

Minutes of the 2011 MAS Summer Council Meeting

Sunday, August 7, 2011 8:00am – 5:00pm ET

M&M 2011 Nashville, TN – Fisk Room, Renaissance Nashville Hotel

Attendance:

John Henry Scott	President (2010-2011)
Ed Vicenzi	Past President (2010-2011)
John Mansfield	President Elect (2011); Microanalysis Editor, Microscopy & Microanalysis; Nominating Committee
Heather Lowers	Acting Secretary; Director (2009-2011); MicroNews Editor
Jeff Davis	Treasurer (2009-2010)
James Bentley	Director (2009-2011)
Andrew Deal	Director (2010-2012)
Thomas F. Kelly	Director (2010-2012)
Rhonda Stroud	Director (2011-2013)
John Donovan	Director (2011-2013)
Vernon Robertson	Corporate Liaison (2010-2013)
Dan Kremser	Membership Services (2008-2011)
Paul Carpenter	Topical Conferences (2010-2013)
Paul Hlava	Affiliated Regional Societies & Tour Speakers (2010-2013)
Nicholas Ritchie	Computer Activities (2009-2012)
Ian M. Anderson	Strategic Planning (2010-2011); Microscopy & Microanalysis, Editorial Board (2009-2012)
Angus Netting	AMAS President
Valerie Woodward	ARes in training

In and out: Charlie Lyman, Pat Camus

Masashi Watanabe	MAS Co-Chair M&M 2011
Vincent Smentkowski	MAS Co-Chair M&M 2012
Stuart McKernan	Past MAS Director (2008-2010)

John Henry Scott (JHS) calls the meeting to order at 8:10A.

JHS calls motion to approve agenda. Tom Kelly seconds.

Acting Secretary's Report and review of open Action Items (JHS and Heather Lowers)

The Nominating Committee added a member, Caroline Miller, via email and Council approved this through an email vote.

Action item: Angus looking at AMAS invitation; Ian Anderson forwarded to Angus the relevant viewgraphs showing our transition from a one-year to a two-year Presidency. The last VG provides the info that he wanted: that in 2013, he'll be invited both the (at the time) MAS Past President (John Mansfield) and President (Kristin Bunker). AMAS will provide the usual funds for one MAS visitor (complimentary registration plus travel) and MAS will provide the other. This is a one-time "dual" hosting that arises from our transition.

Action item: JHS is going to follow new logo progress. Vern Robertson presents a logo that while it captures the essence of all the techniques represented within MAS, it would appear too busy when scaled down. OPEN

Action item: Jeff Davis will investigate the availability, terms, benefits, and costs of extended liability insurance coverage for Council and TC organizers, to include conventional liability as well as insurance against poor meeting or TC performance. Jeff Davis researched insurance for Topical Conferences but traditionally insurance is for physical assets and not liquidity or financial loss. If the loss appears to approach a detrimental amount (\$20K plus) then Council will look into other options. The decision was made to keep this an OPEN action item.

Action item: no awards to give out for best paper awards. A proposed solution is to make a certificate out of a powerpoint slide with student's name, sponsoring vendors logo, and paper title, to present to the student. JHS will ask Nicole Guy to print. COMPLETED

Action item: John Henry will ask Ian Anderson and the Strategic Planning Committee to build on our council discussions of a new Awards Committee and to present a detailed proposal for MAS Council consideration. The sense of Council was that the core of the new committee should consist of the existing Council members already performing awards duties (President, two Directors) and perhaps other chairs such as the Education Committee Chair. COMPLETED

Action item: JHS to arrange logistics for the Meal with Mentor and MAS Social. COMPLETED

Action item: John Henry will send a letter to Gordon Cleaver to inform him of council's progress and intent to address the finance concerns Gordon raised many months ago, and to thank Gordon for his tireless service over the years. COMPLETED

Action item: Tom Kelly will investigate MAS options for replacing Gordon Cleaver as the chair of the Finance Committee. In particular, because more discussion is required to reach consensus on a long term solution, Tom will lead council's collective effort to determine a suitably safe short term investment option while further discussions are underway. COMPLETED

Treasurer's Report (Jeff Davis)

Jeff points out one discrepancy in the budget is the dividend income. The planned dividend income was \$6,000 however only \$11.00 was realized because the money is in the Schwab money market account earning very little interest (0.005%). The checking account contains ~\$75,000 which has significant liquidity. Jeff estimates that ~\$40,000 is enough to cover Society operating expenses for two years. Jeff suggests Council consider moving some of the money available in the checking to long term investments.

