



2026 MAS Spring Council Meeting
24 June, 2026, 1300:-15:00 EDT, via Zoom

Andrew Herzing	President 2024-2026
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Debangshu Mukherjee	Director 2025-2027
Andres Marquez Rossy	Director 2026-2028
Shize Yang	Director 2026-2028
Steve Seddio	Commercial Director 2023-2026
	M&M2026 Co-Chair
Thomas Lam	AReS 2024-2026
John Fournelle	Archivist since 2010
Brad De Gregorio	Awards since 2020
Josh Taillon	Computer Activities since 2024
Katherine Jungjohann	Education Committee Chair 2026-
Michelle Thompson	Goldstein Scholar Coordinator
Vin Smentkowski	Fellows since 2022
Rhonda Stroud	Finance since 2025
Heather Lowers	International Liaison since 2018
Emma Bullock	Membership since 2020
Joe Boro	Social Media since 2024
Angela Halfpenny	Strategic Planning since 2023
Anette von der Handt	Topical Conferences since 2024
Ed Vicenzi	MAM Editorial Board

In attendance: Thomas Lam, Jordan Hachtel, Assel Aitkaliyeva, Aurelien Moy, Andy Herzing, Ed Vincenzi, Michelle Thompson, Jessica Riesterer, Joe Boro, Debangshu Mukherjee, Aaron Johnson, Steve Seddio, Anette von der Handt, Brad De Gregorio, Dale Burns, Rhonda Stroud, Will Nachlas

ACTION ITEMS

- Andy Herzing: Find out who the contact was at Springer and reach out to them to try and revive the arrangement, either before M&M or at M&M.
- Andy Herzing: Develop a strategy to get better involvement from presidents/students in EMAS/AMAS
- Andy Herzing (w/ Brad de Gregorio): Determine who will print out the booth poster with the awardee, and get it printed.
- Andy Herzing (w/ Thomas Lam): Discuss expanding Tour Speakers at the regional society meetings
- Annette von der Handt: Reach back out to Minnesota about reviving the EBSD Topical Conference
- Brad de Gregorio: Ship the cooling towels to the warehouse
- Brad de Gregorio: Order the award plaques
- Brad de Gregorio: Finalize the online forms for poster judging
- Brad de Gregorio (w/ Andy Herzing): Determine who will print out the booth poster with the awardee, and get it printed.
- Dale Burns: Contact Corporate Sponsors to try and get money earlier than last year
- Dale Burns: Determine what true budget for MAS social is for M&M2026
- Debangshu Mukherjee: Prepare a short presentation for the Summer Council Meeting on how to better prepare for the upcoming changes in publication regulations
- Emma Bullock: Track down database issues, and get the real numbers for membership
- Joe Boro: Follow up with the student council about social media ambassadors
- Jordan Hachtel: Send out availability poll and schedule Summer Council Meeting ASAP
- Michelle Thompson: Send emails out asking for new applicants to the Goldstein Scholars Program
- Michelle Thompson: Prepare slides for the business meeting to promote the program
- Steve Seddio: Order the sustaining member appreciation plaques (~\$840) and then seek reimbursement
- Thomas Lam (w/ Andy Herzing): Discuss expanding Tour Speakers at the regional society meetings
- Will Nachlas: Follow up with Professor Tongay about potential crystals from 2D Semiconductors

1. Call to Order – Andy Herzing

- a. Andy called meeting to order at 13:03 EDT

2. Approve Agenda – Andy Herzing

- a. Jordan moved to accept the agenda
 - i. Andy seconded the motion
 - ii. Agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote

3. Presidential Opening Remarks - Andy Herzing

- a. Andy apologized for pushing meeting to early summer, but noted that we would still have a summer council meeting before M&M
- b. **ACTION ITEM** for Jordan Hachtel: Send poll out for Summer Council Meeting

4. Secretary Report – Jordan Hachtel

- a. Assel moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting
 - i. Debangshu seconded the motion
 - ii. Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote
 - iii. Link to Winter Council Meeting Minutes:
[260220_MASWinterCouncilMinutes.docx](#)
- b. Jordan mentioned meeting was being transcribed
- c. Jordan mentioned that after last meeting there was a request to put action items at the top of meeting minutes and would do this going forward

