2023 MAS Summer Council Meeting
July 19, 2023, 13:00-15:00 EDT, via GoogleMeets

Patrick Camus (President 2022-2024)
Andrew Herzing (President-Elect 2023-2024)
Owen Neill (Secretary 2022-2023)
Dave Tomlin (Treasurer 2023-2024)
Angela Halfpenny (Director 2021-2023)
Josh Taillon (Director 2021-2023)
Assel Aitkaliyeva (Director 2022-2024)
Thomas Lam (Director 2022-2024)
Katherine Burgess (Director 2023-2025)
Jordan Hachtel (Director 2023-2025)
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)
[VACANT] (Fellows 2022-2025)
Pete McSwiggen (Finance 2021-2024)
Emma Bullock (Membership 2023-2024)
Andrew Herzing (IUMAS Representative)
Joe Boro (Social Media 2022-2025)
Vin Smentkowski (Strategic Planning 2022-2025)
[VACANT] (Topical Conferences 2020-2023)
Donovan Leonard (M&M Editorial Board)

Present on call:
Assel Aitkaliyeva, Joe Boro, Emma Bullock, Pat Camus, Brad de Gregorio, John Fournelle, Jordan Hachtel, Angela Halfpenny, Anette von der Handt, Andrew Herzing, Thomas Lam, Abby Lindstrom, Heather Lowers, John Mansfield, Peter McSwiggen, Louisa Mezache, Owen Neill, Mary Scott, Josh Taillon, Dave Tomlin
Call to Order: 13:05 EDT (Pat Camus)

Approval of Agenda (Pat Camus)
- Pat adjusted the schedule to allow guest presenters John Mansfield and Louisa Mezache to present first.

Presidential Opening Remarks (Pat Camus)
- A moment of silence was held in memory of several recently departed MAS members, including David Joy, Klaus Keil, Lena Kourkoutis and Phil Russell.

Secretary’s Report (Owen Neill)
- Abby Lindstrom moved to accept the 2023 Spring Council Meeting minutes, Emma Bullock seconded.
  - Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report (Dave Tomlin)
- Dave reported that:
  - The request for the extension for the Society’s 2022 form F990 has been filed.
  - The society’s General Liability and G&O insurance policies have been renewed, as has the society’s Zoom Pro license.
  - Corporate award sponsors have been invoiced.
  - Checks have been sent to Corporate Award winners.
  - The MAS ASTM fees, plus arrears, have been paid.
    - These were not budgeted, and need to be added to the 2024 budget.
  - Dave is working with MSA on portal reconciliations for Q3 and Q4 of 2022 and Q1 of 2023.
  - Dave is also working with MSA on finalizing the M&M2022 co-share invoice.
  - Dave reported that the Society currently has $48,132.76 in charitable funds.
    - Total balances for each charitable fund are:
      - Chodos (Student Activities): $15,306.78.
      - Fiori (AReS): $16,389.52.
      - Goldstein (Early Career Scholars): $16,436,46.
    - Balances are typical for each fund for this time of year.
    - Donations to the charitable funds may be made at any time through the MAS website.
      - Members can also donate through the MSA website portal when renewing their membership.
      - Please contact Dave or Anette if you have any trouble with the donation links.
  - As of 10 July, 2023, the Society’s asset balances show the following:
    - Total unencumbered assets: $897,927.08.
    - Total encumbered assets: $946,059.84.
- MAS liquid assets: $176,584.18.
- Schwab investment accounts: $721,342.90
- The current PayPal balance ($19,372.11) will eventually be reallocated to the MAS bank account.

  o As of 10 July, 2023, the MAS operating budget shows the following:
    - Total income: $65,875.70.
      - $57,350.00 was budgeted.
    - Total expenses: $72,361.94.
      - Operating expenses: $37,145.34.
        - $72,500.00 was budgeted.
      - M&M meeting expenses: $35,216.60.
        - $56,750.00 was budgeted.
      - Expenses for the MAS social have not been paid yet.
    - Dave reported that MAS’ share of the 2022 meeting was $33,948.78.
      - $20,000 was budgeted.
    - Corporate award sponsorships are still being paid.