PayPal is working well for membership to renew dues and pay for Topical Conference registration. PayPal charges 3% of the price for TC registration so that of a \$300 registration fee only \$291 goes to MAS. This needs to be communicated to TC organizers so that registration fees are adjusted accordingly. The PayPal and checking account are linked and the PayPal account has ~\$4,000 for larger purchases. Send Money, a PayPal feature, may also be used as a means to reimburse Council Members, invited speakers, students, etc. This is a free feature since MAS has a merchant account. This avoids mailing a check and exchange rates are handled. Everyone is given the choice on how they would like to receive their payment, check or electronically. Foreign students could receive cash but still have exchange rates to consider.

Seed money for EBSD2012 and CL2011 has been transferred to the respective Topical Conference organizers.

A major change to the budget is an increase in student support from \$12,000 to \$14,000 John Mansfield suggests increasing student support even further. The Distinguished Scholar Award is \$750 which is less than in the past but more awards are given out. The costs associated with Meal with a Mentor was included in the MAS functions at M&M line item. Ian Anderson would like detailed line items added to the budget to make the expenses more transparent. Budget discussions are more productive when Council has reviewed the budget prior to the meeting. The year-to-date Membership income is inaccurately low and Jeff is aware and will correct.

The Nashville meeting is tracking similar to the Portland meeting. The income from the Portland meeting was \$38,000. Despite concern regarding a vendor losing a room block and MAS's financial responsibility for that situation, the Nashville meeting should net more than the \$17,500 that was anticipated.

Action Item: John Mansfield to contact people to set a date for pre WC budget meeting sometime in mid-Jan.

There was no more discussion and according to Robert's Rules it is not necessary to move to accept the Treasurer's report.

Membership Services Report (Dan Kremser)

The 2011 membership numbers are down by about 100 compared to last year. However, 40-50 are expected to renew or gain new members at M&M. The lower numbers are likely due to no Topical Conference this year and the Society is losing members to

retirement. These numbers do not include Sustaining Members but some vendors are also personal members.

One upcoming project of the Membership Committee is to determine when members joined. This data is known for about three quarters of the membership. Dan Kremser is in the process of compiling a list of members who could have emeritus or honorary status. Emeritus membership is reserved for those who have retired and have been members in good standing for 25 year. However, for some member the date their membership began is unknown. Council may chose to award emeritus status based on service or other factors.

Some members have reported problems when trying to download pdfs from the Microscopy and Microanalysis journal (MaM). Ed Vicenzi, Paul Carpenter, and Tom Kelly also report problems. It may be that the electronic journal access is only looking at MSA membership as opposed to MAS membership.

Action Item: Dan K to follow up with Aaron Johnson of Cambridge University Press and/or Peter Doherty, Managing Director of MSA, to track down where glitch is for online access to MaM. Still open

Nominating Committee Report (John Mansfield)

The Nominating Committee has selected, and these candidates have agreed to run, Kristen Bunker for President Elect, Heather Lowers for Secretary, and Pat Camus, Chris Kiely, Matthew Phillips, and Elaine Schumacher for Directors. A call for nominations from the floor at MAS business meeting will be made.

John Mansfield was unable to run a contested “real election” for all offices because there were not enough people who could commit to the time mostly because of job commitments. The Nominating Committee does not think a change to a two year Presidency made it more difficult to find willing nominees as it was hard enough to find anyone. Strategic Planning Committee also took this into account and felt the two year appointment would help to get the President’s feet wet the first year and have a more leisurely term. The President is still on Council for a three term as in the past structure (President Elect, President, and Past President). With the new structure, the President will only have 4 months to serve as Past President.