5. M&M Journal Rep - Ed Vicenzi

- a. Ed reported that the Clarivate Impact Factor of M&M raised this year from 3.0 to 3.9
 - i. Ed highlighted that this was 1 full point of impact factor above other microscopy journals
 - ii. There were discussions about other microscopy journals and Jessica mentioned in that chat that there was a new journal called Methods in Microscopy which was worth considering in the future.
- b. Oxford University Press (OUP) Update - Aaron Johnson
 - i. Aaron introduced himself, talked about his history working with societies.
 - 1. He has been working with the microscopy societies since 2008
 - 2. He was a publisher with M&M and Microscopy Today
 - 3. He worked for Cambridge University Press and the Materials Research Society
 - 4. Currently he works on behalf of the of various societies including the MSA, the Royal Microscopy Society, as well as societies in other fields.
 - 5. His main tasks are working day to day with societal publishers taking care of key questions and making sure things like platforms, philanthropy, membership development, and learning management systems work smoothly.
 - ii. Aaron discussed his current work with the MSA which was building inaugural models of learning management systems for the biology and physical sciences of wings of the MSA, which was approved as a strategic initiative earlier this year.
 - 1. He stated that these would be potentially out by Q1 2027, and would be integrated with scholarly literature as well as M&M and Microscopy Today.
 - iii. Aaron's major update was on upcoming changes to the publishing landscape in terms of Federal policy on scientific publications mainly for open access and article processing charges (APCs).
 - 1. Two key tenets: Zero embargo: All research supported by federal grants to be made freely available to the public without embargo, while mandating proper agency acknowledgement in all publications (accepted manuscript)

2. Open Access: The Government limits the use of federal grant funds for certain publication and processing charges (they may not be willing to pay open access fees)
- iv. Aaron mentioned that most agencies and publishers are not in compliance with the guidelines, so there is current flexibility, but that he believed that these rules would soon become strictly enforced.
- v. Aaron also mentioned that while there would be limits on APCs there were no numbers yet, which made compliance challenging to plan for.
- vi. Aaron outlined the new rules that the administration is planning to roll out
 1. Publication fees: The proposed rule designates journal publication costs and Article Processing Charges (APCs) as unallowable by default, meaning they cannot be charged to a federal grant without case-by-case agency pre-approval
 2. International Restrictions: It Prohibits R&D grants to foreign entities or bilateral collaborations with covered foreign countries unless expressly approved by senior political appointees.
 - a. He mentioned that for countries such as China it would likely be totally banned
 - i. Debanshu mentioned this would affect many popular Nature Partner Journals (such as NPJ Computational Materials)
 3. Policy Priorities: It required all discretionary awards to demonstrably advance the administration's policy priorities, including new restrictions on DEI activities and gender ideology.
- vii. Aaron gave some specific dates that were relevant for these new policies
 1. July 15th through end of FY: Public Notice Period
 2. Beginning of FY (October 1st 2026): Proposed effective date for new grant rules across over 40 federal agencies
- viii. Aaron mentioned that these new rules will be overseen by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and this update would formalize the "Uniform Grants Regulation" as a binding rule rather than just guidance
- ix. Aaron outlined MSA's plans to deal with these new regulations
 1. Primarily, the approach was "Wait and See" largely driven by mixed messages about what the final policies would be.
 2. MSA has a 6 month embargo that would conflict with the "Zero Embargo" aspect of the new regulations.
 3. There is Gold Open Access which is in compliance with the new regulations, but maybe a problem with federal funding for APCs
 4. Currently, MSA is renegotiating their agreements with OUP (would start in 2028), they will try to renew a year early to better accommodate these new regulations.
 5. Early discussions indicated that OUP was willing to negotiate, but indicated they were not happy to accept some aspects of the new

regulations (such as the zero embargo), and that this could lead to conflict with OUP.