  o Dave introduced the proposed budget for 2024.
    - Projected income: $67,350.00.
    - Projected expenses: $116,200.00.
      - Operating expenses: $56,950.00.
      - M&M2024 meeting expenses: $56,750.00
    - Registration for M&M has been very strong this year, so income is likely to increase.
    - The line item for the IUMAS meeting expenses has been removed from the 2024 budget.
    - A line item for ASTM membership expenses has been added to the 2024 budget.
    - Previously, $10,000 was budgeted in support of the FIGMAS standards proposal, but this money has yet to be spent.
    - An additional $250 has been budgeted for booth expenses at M&M2024.
    - Funding for the MAS social and for registrations comped by MAS have been increased.
    - Heather asked whether MAS co-share from the meeting has expenses taken out.
      - Dave responded that the co-share does have the expenses taken out.
    - Abby noted that there was a potential for up to five Goldstein scholarship awards.
      - Dave has budgeted $5,000 for these awards.
    - Dave also noted that MAS still receives a royalty check from Springer for the Goldstein fund, but the Meteoritical Society is not providing funding.
      - Abby will follow up with the Meteoritical Society.

  o Dave will be working on several tasks going forward.
    - Dave will follow up with MSA regarding Q2 and Q3 portal reconciliations,
and how the new system for M&M registration will affect this.

- The MAS 990 form will be finalized and filed with the IRS.
- Dave will work on finalizing the 2022 M&M co-share with MSA.
- Emma moved to approve the 2024 budget as presented, Abby seconds.
  - Motion carried.

- Microscopy & Microanalysis Journal Report (John Mansfield)
  - John reported that he is looking for more diversity among the journal editors.
    - He hopes to add more women and particularly persons of color to the editorial roster.
    - John reported that Liz Wright and Vinayak Dravid are taking a break from editorial duties.
  - Dan Ruscitto has stepped down as the X-ray microanalysis editor.
    - Ed Vicenzi is filling this role in the interim.
    - Anyone who would like to suggest a replacement should contact John.
  - Donovan Leonard was the MAS representative to the M&M editorial board, but his term has expired.
    - Pat will investigate a new nominee for this position.
  - John reported that the impact factor for M&M has declined in 2022.
    - While the decline in M&M’s impact factor was the largest, most comparable journals also saw a decline.
    - This decline may be related to the popular Micrografia section in M&M, which is more descriptive.
    - This also may be related to a change in the impact factor calculation.
    - High citation publications, particularly review papers, from 2019 have now dropped out of the impact factor dataset, which will also lower it.
      - Review papers get high citations; contact John or David Smith at ASU if you’re interested in writing a review paper.
  - The journal’s transition to publishing via Oxford University Press is complete.
    - M&M is still using the Nova Techset team for typesetting, proofing and production.
    - The journal is now online-only.
  - Journal activities
    - Micrografia papers are proportionally large (possibly skewing impact factor)
    - Possibly spinning off Micrografia; John talking with Oxford.
    - 172 manuscripts from 44 different countries.
      - 56 different countries since 2022, 82 different countries from 2014.
  - Thomas Lam asked why, when attempting to access old articles, users are directed to the Cambridge University Press login.
    - John said that the transition of old articles to Oxford is still ongoing.
      - Users can log in from the Oxford side to access old articles, but depending on where they are being linked from, they may default to Cambridge since Cambridge published those articles.
Logging in through MSA to access M&M articles should take users to the Oxford site.
- Anette will work with John and Pat to get access information for M&M onto the MAS website.