JHS questions whether we need an exit strategy incase the two year term is not working. Ed Vicenzi feels it is too early to make a judgement as the first two year term has not yet started.

Paul Carpenter suggests making a document for the President that outlines chronology of duties. Ian Anderson has a cheat sheet. Valerie has templates for officers in MSA. Rhonda Stroud would like to have similar documents for the Director’s duties. Paul Carpenter points out that all members of Council have login access to the website to find such documents.

Paul Carpenter was happy to see an Australian candidate on the ballot. He feels it should be made clear to the Membership that there is not financial obligation to the candidate regardless of where they come from. MAS needs to make it more obvious that we have a great relationship with AMAS and our members are worldwide.

John Mansfield will collect biographies and profile picture from candidates.

JHS call to approve the slate of nominees. Ed Vicenzi so moves and Tom Kelly seconds. No opposition and no discussion. John Mansfield, Jim Bentley, and Heather Lowers abstain.

Action Item: Three current Presidents and Ian Anderson will produce a document for Kristin which will include a timeline, paper awards, reciprocity to sister societies, “don’t forget to”... This document will be sent to Ian Anderson and the Strategic Planning Committee

Strategic Planning Committee Report (Ian Anderson)

Awards Committee discussion:

Ian Anderson presents two Awards Committee paradigms and the pros and cons of each committee make up. The first committee is populated from within Council and may include the President, Educational Chair, and other appointed Chairs. The pros of this method include; it’s tradition and the strategic vision of Council is known and preserved. The weaknesses are that it draws from the current leadership who are also too busy, there would be frequent turnover, and the inbreeding in that we all tend to form a consensus with little dissent. The threats stem from the weaknesses and include burnout, the need to reinvent the process every year, the quality of those judging may not be the best judges of technical merit, and we tend to gravitate toward what we are familiar with.

The second paradigm consists of a standing committee of people selected that represent a broad range of expertise. The pros are the members are chosen because they are experts in their field, limited yearly turnover, fresh voices, retain institution memory of previous award winners, there is a check and balances in place between the committee and Council, more diversity, and more outreach to bring people into leadership roles. The weaknesses include at disconnect as standing committee outlook may not be in line with Council’s. The threats are mediocrity on the committee if you cannot find the best, factiousness, and cronyism. John Mansfield and JHS point out that these last few threats could also happen with the other paradigm model.

Heather Lowers suggests a hybrid between two paradigms where 2nd year Directors are part of committee. JHS elaborates that if not part of the committee at least oversee to be sure the task is completed.

Andy Deal suggests previous award winners offered chance to serve on awards committee. Paul Carpenter agrees and that receiving an award may help foster

professional development and a desire to serve in the Society. Ed Vicenzi hopes that the awards committee will also consider researchers outside of the MAS membership to serve on standing committee.

After some discussion, the standing committee would have the 2nd year director's as ex officio members; on the committee simply because of their role as 2nd year Directors.

A straw poll showed 12 in favor of a revised committee with 2nd year director's acting as a liaison to Council and 0 votes in favor of an Awards Committee consisting of existing council members.

Paul Carpenter would like the committee to have a larger role than just awards and be a group of experts that can funnel ideas to Council and suggest symposia ideas for M&M, ideas for Topical Conference, etc. Ian Anderson adds that the Awards Committee could also propose honorary members. Ian Anderson is keeping track of up and coming techniques.

A motion for the final make up of the standing committee to consists 6 members plus two 2nd year director's as liaisons to council was made by Ian Anderson. Tom Kelly so moves and John Mansfield seconds. There was some discussion regarding the timing of awards. At the M&M meeting, people are asked to make a note of "good" papers and presentations. January is crunch time have nominees for the Duncumb Award and review papers before the Program Production Meeting. Motion carries unanimously.

Topical Conferences Report (Paul Carpenter)

This year there will be three TCs running in a half year period. Webpages for all the upcoming TCs are in place and operational. Currently there are ~40 registrants for the CL TC which includes regular registration and vendor attendees. Council should provide and additional \$2,000 for the CL TC for student support with no expectation of return. Jeff Davis asks what part of the budget this additional funding would come from. Ed Vicenzi suggests it should come from the student support for M&M which was lower than budgeted. John Mansfield asks if we are expecting a surplus from the TC. If Council gives the \$2,000 and there is a surplus, then the funds can be returned.

