting even though a quorum was never established. Without a quorum, no official business can be conducted, votes do not count, and the Council does not have the power to change the status quo. However, meetings that are unable to transact business or lack a quorum are meetings nevertheless RONR p.338.
- Discussion John Henry announced that Scott Davilla has resigned as MAS Secretary, effective about two weeks ago. Scott's resignation email explained that he will forward MAS-related communications to John Henry and that he has neither the time nor the will to continue assisting MAS. Scott offered to send Council audio recordings from the 2010 Summer Council Meeting and 2010 Business Meeting, but that he will not produce minutes for those meetings or the subsequent Winter Council meetings. Council suggested that we ask everyone to send in any personal meeting notes we have of those meetings (email them to mascouncil@microprobe.org). John Mansfield will pursue a possible Acting Secretary offline. Anyone willing to help out during the SC and Business meetings in Nashville can be appointed to the role of Acting MAS Secretary via a simple majority vote of Executive Council according to the ByLaws.
- Action Item John Mansfield will report back to MAS Council as soon as possible about possible candidates for the vacant Acting Secretary position.

