



**2022 Winter Council Meeting Agenda**  
**February 15, 2022 13:00-15:00 EST, via Google Meets**

Heather Lowers	(President 2020-2022)
Patrick Camus	(President-Elect 2021)
Owen Neill	(Secretary 2022-2024)
Dave Tomlin	(Treasurer 2020-2022)
Michelle Thompson	(Director 2020-2022)
William Bowman	(Director 2020-2022)
Angela Halfpenny	(Director 2021-2023)
Josh Taillon	(Director 2021-2023)
Assel Aitkaliyeva	(Director 2022-2024)
Thomas Lam	(Director 2022-2024)
Steve Seddio	(Commercial Director 2021-2023)
Clarissa Wisner	(AReS 2022-2025)
John Fournelle	(Archivist 2010-2023)
Brad De Gregorio	(Awards 2020-2023)
Anette von der Handt	(Computer Activities 2020-2023)
Mary Scott	(Education 2022-2024)
Abigail Lindstrom	(Goldstein Scholar Coordinator)
Tom Kelly	(Fellows 2017-2020)
Pete McSwiggen	(Finance 2021-2024)
Emma Bullock	(Membership 2020-2022)
Andrew Herzing	(IUMAS Representative)
Dan Ruscitto	(Social Media 2018-2021)
Vin Smentkowski	(Strategic Planning 2018-2022)
Yoosuf Picard	(Topical Conferences 2020-2023)
Donovan Leonard	(M&M Editorial Board)

**Present on call:**

Clarissa Wisner, John Fournelle, Patrick Camus, Thomas Lam, Assel Aitkaliyeva, Owen Neill, Heather Lowers, Michelle Thompson, Yoosuf Picard, Emma Bullock, Abby Lindstrom, Josh Taillon, Will Bowman, Tom Kelly, Julien Allaz, Mary Scott, Steve Seddio, Vin Smentkowski, Donovan Leonard, Anette von der Handt, Pete McSwiggen, Dave Tomlin, Dan Ruscitto

## Agenda:

- Call to Order: 1:03pm EST
- Meeting Agenda (Heather Lowers)
  - Emma Bullock moves to approve [the meeting agenda](#), Abby Lindstrom seconds. Motion carries.
- Council Membership Changes (Heather Lowers)
  - Heather thanks old members of council for service (Chad Parish, Abby Lindstrom, Donovan Leonard), welcomes new members (Assel Aitkaliyeva, Thomas Lam, Owen Neill).
  - Abby remains on council as the Goldstein Scholar chair.
  - Clarissa Wisner replaces Kerry Siebein as AreS chair.
  - Mary Scott replaces Jim Lebeau as Education chair.
  - Heather requests all council members review [the contact list](#) and make sure everything is correct.
- Secretary's Report (Owen Neill)
  - Emma moves to approve the [November council minutes](#), Abby seconds. Motion carries.
- Membership (Emma Bullock, Heather Lowers)
  - 419 members, 41 students, 39 joint, 2 MAS only, 32 foreign.
  - There are 27 new MAS members (join dates after 1 November, 2022) for Council to approve.
    - There was one VirtualInc dummy account that was originally included, but has now been removed. VirtualInc uses this account for maintenance and testing.
    - Emma moves to approve 27 new members, Josh Taillon seconds. Motion carries.
  - Heather asks if this number of members is normal for this type of year.
    - Emma confirms that this is normal for this time of year and then spikes just before or during the meeting – usually spikes up to 650 by September.
  - Emma offers to check membership status for anyone unsure about it.
  - Membership survey went around earlier.
    - Heather will send a reminder and a tweet later this week, suggests an end date for the survey of 1 March.

- FIGMAS Future (Emma Bullock)
  - Emma reports that MSA requested that all FIGs take down external websites. FIGMAS was not at fault, but MSA no longer supports independent external FIG websites.
    - VirtualInc will create a generic, 1-page, text-only website for each FIG that only VirtualInc can use.
    - Julien Allaz (FIGMAS webmaster) reports that the lack of an independent website interferes with maintenance of the FIGMAS standard/reference material database, as well as other FIGMAS projects.
  - FIGMAS is looking at options for how to proceed.
    - FIGMAS could comply with MSA and conform to their website requirements.
      - FIGMAS would lose significant functionality, and would have to abandon the database (one of FIGMAS' central functions).
    - FIGMAS could cut ties with MSA and become only associated with MAS.
      - This could be in the form of something like an AReS or an MSA committee, although there are questions about how the business would work and what happens to the current FIG budget.
    - FIGMAS could become its own entity, totally independent from the societies.
  - Anette von der Handt suggests that Heather contact MSA to find out more details about the website restrictions, and learn what actions (if any) MAS should take regarding our own website. Heather will follow up with MSA leadership.
  - Heather requests that FIGMAS leadership put together a list of pros and cons for staying with MSA vs. cutting ties, and figure out logistics of dissolving MSA FIG and creating a "new" organization with a new name.
    - Yoosuf Picard mentions that association with societies allows FIGMAS to conduct business at M&M meetings (PMCs, annual FIG business meetings, etc.).
    - FIGMAS leaders should talk to Dave Tomlin about how membership and fees for an independent group would work.
    - Also, could the PMCs at M&M that FIGMAS has run in the past possibly be replaced by topical conferences?
- Treasurer's Report (Dave Tomlin)
  - Dave Tomlin reports that 1099's have gone out.
  - Insurance renewals completed last week.