The National Science Foundation requires and accounting of the money they distribute but not necessarily for the whole meeting. Ed Vicenzi recommends that the TC registration costs are increased to subsidize student support instead of counting on NSF support.

Paul Carpenter requests a motion for \$10.5K total support to be used exclusively for student so that immediate support can be given. The money will be returned if NSF money comes through. John Mansfield so moves and Andy Deal seconds. Jeff Davis abstained.

EBSM 2012: The organizers are currently working with Carnegie Mellon University for venue logistics, conference rooms have been reserved, the insurance requirement waived, and SEM facilities reserved. The abstracts will be submitted to a gmail account.

Reference Materials 2012: the Colorado School of Mines is handling the webpage and registration. Conference rooms and logistics are worked out. It was clarified that CSM does not require the \$24,000 up front. Most of the costs associated with the meeting is food and breaks and not charged until the meeting. We can scale it if it appears we will not reach the numbers necessary for a financially successful meeting. Heather Lowers will have CSM add the MAS logo to the webpage.

There is still financial concern for TCs regarding financial loss liability. Does Council feel there is a need for this coverage and where to obtain it. One option is to have a meeting that is scalable if numbers aren't looking good. Otherwise, Council should be prepared to take a significant loss. Angus Netting adds that operating costs at universities are low but a convention center meeting is expensive. The insurance they obtain for their (Australian meetings) covers for such things as airline closing and labor strikes. It was decided to remain focused on insurance coverage.

M&M 2011 Nashville (Masashi Watanabe)

As of August 6, 2351 and 939 vendors registered with perhaps 600 more from onsite registration. There were over 1000 abstracts submitted. The Expo was delayed a month due to a miscommunication and therefore was not mailed out.

Paul Carpenter would like the emails of contributors to each session. Currently the only way to obtain contact information is through the program planning spreadsheets or the Cambridge University Press (CUP) site. It would be more convenient to have the session chairs receive email with the necessary contact info. John Mansfield says it is possible to send the entire spreadsheet then the chairs can sort on any value they would need.

Tom Kelly reported a problem submitting paper. Tom's assistant tried to login in as an invited speaker but options were grayed out the choice of a talk versus poster request were not met. They had difficulty contacting the session chair to check status and resolve problem. Part of this miscommunication may have been due to inexperience on part of the session chair.

M&M 2012 Phoenix (Vincent Smentkowski)

The 2012 M&M organizers would like to keep sessions people are familiar with but they also want to add new sessions that might bring in new attendees. The emphasis for the 2012 meeting is on in situ methods development and symposia of joint interest with biology and physical science.

The named symposium for M&M 2012 will be the "R.J. Gray Symposium on Metallographic Preparation of Reactive and Radioactive Materials". Jaret Frafjord (IMR

KHA-Portland Inc.) has agreed to be the lead organizer. The meeting is approximately 25% biological, 25% physical, and 50% technical symposia. The organizers are trying to match symposia with experts in the fields. Many of the suggested symposia came from MAS membership. Some suggestions had to be turned away but were encouraged to submit for the 2013 meeting. There is a continued movement to emphasize posters in the way of timing, prizes, and limited meetings held during poster times, and perhaps having invited posters. Plenary speakers will discuss the breakthroughs in microscopy and what microscopy will look like 70 years down the road.

Luke Brewer and Vin want to empower the symposium organizers but they need to get enough contributions to host a session. If there are not enough papers contributed to the session, then the session will not be organized as a stand-alone symposium. Self-assembled symposia can be formed at the PPM if there are enough contributions of similar topics submitted. It was suggested that MAS members need to be aware of the timeline and the great lead time for planning the M&M meeting. Ian Anderson says the time frame for planning a TC and a session at M&M are about the same (18 months). He suggests adding a box to the membership renewal form for what session members would like to propose for M&M 18 months out. Vern Robertson says the box should be made mandatory field on the renewal form.

