



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.
 - Summer council meeting minutes and unapproved business meeting minutes will be posted on website by Anette.
- 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)
 - o 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.
 - o Emma reported that the society has now exceeded 700 paid members.
 - o Renewal reminders were sent to membership last week.
- Archivist (Pat Camus)
 - o Pat reported on behalf of John Fournelle.
 - o The shipment of the MAS archives to the Science History Institute was completed on 29 August.
 - John reported that the transfer was successful.
 - o 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)
 - o Brad has convened a new Awards Committee.
 - The members are Angela Halfpenny, Josh Taillon, Peter Lee and Aurelian Moy.
 - o 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)
 - o Pat reported on behalf of Abby Lindstrom.
 - o Abby is working on Goldstein Scholarship applications.
- Computer Activities (Anette von der Handt)
 - o Member profiles will be posted on the website soon.
 - o Anette will be working with Dave on a form to streamline the reimbursement process for MAS purchases.
 - o Anette asked that everyone check the MAS website to make sure that committee rosters and Council biographic information are current.

- Education (Mary Scott)
 - Mary thanked everyone who came to Meal with a Mentor.
- Fellows (Pat Camus)
 - Pat reported on behalf of Donovan Leonard
 - Pat will ask Donovan if there will be an email blast for submissions.
- Finance (Peter McSwiggen)
 - 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)
 - Heather announced that registration info for the IUMAS-8 meeting will be distributed in December.
- IUMAS-8 Meeting (Andy Herzing)
 - 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.
 - The website for the meeting has gone live, but has occasionally run into issues with network security.
 - 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.
 - 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