Minutes of the 2011 MAS Annual Business Meeting  
Wednesday, August 10, 2011, 5:15 PM  
Room 209/210, Nashville Convention Center

President John Henry Scott called the meeting to order at 5:16P. A head count was taken and it was determined that there were 49 persons in attendance and that a quorum (35 or more MAS members, per Article IV Section 3 of the ByLaws) was present. Attendance increased during the meeting to over 80.

MAS Council members present  
John Henry Scott  
John Mansfield  
Ed Vicenzi  
Jeff Davis  
Heather Lowers  
James Bentley  
Andy Deal  
Tom Kelly  
John Donovan  
Ian Anderson  
Paul Carpenter  
Paul Hlava  
Valerie Woodward  
Dan Kremser  
John Fournelle

John Mansfield moves to approve agenda, Tom Huber seconds.

Executive Council Introductions and Australian friends Angus Netting (AMAS President) and Brendan Griffin (IUMAS President).

Society Highlights for the Year presented by John Henry Scott  
1) The Society has changed name to Microanalysis Society. We still retain the MAS acronym. This was done in part to be more welcoming to techniques that don’t use beam-based techniques.  
2) In conjunction with MSA, a Microanalysis Chair has been added to the program rotation.  
3) Inga Musselman proposed an MAS event called Meal with a Mentor. This luncheon was proposed and implemented within a year. It was on held on Monday, August 8, 2011 and was a great success. The event was oversold.  
4) Sustaining member dues have been synchronized with MSA to eliminate the $25 difference in dues.  
5) Three topical conferences are in the works, CL2011, Standards 2012, and EBSD 2012.
6) Council approved $10500 for student support for the CL TC to cover immediate costs to allow students to attend. These funds may be replaced by NSF but no guarantee.

7) A new Awards Committee has been proposed to alleviate the duties of second year Directors and to get more input from the breadth of our membership.

**Secretary’s Report** (John Henry Scott on behalf of Heather Lowers on behalf of Scott Davilla)

Due to transition in the Secretary’s position, the final Minutes of the 2010 Annual Business Meeting were not available. It was determined Heather Lowers would make available the 2010 and 2011 Business Meeting minutes for comment and potentially have the approval as a ballot issue for the 2011 election.

**Treasurer’s Report (Jeff Davis, Treasurer)**

The Schwab account contains ~$251,000 and the checking account balance is ~$76,800. We have a good cash reserve and funds in the PayPal account are $5000. Membership dues go to the PayPal account which is linked to the checking account. At the end of the year, likely to transfer PayPal funds to checking account. Jeff suggests payments to reimburse people go through PayPal to avoid postage costs and delivery delay. The income projected for 2012 not finalized but anticipate a $2K profit from TC. Student support for CL2011 TC increased. Yoosuf Picard questioned whether MAS support for 2012 TCs would be similar to CL TC and Jeff Davis answered yes if requested by TC organizing committees.

**Membership Report (Dan Kremser, Membership Chair)**

Paid memberships as of yesterday include 304 Regular, 50 Student, 13 Honorary and 9 Emeritus. An additional 15 members paid up today at the MAS Booth. Note that these numbers do not include the Regular memberships designated by our Sustaining Members. Membership goes all year long and starts with discounted payment in December.

**Sustaining Members Report (Lucille Giannuzzi, Sustaining Member Chair)**

At the time of the Business Meeting, 29 SMs were listed on MAS web site, of which 28 are currently. Work is being done to develop a new joint category with MSA to be offered. 21 sustaining members are paid up and one states the check is in the mail.

**AReS Report (Paul Hlava, AReS Chair)**. Three tour speakers last year were Ed Vicenzi, Paul Hlava, and Robert Simmons. Fielded 8 requests for Tour Speakers and two more scheduled for the fall. At noon, on Wednesday, August 10, the AReS committee came up with three more options for the new tour speaker year: 1) John Henry Scott presenting “How Sausage is Made, Science in the White House”, 2) Dave Williams presenting his award winning research “Reflections on Microscopy & Analysis, and 3) a talk on silicon drift detectors (SDDs), with a speaker yet to be named.