The timing of a TC and a symposium at M&M needs to be further discussed. Paul says the symposium provides great awareness for the TC. Alternatively, a symposium after a TC is a means to which the knowledge gleaned from the TC can be broadcast.

It seems to Paul Carpenter that the decision for named sessions seems to be arbitrarily early for MSA's sake.

Valerie Woodward says AReS can help drum up support for M&M and AReS members can submit poster to get feet wet at the big meeting.

Paul Carpenter wants more instruction for self assembled sessions as no leadership or topics mentioned.

John Mansfield says the self assembled sessions will help streamline the contributed sessions list. This year there were three or so self assembled symposia.

M&M 2013 Indianapolis (Marquis) not covered

M&M 2014 Hartford (TBD) not covered

International Liaison Report (Ed Vicenzi)

Ed Vicenzi attended the joint meeting of IUMAS-V and a Japanese atomic level characterization group (DOE equivalent). IUMAS was a larger component of the

meeting. The location was excellent with large corporate sponsorship in addition to vendor support. IUMAS has cultural ceremonies during the conference and “has set the bar high”. Central American Societies are considering joining IUMAS.

Over the past year, Ed, Paul and Ian have looked into private conference services but too expensive (~\$72K) so it was best financially and logistically to incorporate into M&M, with the opening ceremonies and plenary session as a PreMeeting Congress. Registration for IUMAS will cover the full M&M meeting. Ed is seeking a commitment from Council for seed money so that the IUMAS Committee can start inviting speakers and making arrangements.

John Mansfield calls for motion for Ed Vincenzi to communicate with MSA about pre-meeting congress for IUMAS-VI. Jim Bentley seconds. Ian Anderson adds discussion to confirm Council is o.k. with the path forward. Hawaii is mentioned because of MAS history (Microbeam Analysis 1987, IUMAS-2 in 2000) but hoping an east coast US location will draw EMAS folks. Motion carries unanimously and Ed Vicenzi abstains.

Computer Activities Report (Nicholas Ritchie)

The new Plone website has been operational for over a year and the results have been reasonably successful (i.e., moved to PLONE to make it easier for self directed content). The difficulty is developing content. A manual for Plone is available but most of the necessary information can be found on the web. A page for member benefits can be added. Ed Vicenzi points out that when you click on an event from different areas you are directed to different places within the site. The website can be backed up.

Nicholas is open to the idea of posting video files from presentations given at conferences. Videos are currently available on the MSA website.

The widow of the former owner of San Francisco Press (the publisher of many former conference proceedings of both MAS and MSA) is offering to turn over copyright of Proceedings of the Electron Microscopy Society of America to the society. Currently, these documents are “orphaned”. MAS should also arrange to secure the copyright to its proceedings papers. It is unclear if the widow has copyright but we will proceed as if she does. These documents could be scanned and made available electronically.

AReS Report (Paul Hlava/Valerie Woodward)

For this year through December 2011, 8 tour speakers were supplied. Paul Hlava is checking in with AReS contacts present at the M&M meeting to request that they update their AReS individual websites. He is also soliciting ideas for tour speakers, some one who is an educational speaker, entertaining, and willing to travel. Past tour speakers have been outside of MAS or MSA but prefer those in society. Rhonda Stroud points out that she was a tour speaker before she became a member. Outside tour speakers may be an opportunity to bring in more members.

Valerie points out the need for printed membership forms and trifold brochures to distribute at local AReS meetings. Valerie would like more tie in with the Educational Committee and perhaps one tour speaker could be more educational. Dan Kremser and Valerie Woodward are the only MAS members in their local society so need to think about wording for affiliation. Paul Carpenter is willing to work with Valerie to produce a ½ day meeting or other scenario instead of the usual speaker and dinner meeting. Paul has held several successful day long meetings and he learned the ropes from the Oklahoma AReS.