- MSA Student Council report (Louisa Mezache)
  - Louisa introduced the MSA Student Council and its officers.
    - President: Louisa Mezache, Ohio State University.
    - President-Elect: Andres Marques Rossy, University of Tennessee – Knoxville.
    - Past-President: Aubrey Penn, MIT.nano.
    - Treasurer: Jackson Spurling, Pennsylvania State University.
    - Secretary: Huiming Guo, UC-Irvine.
    - PMCx60 Co-Chair: Yifan Wang, Arizona State University.
    - Postdoc Liaison: Neerja Zambare, PNNL.
    - Communications Chair: Stephanie Ribet, Northwestern University.
    - Social Chair: Ayanthi Thisera, University of Kentucky.
    - Regional Liaisons: Solange Steadman (Arizona State University), Sally Karstens (UC-Berkeley), Lyanna de Leon (West Texas A&M), Julio Ortega Rojas (University of Tennessee – Knoxville).
  - Louisa reported that it was difficult to recruit officers and Regional Liaisons this year.
    - Efforts to convey the professional value of being part of organizations like the student council may help in the future.
  - Louisa outlined the goals for the Student Council for 2023-2024, including:
    - Recruiting local, national and international students to participate in MSA.
      - More in-person events and social events with international microscopy societies can be used as fora for recruiting.
    - Improving resource availability to student members.
      - Updating advertising materials and funding regional conference travel will allow students to make better use of MSA’s opportunities.
    - Providing more resources for practical microscopy education.
      - Thoughtful EOC programming and technical workshops at PMC x60 at M&M2023 will be key venues for this.
  - Louisa reported on Regional Liaison Outreach to other societies.
    - The Student Council has made connections with the leadership of several Local Affiliated Societies and participated in several events.
      - A strategic initiative travel scholarship is available to aid student participation in these events.
    - The student council has made international connections with the Royal Microscopy Society, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Elektronenmikroskopie (Germany) and the Microscopy Society of Canada.
  - The Student Council has participated in several Educational Outreach Events,
including:

- A career development workshop in collaboration with OSU’s Center for Electron Microscopy and Analysis.
- A webinar series on Advanced Microscopy Techniques on Atom Probe Tomography.
  - This event was hosted virtually and targeted at students.
- The 3rd annual Women in Microscopy Conference, hosted by the NUANCE center at Northwestern University.
- A Sneak Peak Webinar with MAS.
  - This webinar was intended to give students a glimpse of what to expect when they attend M&M.
- The Student Image Contest.
  - Winners of the image contest will be announced at PMC x60 at M&M2023.

Louisa reported on the progress of PMC x60 at M&M2023.
- The PMC will host several sessions to focused on technical and professional skills development, including workshops on:
  - Grant writing skills.
  - Relocating for your career
  - Industry and academic interview skills.
- There will be a poster session with awards for the best posters.
- A student banquet and boat cruise will take place on Saturday night.
- The PMC raised $34,500 from sponsors, including MAS.

Andres Marquez Rossy will be taking over as Student Council president at M&M2023.

Louisa described the Student Council’s goals for 2023-2024.
- The Council will look to expand their reach, and the reach of their Regional Liaisons.
  - The Council will look to expand the number of Regional Liaisons, and the number of regional societies the Liaisons can interact with.
  - The Student Council will also encourage more members to attend local meetings.
- The Council hopes to encourage more active member involvement via:
  - An image contest.
  - Webinars.
  - Travel awards.
- The Council also hopes to focus on the professional needs of student members.
  - Providing better access to mentors and guidance for job seekers will address some of the major student concerns.

Membership Committee (Emma Bullock)
- Emma reported that there has been a change in membership renewal procedures.
- Members now join MSA or MAS when they register for M&M if they are not a member already.
  - As of 12 July, MAS has ~916 paid members.
    - This includes ~185 students with either joint or MAS-only membership.
  - The list of new MAS members for Council approval should come during or right after M&M.
    - Emma is still working with MSA to resolve membership database access issues caused by change in registration format.
  - There were no new requests for hardship waivers for registration fees.
  - Emma asked that Council members please sign up to work at the MAS Booth during M&M.
    - Council members can sign up for shifts at the MAS Booth using the spreadsheet on GoogleDrive.
    - A spreadsheet of paid members will be available to check membership and distribute tickets to the MAS Social.
    - Jordan asked what duties are required when working at the MAS Booth.
      - Emma responded that those at the booth give out ribbons, answer questions about the society, and assist new members with registration.
    - Dave noted that the MAS Booth will Booth #304 in the Exhibit Hall.
      - Anette added that Brad de Gregorio has prepared a poster to publicize MAS awards.
        - There will also be stickers, refrigerator poetry, and other MAS items to dole out to new members.
        - This is also an opportunity to publicize the Goldstein Scholars program.
    - Anette is already in Minneapolis.
      - Contact her about any items for the Booth that need to be purchased locally.
    - Heather has the MAS tablecloth and will bring it with her to Minneapolis.
  - Anette asked whether it will be possible to print any Booth materials on site.
    - Emma said that in the past, no printer has been available at M&M, but that there is a FedEx store near the Convention Center.
    - Anette added that it may also be able to print at University of Minnesota, which may be cheaper than FedEx.
  - Brad noted that a poster with information about MAS awards has been prepared, but will need to be printed.
    - Pat approved Anette’s request to use MAS funds to print Brad’s poster.