**Topical Conferences (Paul Carpenter, Topical Conference Chair)**
This is an exciting time as there are three TCs planned: CL2011 at NIST co-organized by AMAS, Microanalytical Reference Materials (MRM, aka Standards) 2012 to be held at Colorado School of Mines in Golden, CO, and EBSD 2012 to be held at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA. Planning is coming along well. MAS Council is thanked for their support for students until NSF funding comes through.

MRM 2012, Heather Lowers actively looking for student participation, vendor support, and trying to bring over at least one student from Australia.

EBSD 2012 led by Andy Deal. This TC has a good track record with significant student involvement. There will be a good mixture of technical presentations and lab work.

**M&M 2011 (Masashi Watanabe MAS Program Co-chair)**

Last year was a good conference in Portland but the Nashville meeting is on track to beat that. In Nashville, as of yesterday there were 1500 attendees and over 1000 exhibitors for over 2500 in attendance. If a few more register, it will exceed the Portland meeting from last year. Many MAS type of symposia were present. Luke Brewer adds we pushed the poster sessions and many attended with ~330 Monday, 325 Tuesday, and 500 Wednesday. The poster session felt energized. Over 1000 abstracts submitted for the Nashville meeting.

**M&M 2012 (Vincent Smentkowski MAS Program Co-Chair)**

There are eight physical science and sixteen techniques symposia planned for 2012. Slots have been left open for self-assembled symposia. Three of the physical science symposia were suggested by MAS membership. Some folks have tried to suggest symposia and were surprised to learn that the program is already set for 2012. The introduction of the new symposia is intended to bring in new members and attendees. Dale Newbury is concerned that there is no symposia specifically dedicated to quantitative analysis which has been a core symposium and doesn’t want it to slip away. Vin Smentkowski points out that many of the proposed symposium descriptions contain a quantitative analysis aspect. Paul Carpenter is sympathetic with Dale’s view but does not believe there was a Council decision or mandate that a quantitative analysis session had to be offered. Brendan Griffin points out that he doesn’t do quantitative analysis with his technique but presents in that session (?) Paul Carpenter is pleased with the suggestions of new symposia but wants it to be clear that traditional submissions are still welcomed. Peter Statham points out that when abstracts are scattered among sessions it is difficult to see that a technique is mature or not because there is no cohesiveness and better to have the same technique within one session. John Henry Scott states it is important to have core sessions but need to respect the freedom of the Program Chair. Lucille Giannuzzi and Vin Smentkowski point out that one session contains the word “quantification” and there are geological symposia that will have quantitative analysis as an emphasis. The membership wants to see the quant session broken up to bring in new people instead of the usual suspects. John Mansfield points out that “his EELS” session is not present as well and we cannot expect to have a session for every technique every year. If the group feels strongly enough, they were encouraged to have a self-assembled session. An
“Advances in Microanalysis” session cannot exist every year without it becoming ho-hum. John Henry Scott encourages us to move forward.

Emmanuelle Marquis has been named MAS Co-Chair for M&M 2013. An effort will be put forth to create a timeline to make it more clear to the membership the timing of the program planning for a M&M meeting.

IUMAS (Ed Vicenzi, Past President and International Liaison)
Ed Vicenzi attended IUMAS-V in Seoul, Korea in May 2011. He made a presentation to IUMAS to host IUMAS-6 at M&M in 2014 in Hartford, CT. IUMAS is generally held as a joint meeting and hoping to benefit from great conference services from M&M.
Looking for call to make sure symposia are represented at this meeting.

Strategic Planning (Ian Anderson, Chair)
The Committee is continuing to work on many strategic issues for society. Ian updated the Membership on council restructuring regarding the term of the President. The move is from a 1 to 2 year presidency. John Mansfield is the last of the old paradigm one-year presidents in a three year term.

Council has approved the creation of an Awards Committee. The Committee will be comprised of 8 members: a standing committee of 6 members with two members being replaced each year, as well as the two second-year MAS Directors. The two Directors will be ex officio members with voice and vote and will be liaisons to Council. The Presidential Awards remain the prerogative of the President.