- Dave is currently working on cleaning up QuickBooks and making it easier to fill out the F990's.
- Not much change in charitable funds, still very low.
  - Heather suggests putting out a tweet for donations for each of the individual charitable funds.
  - Dave says we tend to get more contributions to these in Q4 than at any other time.
- MAS currently has no outstanding liabilities.
- Assets:
  - Liquid: \$234,936.56
  - Charitable: \$42,264.76
  - Schwab: \$700,447.13
  - Total: \$977,648.45
  - All numbers from the end of 2021.
- A \$50K deficit had previously been projected, but the society actually has a current positive balance of \$24K.
- Reconciliation of 2021 M&M meeting will come next month.
- The 2021 budget includes ~\$18K from the 2020 meeting, but official co-share numbers won't be available until the April Council meeting.
- Membership income is up, sustaining membership slightly down.
- There has been no income from TC's due to COVID-19.
- The Goldstein fund is up slightly due to two payments from Springer (after not receiving a payment in 2020).
  - Heather asks about contact issues with Springer, Dave says they have been resolved. Abby says the contact at Springer is thinking about attending M&M this year.
  - Heather suggests meeting with Dave and Abby to possibly reevaluate the amount awarded for the Goldstein Award.
  - Abby says they are still waiting for the final report for the last scholar so the scholar can get paid. Michelle will follow up with that scholar.
- Total expenses will depend on whether the EBSD 2022 TC runs this summer.
- Dave is also finishing updating QuickBooks to make them easier to pass on to the next treasurer, and working with the EBSD 2022 TC organizers to finalize their budget.
- Heather mentions new financial awards for students, post docs technicians and researchers.
  - The awards will be a gift card that can be bought on-site at the meeting.
- Topical Conferences/EBSD 2022 (Yoosuf Picard)
  - Yoosuf Picard puts forward a proposal from the EBSD 2022 TC

organizing committee for a virtual topical conference to take place June 7-9.

- Presenters and invited speakers have been identified.
- The TC will still be hosted by the University of Michigan, but will be a virtual event.
  - This will allow the TC to leverage UM's online hosting tools, such as Zoom, to host the TC.
  - The proposed 3-day session is similar to how it's been run in the past, and can accommodate up to 1000 participants in a session.
  - There will be no parallel sessions, so organization should be relatively straightforward.
- Expenses for the meeting will be very low, mostly covering registration costs for invited speakers.
  - The cost for registration would be \$75/person (a significant reduction since the meeting will not be in person).
  - The organizers will only be asking for \$1000 sponsorships from EBSD vendors and \$500 from other vendors.
- Pat Camus asks whether more TC's could be virtual events.
  - Yoosuf says that this will be a good chance to practice virtual TC's and to develop best practices for organizing such events, recording them, publishing them to the website/YouTube channel in the future.
- Anette asks that promotional materials for EBSD TC be submitted to her to be posted on the website.
  - Yoosuf will convey this to the organizers.
- Heather moves to approve TC and provide seed money, Michelle seconds. Motion carries.
  - Yoosuf will inform the organizers that their proposal has been approved.
- Fellows Committee (Tom Kelly)
  - Tom Kelly reports that the deadline for nominations for new MAS fellows is 30 September.
  - The committee has received two new nominations for 2022, to supplement two continuing nominations.
    - The committee's goal is to seek 2-3 new fellows, to reach a target of 10% of the membership.
    - Nominations are valid for three years.
    - Emphasis on both scientific excellence and engagement with the community.
  - Three people have chosen from the four nominated for 2022.
    - The chosen nominees are:
      - Larry Allard.