- FIGMAS (Emma Bullock)
  - Emma reported that FIGMAS will be sponsoring a symposium on Wednesday at M&M.
    - The two platform sessions will be held at 10:30am – 12:00pm and 1:30 – 3:00pm on Wednesday.
• There will also be a poster session on Wednesday afternoon.
  o FIGMAS currently has ~30 paid members.
  o There will also be a FIGMAS business meeting on Tuesday at 12:15pm.
    ▪ The meeting will include discussions of funding and future directions for the FIG.

• Strategic Planning Committee (Pat Camus for Vin Smentkowski)
  o There is no new info on the progress of ISO/ASTM.
    ▪ Vin said he will follow up with Nestor Zaluzec.
  o Pat reported that Vin is looking for new members for the Strategic Planning committee.
    ▪ Anyone interested in being part of the committee should contact Vin.
  o Continuing to increase the Society’s web and social media presence is a key goal for the committee.

• M&M Updates (Pat Camus)
  o Anette von der Handt reported on M&M2023.
    ▪ Anette said she will provide an update at the Business Meeting once she has the registration numbers.
    ▪ The meeting app has been released and can be downloaded from app stores.
      ● Please report any issues with the app to Anette.
    ▪ An overview of the MAS activities at M&M has been posted on the website and social media.
    ▪ Angela Halfpenny asked whether access to public transportation would be provided with meeting registration.
      ● At the Portland meetings, complimentary tram passes were provided.
      ● Anette did not think that this would be provided but will follow up.
    ▪ The MAS booth will be at Booth #304 in the Exhibit Hall.
    ▪ The MAS Business Meeting will be held in the Convention Center in room M100D.
    ▪ The MAS Social will take place at Brit’s Pub immediately follow the Business Meeting.
      ● Members must register for the social at the MAS booth to ensure the social stays within the attendance limit of 170 people.
      ● Emma said that she will check with VirtualInc to make sure we have drink and entrance tickets for the Social.
  o Pat reported that Steven Spurgeon of the University of Washington has agreed to be the MAS co-chair for M&M2024.

• Archivist (John Fournelle)
  o John asked whether there would be interest in having an Archival Committee rather than a single archivist.
- Anyone interested in being part of this committee should contact John.
  - John reported that he will be interviewing people at M&M
    - A room has been reserved for these interviews.
    - John asked for suggestions for MAS members to interview.
  - There will be several memorial symposia for MAS members at M&M2023, including those for David Joy and Klaus Keil.
    - John will request permission to film these memorial sessions.
    - Emma reported that Tim McCoy will be bringing Klaus Keil’s first EDS unit to the meeting.
      - Heather asked whether the EDS be displayed at the MAS booth during the meeting.
      - Emma replied that this would be up to Tim McCoy and that she would ask.
    - Owen noted that there will also be a video tribute to Klaus that could be added to the archives.

- Affiliated Regional Societies (Pat Camus for Clarissa Wisner)
  - There is a need for new speakers for AReS events.
    - Anyone who would like to volunteer or suggest another possible speaker should Clarissa.
  - Pat reported that there were two recent talks at AReS events by MAS-sponsored tour speakers.
    - Anette is collecting pictures from these events to upload to the webpage.
  - Forms have been uploaded to the MAS website through which members can request MAS tour speakers for their events, or volunteer to be a tour speaker.
  - Emma volunteered to attend the AReS breakfast at M&M, and discuss advertising the MAS tour speaker program with the AReS representatives.