Gordon Cleaver stepped down as Chair of the Finance Committee after 25 years of service. He recommended that we look into professional management for our money. Council approved the creation of a new Finance Committee that will serve under the SP committee. Tom Kelly will chair, Joe Michael is a member, and Ian Anderson is an ex officio member as Strategic Planning Committee Chair. The Committee will determine needs for money such as student endowments etc.

John Henry Scott has been working with Nestor to find a better way to mesh MSA and MAS business such as having a “Microanalysis Chair” for M&M program and joint Sustaining Member (SM) solicitation that allows SMs to go to one place to sign up and write one check and name represented. The solicitation will come through a neutral website. SM has choice if they only want MAS click there and go to that website. The cost has increased to $400 from $375. MSA has three regular members with SM. Our $25 increase will be offset by one more designated regular member. If the joint SM solicitation goes smoothly, we will also be looking into a joint solicitation for Regular member dues in the future. Joint membership is $80 for regular members of which $30 will go to each society and the remainder for the journal subscription. We are also planning at looking at coordination of MSA Local Affiliated Societies (LAS) with MAS Affiliated Regional Societies (AReS). Ian noted that some local societies have strong association with just one society or the other. Tom Kelly asks if we will have a joint student membership option and Ian Anderson says yes. John Mansfield also points out
that students receive reduced journal subscription and Ian Anderson reminds us they receive it free now.

Council has approved the following revisions of the Bylaws:
1. Change number of regular memberships (RMs) that accompany sustaining membership (SM) from 2 to 3, to match that of the Microscopy Society of America (MSA). Reasons include 1. Facilitates joint MAS/MSA SM application/renewal & dues payment, 2. Accompanies Council action (2011 Winter Council Mtg) to increase SM annual dues from $375 to $400 to match MSA’s, and 3. Simpler process for our SMs: MSA & MAS SM status can be renewed at same time; allows same points of contact for both societies

2. Change to the Preamble to make explicit reference to “instrumentation,” in addition to “principles” and “applications,” as stated purpose of the Society in the Bylaws Preamble. Reasons being it restores wording of original Certificate of Incorporation for EPASA (1968)

**Nominating Committee (John Mansfield, Chair)**
The members of the nominating committee were John Mansfield, James Bentley, Heather Lowers, Caroline Miller, and Jon McCarthy. The committee selected the following nominees: Kristen Bunker as President Elect, Heather Lowers as Secretary, and Pat Camus, Chris Kiely, Matthew Phillips, and Elaine Schumacher as Directors. John Mansfield wanted a consented election for each office, but had difficulty finding people agreeing to run against each other and enough people to run. Nominated Directors stood to show themselves but Chris and Matt not present. John Mansfield calls for nominations from floor, none were given. John Mansfield calls to move slate to ballot. Tom Huber so moves and Jon McCarthy seconds.

**Other Business**
John Armstrong doesn’t care what the symposium is called but should keep in mind areas that are blossoming. Chairs of current meeting should get together to see if something has fallen through the cracks. John Armstrong gave the example of SDD vs. WDS work going on.

Nestor states one of the functions of the Program Committee is to do what Armstrong suggests. Nestor says they like to empower Chairs to make decision and not micromanage the planning. Prospective symposia should be recommended to the Program Chair or Co-Chair in advance of the previous year's Program Production Meeting (e.g., February 2012 for M&M 2013). Versatility is there (that is the purpose of the self-assembled sessions) but don’t want to hamstring Program Chairs. John Armstrong suggests the Program Planning Meeting at the M&M meeting be moved to later in the week so upcoming techniques or areas of interest can be identified.

Presentation of gavel and beads transfer (symbols of office) from John Henry Scott to John Mansfield at 6:17P.
John Mansfield adjourned the meeting at 6:18P with a “Yippee it’s time for Rippy’s”

Respectfully Submitted

Heather Lowers
MAS Secretary (Acting)