- Gregory Meeker.
  - Rhonda Stroud.
  - Heather and Tom will contact the fellows and notify them of their selection.
- Tom moves that these nominations be approved, Pat seconds. Motion carries.
- Tom requests that fellows from the last classes be acknowledged at the next in person meeting.
  - COVID-19 prevented on-stage acknowledgment the last few years.
- Plaques for the new fellows will cost ~\$300-350.
- Tom is also looking to move on as Fellowship chair to bring some fresh perspective to the role, but no one has been identified so far.
  - Tom will continue to chair the committee until a replacement can be found.
- M&M 2022 Update (Michelle Thompson)
  - Michelle Thompson has replaced Lena Kourkoutis as the MAS co-chair for M&M 2022.
  - Michelle reports that the abstract submission deadline will likely be extended.
  - M&M2022 will have a hybrid option.
  - No prospective plenary speakers have accepted their invitations, but they will likely present remotely.
  - Attendees at M&M 2022 will be required to be vaccinated for COVID-19.
    - Adherence will be managed by third a party company, at the cost of a small increase in the registration fee.
    - Rapid COVID-19 testing will also be available on site.
    - Masks will also likely be required, although this is subject to change.
  - A 1-day crossover registration will be offered to allow attendees to also attend the meeting of the American Crystallographic Society, which will be taking place in Portland the previous week.
  - The next task for Michelle and the M&M 2022 committee is coordinating the program after abstract submission is completed.
  - Michelle will make sure that an opportunity will be available to recognize fellows.
  - Heather asks whether the hybrid option will be live or just recorded and available after.
    - Michelle says no definite answer yet.
  - Abby asks if late breaking posters will be available.
    - Michelle will ask.

- ASTM/ISO Update (Vin Smentkowski/Heather Lowers)
  - Vin Smentkowski could not attend so Heather reads his report.
  - NIST is no longer hosting the ASTM committee, so MAS will be hosting it for a few years.
    - Members include Pat Camus, Pete McSwiggen, John Fournelle, Mike Nagorka, and Nestor Zaluzec.
    - A chair for this committee needs to be identified, and another member (preferably from industry) needs to be added.
    - The next committee meeting will take place later this spring.
    - Documents related to this committee are in the winter council meeting folder on GoogleDrive.
- Goals, Homework, Tasks for 2022 (Heather Lowers)
  - Heather asks for twitter-length paper reviews, preferably for articles from M&M, to promote microanalysis-heavy papers.
    - These reviews should include a link to the article.
    - Reviews will be posted on social media.
    - The goal is to get authors from across the community to begin submitting similar abstracts for MAS to promote their work.
    - Graphical abstracts are also possible.
    - Thomas Lam asks when M&M starts being electronically delivered to you once you register as a member.
      - Emma and Heather aren't sure.
    - Heather asks that all members of council prepare such a summary and send it to Dan Ruscitto.
  - Heather asks Thomas and Assel Aitkaliyeva to work with Anette to create a form for members to submit "Meet a Member" profiles to add to the website.
  - Heather reviews responsibilities for directors.
    - Year 1: serve as members of the [Web Content and Social Media Committees](#), and be a [Joe Goldstein award](#) reviewer.
    - Year 2: judge the [MAS Outstanding Paper Awards](#) at the Annual Meeting, and serve as a Joe Goldstein award reviewer.
    - Year 3: serve as a member of the [Nominating Committee](#), and serve on the [Strategic Planning Committee](#).
      - Document key learnings from their 3-year term, and provide suggestions to improve MAS.
    - Heather asks directors to provide an update at the end of the year how the responsibilities went.
- Nominating Committee
  - Pat Camus reports that Michelle and Will Bowman will be assisting with nominations, as well as Mary Grace Burke and Joseph Michael as at-large members.

- The committee will be working to fill nominations for two 1<sup>st</sup>-year directors and President-Elect.
  - Dave Tomlin has accepted nomination to stay on as treasurer.
  - Pat is looking to have all nominations prior to the start of M&M 2022, please submit ideas for nominees to him.
- Awards Committee (Brad De Gregorio/Heather Lowers)
  - Heather is looking for nominations for the Heinrich Award.
- Computer Activities (Anette von der Handt)
  - Anette suggests using GoogleSites as an intranet for things like transitions or MAS council internal procedures.
    - Such an intranet could be used as an internal knowledge base with procedures and policies (i.e. how to submit budget information, onboarding guides for new directors, etc.).
    - This intranet could act like a Wiki and could be editable by more than just the MAS webmaster.
    - Heather suggests this might also be useful for new committee chairs.
    - If there is need for such a system, please contact Anette – she may send a poll on this subject later.
  - Anette also asks to be notified of new nominations/awardees, especially with pictures, so their information could be added to the website.
- Other Business (Heather Lowers)
  - Heather is hoping that the Spring Council meeting will take place in April.
  - The Summer Council meeting will be virtual, and take place during the week before M&M.
- Adjourn: 2:18pm EST