AMAS partnership and news from Australia (Angus Netting)

Angus is going to work with AMAS to work out the timing for invitations and determine if it has a pair of bilateral agreements or a trilateral agreement among MAS, AMAS, and EMAS. Ed Vicenzi suggests that as the Presidential sharing is worked out, the student exchange should also be finalized. Angus is going to try to have a corporate sponsor send a student to the Standards TC.

By next WC meeting formalize timeline for exchange.

Finance Committee and Schwab acct discussion (Tom Kelly)

Tom Kelly would like MAS to recognize Gordon for all his years of exemplary service. Council agrees that he should be recognized. The time has come to move beyond volunteer service for financial management for various reasons. At this time, we are losing the equivalent of \$20,000 by keeping our funds in a checking account which is earning less than inflation rate. Tom Kelly urges Council to develop an investment policy statement which will state our goals and plans for the funds. Professional management services will want this information to determine the best products for our money. The services provided by professional managers, which should yield a 6% net return on investment even in bad years, will pay for themselves.

Dan Kremser would like to know what Council does have planned for the \$300K. John Mansfield would like to see the principal sit and any earned income goes toward student support either in the form of scholarships or endowments. The question was also raised if MAS would owe MSA 10% of the cost of a meeting if there happened to be a disaster that year. This reiterated the need to look at insurance. Tom Kelly points out that good financial planners also take into account the insurance needs of the Society and will help us to determine if the risks are such that we can self insure. The vision of the Society will help dictate our financial goals. Tom Kelly also states that financial planners will help to determine the amount of liquidity needed and where to store. Jeff Davis will run a cash flow analysis so that the Finance Committee has a better handle on liquidity needs.

The role of the Treasure is stay at an arms length of the committee, oversee their progress and determine cash flow needs.

Paul Carpenter is not as concerned about the rate of return but does not want to lose principal. Paul asks if Gordon has checked into our chances of losing principal. Paul likes the idea of diversifying and having separate pots of money such as \$200K going to a professional investor and the other \$100K should be kept to us.

Tom Kelly moves to 1) form a financial subcommittee under the SP committee and make the SP Committee Chair a member and 2) create a Financial Manager position which would be and ex officio member of the SP Committee. The Finance Committee would consist of three members; the Finance Committee Chair, the SP Committee Chair, and a member at large. John Mansfield seconds, JHS, Andy Deal and Jeff Davis abstain, motion passes.

Tom Kelly moves to replace Gordon as the Finance Committee Chair, make Ian Anderson an ex officio member of the Finance Committee, and Joe Michael a member at large. Gordon will not be a member of the Finance Committee. Tom Kelly will serve out Gordon's term in 2013 and reconsider continuing in the position at that time. Ed Vicenzi seconds, JHS, Andy Deal, Jeff Davis, and Tom Kelly abstain.

Action item: The Committee is charged with pursuing professional management of MAS funds, determining the best course of action, and implementation of plan.

John Donovan feels that two to three members of Council can better manage our money than professionals. He would like the Finance Committee to be open and also consider this as an option. A motion to remove this option from the Finance Committee was dismissed as Tom Kelly agrees to keep that an option. Jeff Davis pointed out earlier that it may be difficult for government employees to serve on the Finance Committee thus reducing eligible members if we chose to populate the Finance Committee from within Council.

In next three weeks Tom Kelly, Joe Michael, and Ian Anderson will temporarily move the ~\$300K to a conservative investment option having a more lucrative return until a long term solution is determined. The decision will be transparent to Council and they will not move without Council approval.

Sustaining Members Report (Lucille Giannuzzi)

There are 21 Sustaining Members paid to date with one additional SM (Thermo) sending payment. Ametek has sent one check. It is unclear whether Cameca will join as a SM since they are a division of Ametek. Tom Kelly will investigate. Lucille will visit SM booths and should have a delegation of consisting of the President and President Elect.

MicroNews Report (Heather Lowers)

MicroNews is published an average of three times a year. Feedback from members has been positive. Heather is disappointed with the lack of member contributions and welcomes ideas on how to encourage more submissions from our members. Heather

would also like to add a Student section that may list post doc opportunities, scholarships, meetings, etc. and she would need help from the Education committee/chair for updated information. Rhonda will volunteer to find people to interview to put on website.