- Awards Committee (Brad de Gregorio)
  - Brad expressed his thanks to the Awards Committee members, Angela Halfpenny, Peter Lee, Aurelian Moy and Josh Taillon.
  - The major MAS awards have been announced.
    - Duncumb Award: Niklas Delby, Nion Co.
    - K.F.J Heinrich Award: Anette von der Handt, University of British Columbia.
    - Presidential Science Award: Masashi Watanabe, Lehigh University.
    - Presidential Service Award: Tom Kelly, Steam Instruments.
  - The Distinguished Scholar award winners have also been announced.
    - Students:
      - Zoe Broad, University of Liverpool.
      - Joshua Hancock, Brigham Young University.
      - Kaleb Hood, Portland State University.
      - Young-Hoon Kim, Sungkyunkwan University.
      - Jillian Kirk, UC-Santa Cruz.
- Jiayuwen Qi, Ohio State University.
- Yara Suleiman, University of Connecticut.
- Edwin Supple, Colorado School of Mines.
- Zoë Wilbur, University of Arizona.
- Chunyan Zhang, University of Delaware.
- Postdocs:
  - Jacob Garcia, NIST.
  - Devon Jakob, NIST.
  - José Mendoza-Duarte, CIMA.
  - Junsik Mun, Brookhaven National Laboratory.
  - Wenjie Zang, UC-Irvine.

  o Brad has the award plaques and will hand them off to the MAS booth on Sunday.
  o Brad reported on the MAS poster awards for M&M2023.
    - The number of award candidates doubled this year.
      - Students: 43, up from 10 in 2022.
      - Creative Canvas: 19, down from 21 in 2022.
    - Brad asked for extra volunteers to judge posters.
      - Scorecard packets for judging posters will be available at the MAS booth and will be emailed to Council.
      - Andy volunteered to help judge posters.
      - Judging must be finished by Tuesday, in order to make the awards on Wednesday.
    - Dave asked how many gift cards should be purchased.
      - Brad said that three gift cards should be purchased.
        - Two for student winners and one for the creative canvas winner.
      - The gift card amounts should be equal to the student registration fee.
    - Heather asked whether the posters will be up for the full meeting.
      - Abby was notified that posters should be taken down at the end of the day, which suggests they may not be available for the full meeting as they had been at prior meetings.
      - Brad noted that every poster has a unique location number, which suggests that poster locations are not being reused.
      - Anette will check on this.
      - If the posters are not put up early, then awards may need to be mailed to the awardees.
  o Brad proposed several options for increasing the number of nominations for best paper awards.
    - Brad suggested prizes for nominating award candidates.
      - Brad also suggested a special prize for nominating at least one candidate in each award category.
    - The awards could be MAS tea towels, T-shirts, etc.
      - Brad is investigating printing options.
- Towels would be in the $8-20 range.
- Ordering a large supply of towels or shirts now could last for several years.
  - Abby asked whether there was a slide template that could be displayed between platform sessions for inviting award nominations.
- Brad will send this out after the meeting.
  - Pat and Andy are working on this year’s Microanalysis Image Award.

- Computer Activities (Anette von der Handt)
  - Anette reported that website activity continues to pick up after the downturn during the pandemic.
    - Web traffic typically peaks during the months leading up to M&M.
    - Webinars and Topical Conferences also drive a lot of web traffic.
  - Due to technical issues with GoogleMeets, Anette conducted a poll regarding Council members’ preferred online conference platforms.
    - Of the 14 responses, 14 users said they could use Zoom, 11 said they could use GoogleMeets, and 3 said they could use Microsoft Teams.
    - MAS has a Zoom license so switching Council meetings to the Zoom platform would be relatively easy.
    - GoogleMeets has issues with browsers besides GoogleChrome, as well as compatibility issues with Apple products.
    - MicrosoftTeams is an option with a non-profit account.
      - Anette will look into getting a Teams account for MAS, but this platform was less popular.
    - Josh reported that federal employees can now use ZoomGov.
      - Abby added that the web browser version of Zoom can also be used on federal computers.
    - Anette and Owen will consider using Zoom for the Fall Council meeting.
  - Anette purchased some gift items to distribute at the MAS Booth during M&M.
    - Items include fridge poetry, magnets, keychains, stickers, etc.

