2022 Fall Council Meeting
October 5, 2022 13:00-15:00 EDT, via Google Meets

Patrick Camus (President 2022-2024)
Heather Lowers (Past President/International Liaison 2020-2022)
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 (Fellows Chair, M&M Editorial Board)

Present on call:
Assel Aitkaliyeva, Emma Bullock, Pat Camus, Brad de Gregorio, Anette von der Handt, Andy Herzing, Thomas Lam, Heather Lowers, Pete McSwiggen, Mary Scott, Vin Smentkowski, Josh Taillon, Michelle Thompson
Agenda:

- Call to order: 13:05 EDT
- Review of Agenda (Pat Camus)
- Secretary Report (Owen Neill)
  - Owen reminded Council members to please review their contact information and make any changes, or send any changes to him.
  - Emma Bullock moved to approve the minutes of the 2022 Summer Council meeting, Anette von der Handt seconded.
    - Motion carried.
  - Owen reminded Council members to please review their contact information and make any changes, or send any changes to him.
- Treasurer's Report (Pat Camus)
  - Pat reported on behalf of Dave Tomlin.
  - Dave notes he was notified by the MSA Student Council president that the top-tier sponsorship level for the M&M student events had been increased to $7000.
    - The line item in the budget for this sponsorship has been revised to reflect this change.
    - Heather Lowers suggested that MAS have more of a presence at the Saturday student talks and dinner as part of this sponsorship.
  - Ametek and Oxford have not paid invoices.
    - Dave will send a reminder.
  - Dave indicated support for the proposal by Rhonda Stroud and Anette for a proposed symposium
    - Anette discussed this proposal in more detail in her report on planning for M&M 2023.
  - Aaron Torpy donated the money from his Birks Award to the Chodos Fund.
    - Pat will send a thank-you note to Aaron soon.
- Strategic Planning Report (Vin Smentkowski)
  - Pat will ask Vin about progress on the ASTM/ISO program.
- Elections Committee (Pat Camus)
  - Dave Tomlin required nomination for Treasurer.
    - Emma moved to nominate Dave, Assel Aitkalieyeva seconded.
      - Motion carried.
  - The roster of candidates for the 2023 Council elections has been finalized.
    - Emma and Owen will put the ballot together to send out to membership.
- Heather requested a practice run of the ballot and election process within council to ensure everything runs smoothly.
  - The practice run will cost ~$50-60, while the full ballot will cost ~$200.
  - Pat will send an email to membership prior to the distribution of the ballot, reminding everyone to check their spam folders when the ballot is distributed.

- Membership (Emma Bullock)
  - MSA has announced that there will be some changes membership and registration procedures.
    - Details on these plans have not been communicated yet; Pat will talk to Deb Kelly and send out info as needed.
  - Emma reported that the society has now exceeded 700 paid members.
  - Renewal reminders were sent to membership last week.

- Archivist (Pat Camus)
  - Pat reported on behalf of John Fournelle.
  - The shipment of the MAS archives to the Science History Institute was completed on 29 August.
    - John reported that the transfer was successful.
  - There has been discussion about creating a Past Presidents/MAS History wall (similar to MSA's) for future M&M meetings.
    - Pat will email John for further information.

- Awards (Brad de Gregorio)
  - Brad has convened a new Awards Committee.
    - The members are Angela Halfpenny, Josh Taillon, Peter Lee and Aurelian Moy.
  - The Awards Committee is currently reviewing the nominees for the Best Paper Award from the previous M&M meeting, and will finish their review later this month.

- Goldstein Scholars (Pat Camus)
  - Pat reported on behalf of Abby Lindstrom.
  - Abby is working on Goldstein Scholarship applications.

- Computer Activities (Anette von der Handt)
  - Member profiles will be posted on the website soon.
  - Anette will be working with Dave on a form to streamline the reimbursement process for MAS purchases.
  - Anette asked that everyone check the MAS website to make sure that committee rosters and Council biographic information are current.
Education (Mary Scott)
  o Mary thanked everyone who came to Meal with a Mentor.

Fellows (Pat Camus)
  o Pat reported on behalf of Donovan Leonard
  o Pat will ask Donovan if there will be an email blast for submissions.

Finance (Peter McSwiggen)
  o Peter reports that the stock market has continued to fall, and MAS’ investments have followed.
    ▪ Based on previous downturns, it will likely take another 6-12 months before the market bottoms out and begins to recover.
    ▪ Unlike previous downturns, both stocks and bonds have fallen, so there is no safe haven.
    ▪ The only option is to stay the course until market turns.