Archivist Report (John Fournelle)

In past 12 months

1. Oral history interviews I have conducted (and on file with Mike Marko, MSA archivist):

Peter Statham at Eugene M&M August 2010

Peter Duncumb in Cambridge in May 2011

Stephen Reed in Cambridge in May 2011

2. David Wittry's papers

In January I spent 40 hours at Wittry family house in Pasadena starting to examine a large amount of material. Approached Caltech Archive to see if they'd accept his papers; no, only faculty.

Contacted USC Archive (where Wittry had been on faculty); archivist not aware of him until I pointed him out; with advice from Center for History of American Physical Society, I am currently trying to convince USC to consider archiving a some of his key papers.

3. Castaing - Guinier papers

In May while in France, I visited the Center for Solid State Physics at Orsay, where Guinier and Castaing were on staff from 1960s on, looking for papers (correspondence, etc.) and located the original copy of Castaing's thesis and documents from his first trip to the US in 1952. Also: information about Guinier's research and international trips, starting immediately following WW2. Other contacts of historical importance are being followed up, both in France and Cambridge.

John would like to include scanned Proceedings of the Electron Microscopy Society of America on the website. Need to check with San Francisco Press regarding copyright.

Action Item: Nicholas Ritchie will contact John Fournelle to let him know how the material John has scanned and acquired can be put on MAS website.

Corporate Liaison Report (Vern Robertson)

Vendors are voicing concerns regarding safety, lack of cultural activities and restaurants, and exhibit floor specs for the Hartford meeting. Vern has not heard of any problems with the move in at M&M 2011 in Nashville. There are some reports of electromagnetic fields but Vern does not know the magnitude. In short, the floor is not as good as the Portland exhibit space.

Microscopy Today (Charles Lyman)

Charlie is looking for ways that MT can help the Society. The last six covers of the magazine have been the 4 images on the Front. The Nov (scanned probe microscopy), March (Microanalysis), and July (light microscopy) issues were special issues and the remaining were regular issues. The March issue was dedicated to atom probe tomography and Nicholas Ritchie did a special on learning and using DTSA II. Charlie encourages MAS to submit an article for a particular technique or instrument. There were ~16906 copies mailed in May 2011. This represents an increase of 480 issues per year. Tom Kelly will add a web link to the Microscopy Today free subscription page. The second edition of the Buyer's Guide is available. For the electronic version, companies have added pictures and a url to that product which has attracted ~15 more companies.

There are three parts to Microscopy Today including the magazine, buyer's guide, and Innovation Awards.

Microscopy Today is watching the circulation figures and looking how to get more subscriptions to bring the total up to 20000 subscribers. Email addresses are for subscription purposes only unless the subscribe checks the box for third party advertisement. Regular subscribers and digital subscribers will receive an email that current issue is available. MT is in the process of converting all MT past issues to actively searchable pdfs. An iPad app will launch when ready and try to tap new markets. The option is available for those who prefer email instead of mail.

Charlie Lyman asks if we give new members and students a MT subscription and we do. He warns he will not always be editor and suggest we "get in tight" with MT now while he is editor.

Nicholas Ritchie suggests putting the current front cover of MT and M&M on the MAS homepage.

Educational Committee Report MAS Meal with a Mentor is a big success. Six MAS members have volunteered and the event sold out quickly among students contacted. Andy Deal suggests the students have future contact with mentor. Mentors should have business cards or contact info available.

Other Business (John Henry Scott)

The slides we wish to show the Membership at the Business meeting will include highlights such as the name change, awards committee, and an update on Council restructuring.

The tabled items of the Strategic Planning Committee:

The Bylaws change needed so that the Preamble better reflects the original charter of EPSA, namely adding instrumentation to the Preamble. The Sustaining Members dues and number of regular members for vendors was changed to match MSA.

Ian Anderson call for a motion to change the number of regular members for SM, motion is moved by Tom Kelly and Jim Bentley seconds. Motion is amended by John Mansfield to include all suggested revisions to the bylaws. Andy Deal seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:33P.

Respectfully submitted
Heather Lowers