- Social Media (Joe Boro)
  - Joe described some options he is considering to increase MAS’ social media engagement.
    - Putting out useful information tends to bring in engagement from people interested in the topic.
    - Social media users tend to engage more with accounts that post regularly, so increasing the volume of posts may help.
    - The best target demographic is young professionals and students, as they tend to be the most active social media users.
  - Joe investigated new platforms that MAS has not used to date.
    - Threads is a new app created to rival Twitter.
      - So far the user numbers are fairly low, but it seems to be growing quickly.
• TikTok cannot be used by government employees, as it is considered spyware.
  ● However, it has very high engagement and is very popular with the younger demographic.
  o Joe outlined his plans going forward for the MAS social media accounts.
    • Joe will attempt to make weekly or monthly posts on each account.
      ● Joe asked members to promote MAS' posts on their personal accounts if possible.
      ● Joe will also use the MAS social accounts to promote new microanalysis papers.
        o Any members with suggestions for papers to promote should send them to Joe.
      ● Joe will be making “What’s it made of” posts every month.
        o Once a month, he will use a microanalytical technique to characterize an everyday object.
        o Joe received permission from LLNL to use his lab for this.
        o Users will suggest a material to characterize every month.
      ● Joe asked members to send him interesting pictures/datasets that the MAS socials could be used to promote.
    • Emma asked whether there were any particular hashtags we should be using to promote the Society during the meeting.
      ● In addition to the M&M hashtags, posters should use #the-mas.
      ● Joe also reminded everyone to tag the MAS’ social accounts when posting.
    • Anette noted that in the past, the President and some helpers would go around to each Sustaining Member’s booth and take a picture to post on social media with a thank-you message.
      ● Pat will work on this during the meeting.

• Education (Mary Scott)
  o Mary reported that Meal with a Mentor will take place during the Monday lunch period in Room L100AB at M&M.
    • Mary reported that ~90 students have registered, which is somewhat low.
    • Mary will follow up with Joe about posting Meal with a Mentor information to MAS social media.
    • Anette asked whether there was a deadline for registration.
      ● Mary replied that there is no deadline, but attendance may be limited by space.
    • Mary also reported that some mentors have had to withdraw from the event, and asked for volunteers to fill in.
      ● Pat and Josh volunteered.

• Fellows Committee (Pat Camus)
  o Pat reported that no Fellows were selected this year.
This means that there will be a need to catch up next year to maintain the appropriate proportion of Fellows within the Society membership.

- Pat is currently in discussions with a candidate for Fellows Committee chair.
  - Angela Halfpenny volunteered to take over if the position is available.
  - Pat will follow up.

- Finance Committee (Pete McSwiggen)
  - Pete reported that as of July 17, assets had risen to $738,200
    - On 1 January, 2023, the Society had $682,082 in assets.
      - Investments have seen a rise of $56,127 in the last seven months.
      - The increase suggests that the downturn in the markets may have turned around somewhat.
  - There is a widening gap between the MAS account contributions and investment value.
    - At the end of 2022, MAS contributions grew by ~$300K but stabilized afterwards.
  - Pete reported that the Society's investment holdings remain largely unchanged.
    - It had previously been intended to move treasury money into bond funds.
    - However, treasury funds have been paying better than the bond market, so this plan is on hold for the time being.
  - Overall the MAS financial picture is positive.
    - The hope is to build back what has been lost during the downturn over the last few years.

- International Liaison (Heather Lowers)
  - The AMAS meeting will take place on 5-9 February, 2024 at Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane.
  - Heather reported that the IUMAS-8 meeting in Banff, Alberta went very well.
    - IUMAS was very grateful for MAS’ financial contribution to the meeting.
  - Josh reported on the MAS workshop at IUMAS.
    - The workshop had nine speakers and ~35 registered attendees.
      - Approximately 20% of total meeting attendance also attend the workshop.
    - Seven of the talks at the workshop were recorded.
      - Josh will be working with Anette and Joe to promote these via the website and social media.
    - The MAS workshop was well received.
      - Of the responding attendees, 94% reported that they were very satisfied with the meeting.
      - There was interest in a more detailed multi-day meeting – possibly a topical conference?

- Sustaining Members (Pat Camus for Steve Seddio)
  - Pat reported that there are currently 23 paid Sustaining Members.
- Of these members, 21 are joint sustaining members while two are MAS-only.
- Steve has ordered 23 plaques for the Sustaining Members, which he and Pat will distribute in the Exhibit Hall at M&M.