International Liaison (Heather Lowers)
  o Heather announced that registration info for the IUMAS-8 meeting will be distributed in December.

IUMAS-8 Meeting (Andy Herzing)
  o Andy reported that the IUMAS-8 meeting is scheduled for June 2023 in Banff, Alberta, Canada.
    ▪ The last IUMAS meeting was held in 2017 in Konstanz, Germany.
  o The website for the meeting has gone live, but has occasionally run into issues with network security.
  o Registration will open on 1 December, 2022.
    ▪ Due to the size of the event center and the town of Banff, registration numbers will be limited.
  o Andy and Josh Taillon will be running a workshop on open source data analysis software as part of IUMAS-8.
    ▪ Registration for this workshop will be concurrent with IUMAS general registration.
    ▪ An ad for this workshop will be included in the next issue of Microscopy Today
    ▪ The workshop will feature ten invited speakers, all of whom will present on a different type of open-source data analysis software.
      ▪ All speakers have accepted their invitations.
    ▪ The MAS Council has provided $1000 for travel for two keynote speakers for this workshop, as well as complementary registration for other invited speakers.
    ▪ The organizers are considering hosting the different processing methods as interactive notebooks on GitHub.
• The organizers are also considering recording talks and hosting them on the MAS video server or YouTube channel.
  • An estimate of cost for recording from meeting managers is forthcoming.
  • Anette suggesting that recording could be done in-house without relying on the meeting organizers.
  • Anette also noted that permission for recording needed for recording from the individual speakers and the venue.

• M&M Updates (Michelle Thompson/Anette von der Handt)
  o Michelle provided a review of the 2022 M&M meeting.
    ▪ Statistics from the 2022 meeting:
      ▪ Total attendees: 1571 (1558 budgeted)
      ▪ Exhibitors: 856 (918 budgeted)
      ▪ Total registration revenue: $622,960 ($610,244 budgeted)
      ▪ Total revenue: $684,545 ($649,293 budgeted)
      ▪ The exhibitor figure is somewhat misleading as over 100 “exhibitors” registered as other attendee types instead of exhibitors.
    ▪ The registration numbers for 2022 were lower than the pre-pandemic years.
    ▪ The revenue for 2022 was the second-highest for any meeting since 2015.
    ▪ Pat noted that exhibitor registrations will likely go down as exhibitors bring less equipment.
      ▪ Estimates for exhibitor registrations may need to be revised downward in the future.
  o Anette provided an update on preparations for the 2023 M&M meeting.
    ▪ One plenary speaker has accepted their invitation.
      ▪ The search for the second plenary speaker is in progress.
    ▪ Descriptions of symposia have been finalized.
    ▪ Anette and Rhonda have proposed adding a cross-cutting symposium on diversity in the M&M community.
      ▪ This symposium would highlight underrepresented groups and their contributions to microscopy and microanalysis.
      ▪ This symposium would be a poster-only session, with posters available throughout the week.
      ▪ Since the symposium is scheduled to be poster-only, there is no speaker budget.
        ▪ An invited presented has volunteered to donate their funding to help support this session.
        ▪ Dave has indicated that MAS can provide some support for this session.
- Pat said that it would be possible to use discretionary funds to support this session for up to $1500-2000.
  - More financial support would require adding a line item to the budget; Pat will discuss this with Dave.
- Josh asked whether it would be possible to include talks as part of this session.
  - Talks would provide students more exposure, as well as being a professional milestone.
  - Anette responded that talks were considered, but there may not be sufficient attendance.
    - Currently, the plan is to have this recur at future meetings, and if there is sufficient attendance then talks may be added at future meetings.
  - Also, a platform session would conflict with other sessions, and might limit exposure.
- Heather noted that MAS is considering a booth in the exhibit hall instead of outside it.
  - Could MAS host the posters for this symposium at the MAS booths?
  - Anette responded that there are concerns that hosting the posters in this manner would lead to the symposium being perceived as an MAS-only event.

- Topical Conferences (Yoosuf Picard)
  - MAS is looking for organizers and a host institution for the EBSD2024 topical conference.
    - Please send suggestions to Yoosuf.

- Budget Approval (Pat Camus)
  - The only item that was changed from the budget presented at the 2022 Business Meeting was the sponsorship level for the students.
  - A vote for approval of the budget will take place at the 2022 Winter Council meeting.

- Adjourn: 13:56 EDT