

## 2011 MAS Winter Council Meeting 2 Minutes

Meeting held: Saturday, February 5, 2011 2:00pm – 4:30pm EST  
NIST 217/B235 and teleconference

Attended: John Henry Scott, John Mansfield, Scott Davilla, Jeff Davis, Jim Bentley, Heather Lowers, Andy Deal, Tom Kelly, Rhonda Stroud, Dan Kremser, Lou Ross, Ian Anderson, Vin Smentkowski, Vern Robertson (NB: Rhonda needed to sign-off about 90 minutes into the call)

Executive council members missing: Ed Vicenzi, John Donovan

Passed by Vote            Draft agenda approved

Passed by Vote            Robert's Rules of Order relaxed for this meeting

Passed by Vote            Secretary's report accepted

Passed by Vote            Sustaining members two years or more in arrears will be dropped and will no longer enjoy any of the benefits of membership such as name and logo on the MAS website, listing in MicroNews, or both plaque and Council visit at M&M.

Straw poll                 Council voted by straw poll to investigate changing the logo beyond the trivial change of replacing the "Microbeam Analysis Society" text. The sense of Council was that this may be a good time to design an improved logo *de novo*.

Action Item: John Henry will write up his notes of the WC2 teleconference and send to Scott Davilla and council as raw material

Action Item: Scott Davilla will collate John Henry's notes with his own, plus any additions or corrections from Council members, and distribute a quick summary of the WC2 telecon within a week (by February 12, 2011), including an updated list of Action Items.

Action Item: Heather Lowers and Jim Bentley will complete the paper awards report as soon as practical, with input from other members of Council on the short list of papers Heather emailed previously. Jim will lead the last stages of the Best Paper Awards process, once final selection are in place, to be completed at M&M 2011 in Nashville. This may include collation of selection results, verifying name spellings, and coordinating the preparation of the lists and physical awards for the Plenary Session.

Action Item: John Henry will draw up and circulate a proposal for an Awards Committee, including the scope of the committee's work, membership, and likely changes to the current responsibilities of some Directors.

Action Item: Lou Ross will send out a Sustaining Members renewal notice in a few days, and a follow-up notice around March 30, 2011. SMs delinquent in their dues by more than one year will be notified in the 3/30/11 message of their change in status.

Action Item: John Henry will organize the next steps needed to investigate a change in the MAS logo, specifically preparing options for discussion and consideration by Council during a future teleconference.

Action Item: John Henry will write a brief proposal describing some specific actions MAS might take to improve MAS-MSA relations in response to MSA's presentation (Nestor's slides and Janet's participation in MAS WC2). The proposal will cover a range of options and is meant to provide a concrete set of items that can be discussed during a future teleconference.

Action Item: John Henry will confirm with Nicholas that Paul Hlava's email address is current and on the Council distribution list, and will solicit an AReS report for the next teleconference.

Action Item: John Henry will contact Gordon Cleaver and request a brief written report containing recommendations concerning the use of managed accounts, the future of the Finance Committee, and request that Gordon participate by phone in the next teleconference.

Action Item: John Henry will contact Nicole Guy at Hachero-Hill and ask for an estimate of the cost of MAS hosting the "Meal with a Mentor" aka "Lunch with a Legend" event (budget approved at WC1 to be 60 people in size), and forward the cost estimate to Jeff Davis for inclusion in the revised budget.

Action Item: John Henry will contact Nicole Guy at Hachero-Hill and ask about her "comfort zone" for the MAS Social. Specifically, if the budget we have been using for the last few years needs to be increased, how much additional money would be needed and how it would help.

Action Item: Jeff Davis will discuss several lines on the proposed 2011 budget with Jim McGee to clarify the numbers, contact Paul Carpenter about the past and proposed TC budget figures, and send a revised budget to council prior to our next teleconference.