

2011 MAS Winter Council Meeting 3 Minutes

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

Attended: John Henry Scott, Ed Vicenzi, Scott Davilla, Jeff Davis, Jim Bentley, Heather Lowers, Andy Deal, Tom Kelly, John Donovan, Paul Carpenter, Vin Smentkowski, Vern Robertson (NB: Tom Kelly needed to sign-off one hour into the call)

Executive council members missing: John Mansfield, Rhonda Stroud

Passed by Vote Draft Agenda approved

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.

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.

Passed by Vote Joe Michael is this year's recipient of the Duncumb Award (John Henry abstained)

Passed by Vote The Outstanding Paper Awards were awarded as follows: (1) Castaing Award sponsored by Cameca to #979 (MAS Distinguished Scholar) Spectroscopic Imaging of a Statistically Significant Ensemble of Pt-Co Nanoparticles by Aberration Corrected STEM, J.A. Mundy et al. ; (2) Birks Award sponsored by JEOL to #230 Future Prospects for SEM-based Defect Analysis using Fast Electrons, Yoosuf Picard et al.; (3) Cosslett Award sponsored by MAS to #877 Spatio-time-resolved CL spectroscopy imaging: microscopic recombination kinetics in Semi-polar InGaN quantum wells, J Christen et al. ; and (4) Macres Award sponsored by Oxford Instruments to #922 Combined STEM/STXM Elemental Quantification for Cometary Particles, Z. Gainsforth et al.

Passed by Vote Draft Motion 1, i.e. **Approve Rotating M&M PC**. If approved by MSA Council, MAS agrees to participate in shared M&M Program Chair responsibilities. Specifically, instead of the existing Physical, Biological, Physical, Biological, Physical, Biological, Physical rotation with MSA appointees in every year, MAS will support a Physical, Biological, Microanalysis, Biological, Physical, Biological, Microanalysis rotation. In the years required, the MAS and MSA Presidents will jointly submit a Microanalysis Chair candidate's name to MSA Council for approval.

- Passed by Vote Draft Motion 2, i.e. **Synchronize MAS-MSA SM Membership dues.** The annual dues for MAS Sustaining Membership is increased from \$375 to \$400.
- Passed by Vote Draft Motion 4, i.e. **Create a new joint MAS-MSA joint Sustaining membership.** MAS Council supports the creation of a joint MAS-MSA SM category, with annual dues of \$700. MAS will receive \$350 of this sum from each joint SM (i.e. MAS contributes \$50 toward a joint SM discount), and MSA will receive \$350 of this sum from each joint SM (i.e. MSA contributes \$50 toward a joint SM discount). Joint SMs will enjoy all the benefits of MAS-only SMs. The support assumes that all aspects of SM management, recruitment, dues collection, etc. (e.g. website URL, appearance of society logos on the web interface, letterhead, delinquency notices, M&M booth placards, etc.) will be society-neutral and will not appear to be operated or implemented unilaterally by either MAS or MSA.
- 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.
- 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.
- Passed by Vote The CL 2011 TC budget was passed by Council, triggering release of MAS seed money for use by the TC organizers.
- Passed by Vote The Microanalytical Reference Materials 2012 TC was approved by Council, along with the budget submitted by the organizers, triggering release of MAS seed money for use by the TC organizers.
- Passed by Vote The EBSD 2012 TC was approved by Council, along with the budget submitted by the organizers, triggering release of MAS seed money for use by the TC organizers.
- Passed by Vote The following members were appointed to the MAS Nominating Committee: John Mansfield (Pres-Elect, ex-officio), Heather Lowers and Jim Bentley (Directors, ex-officio), and Jon McCarthy (at-large member). Council recognized that the committee may add an additional at-large member at a later date, and agreed to consider that member's approval by email.
- Council agreed to change the tentative date of the next telecon from June 25th to Saturday June 18th to accommodate conflicts of some members of Executive Council.