- Topical Conferences (Pat Camus)
  - The Topical Conferences Chair position is currently vacant.
    - Anyone interested in the position should contact Pat.
  - There are preliminary plans for an EBSD topical conference.
    - Pat will follow up and try to get details.

- Nominations Committee (Andy Herzing)
  - The positions up for election in 2023 are Secretary, 2 Directors and Commercial Director.
  - Current nominees:
    - Secretary: Owen Neill (U. Michigan – incumbent).
    - Director: Alex Nagurney (PNNL), Megan Holtz (Colorado School of Mines), Aurélien Moy (UW-Madison) have all accepted nominations.
    - Commercial Director: Michael Hjelmstad (Oxford Instruments)
  - Please send suggestions for further nominees to Andy.
  - Andy noted that the bylaws do not contain a description of Director duties.
    - Anette has created a page on the website with a description of Director duties that can be distributed to candidates.
  - Emma asked whether someone who has already been a Director can run for a director position again.
    - Owen noted that the bylaws do not allow a person to run for re-election directly at the end of their term as Director, but they do not specifically prohibit someone from running again later.
    - Pat said that it is preferable to move a former Director to another committee position or other role in the Society, but that the bylaws do not specifically prohibit a person serving a second time.

- Other Business (Pat Camus)
  - The Geological Society of America will be holding a workshop on 14 October in Pittsburgh.
    - GSA is looking for a volunteer from MAS to attend the meeting, preferably someone with a background in geology.
    - There is a travel stipend for attending this meeting.
    - Any interested parties should contact Pat by the end of July.
  - There is no new information regarding MAS’ participation with ISO/ASTM.
    - Pat will follow up with Nestor.
  - Pat discussed the FIB-SEM meeting proposal from Keana Scott (NIST), originally discussed at Spring Council.
    - Full details of the proposal are included in Appendix 1.
• Pat asked for volunteers for a committee to investigate the ramifications of this proposal.
  • Specifically, the legal details of the meeting finances and issues around liability need to be clarified before MAS can participate.
  • Pat and Andy will follow up with the FIB-SEM meeting organizers.
  • Anyone interested in being part of this committee should contact Pat or Andy.
• A decision on this proposal is needed before 2024
  o Pat noted that in future, summer council meetings should be scheduled for 2.5 hours due to the high volume of pre-M&M business.

• Adjourn: 15:43 EDT (Pat Camus)
Appendix 1: FIB SEM Proposal from Keana Scott (NIST)

FIB SEM meeting ([https://fibsem.net](https://fibsem.net)) is an annual 1 to 2 day meeting focused on bringing FIB users together, providing a very friendly venue for conversations and exchange of FIB related topics. The meeting has been going on annually since 2008 and Nabil Bassim (McMaster U.), Ken Livi (JHU), Sam Stambula (McMaster U), and I are the organizers. Since about 2010, we have been working with MRS as our meeting manager but MRS is no longer supporting small meetings such as ours starting next year and we are looking for another entity to provide the support that MRS has been providing for the last 10+ years.

FIB SEM meeting is financially solvent but we are not incorporated and that is the main problem we are trying to get around with this proposal. The meeting is free to attendees and financially supported by the vendors. What MRS has done for us is the following:

- MRS keeps the FIB SEM funds in one of their accounts.
- Sponsor payments are sent to MRS for the FIB SEM xxxx meeting (xxxx is the year).
- MRS signs the caterer and venue contracts on our behalf, providing us some legal coverage.
- MRS reimburses the organizers or pays directly for meeting expenses.
- FIB SEM pays MRS annual fee (~$1500) for this service.
- FIB SEM receives annual financial statement once a year from MRS.

I know MAS has the topical conference program but FIB SEM does not really fit that model. We do not charge our attendees and it is a short 1-2 day meeting. Before we settled on to MRS, we did consider using the MAS topical conference program for FIB SEM but the usual application and approval process associated with the topical conferences didn’t really make sense for the FIB SEM meeting.

The proposal:
Would MAS be interested in working with FIB SEM in a manner similar to what MRS has been providing to FIB SEM? What FIB SEM could offer is to move our meeting content (all abstracts and some of the presentations that the presenters feel comfortable sharing) to MAS and brand it as one of MAS meetings. And FIB SEM will pay a reasonable annual fee.