- x. Aaron mentioned that publishers were actively fighting this, and that Wiley was asking for support sending letters to congress people, but they were not optimistic.
 - 1. Debangshu said ACS was doing the same thing.
- xi. Ed if Oxford was willing to reduce the APC for Gold Open Access to help researchers stay in compliance.
 - 1. Aaron said that if everyone who published in M&M went for Gold Open Access instead of the normal APCs it would potentially allow OUP to reduce the cost from \$3700 to ~\$1500, and that it was an option.
 - 2. He also mentioned that MSA is trying to get a member rate for MSA/MAS members, which may lower the normal APCs enough for it to be in compliance with the new rules.
- xii. Jordan mentioned that government employees are already required to upload their publications to a government website and make them available for free (which is what the new regulations will demand), and asked whether this was in compliance with OUPs publishing rules.
 - 1. Aaron said technically no but OUP was not policing it. They are waiting to find out what will actually happen before it determined how it will change/enforce its own rules.
- xiii. Brad asked to clarify whether the journals or authors were responsible for compliance with the new regulations.
 - 1. Aaron clarified that it the onus is on the authors, but the publishers are trying to anticipate the right way to react that.
 - 2. He also said OUP is not committing to anything yet, but ultimately is listening to MSA, and was cautiously optimistic that a good solution could be found when the final rules are announced.
 - 3. Brad mentioned that it is our responsibility as the society to help M&M stay successful through this transition
- xiv. Ed asked if other societies are considering diamond open access as a solution
 - 1. Aaron mentioned it was being considered and that he knew of a math journal that successfully transitioned to diamond open access
 - 2. Jordan asked what diamond open access is
 - a. Aaron clarified that diamond open access means paid for by the society, no APCs no embargos
 - 3. Aaron said he will put forward a lot of options (including diamond open access) to OUP that they have already researched.
- xv. There were more questions, but Andy noted we were running behind schedule and encouraged any further questions to be addressed to his email (abjohnson@microscopy, aaron.bc.johnson@gmail.com)

6. FIGMAS Update - Will Nachlas

- a. Will said he was preparing some slides that were not quite ready, and Andy mentioned that since we have summer meeting that Will could give brief update here and full update at summer meeting.
- b. Will gave a brief update on his project
 - i. Will has been using the strategic funding since 2025, and has been looking for Phase 1 or Phase 2 materials
 1. His major challenge is that the photonics industry has evolved, changing what high purity synthetic crystals vendors have available.
 - ii. He has Lead Molybdate from Maltech Berlin, which was a major purchase in late 2025
 - iii. He has Yttrium Calcium Oxyborate, a potential calcium standard
 - iv. He has high purity quartz from a Japanese company called NDK with an HQ in Schaumburg Illinois
 1. He evaluated a demo sample over the winter and purchased \$2,873 worth of quartz
 - v. He has made two special requests from the MAS, as some of the materials have passed Phase 1 (General characterization with EBSD, EDS, WDS, SEM and CL).
 1. First was for more Berlinite (AlPO_4) which has proven to be a valuable commodity for his efforts
 - a. He contacted the inventor and patent holder of Berlinite (Bruce Chai) who had a large stockpile of it.
 - b. Will made a special request for \$6500 dollars of Berlinite which arrived in March 2026
 - c. Will thanked Dale for help with the purchase
 2. Second was for Fosterite (Mg_2SiO_4)
 - a. He has purchased 40 grams of synthetic crystal cutoffs from an oxide corporation in Japan, that is still en route.
 - b. He highlighted Dale's help again in helping arrange a challenging international wire transfer.
 - vi. He also has connected with consulting company that operates in the synthetic crystal industry, which has been helping him find suppliers.
 1. Through these suppliers he believes he has found reliable sources of Al_2O_3 , ZnS, CdS, YIG, and citrine iron garnet.
 - vii. He said he is still preparing the characterization for his most recent purchases.
 1. His plan is to examine the entire crystal in its large uncut form then crushing them into a powder with 250 μm grain sizes.
 2. He is still experimenting with centrifugal casting techniques to make fully densified high purity standards.
 - viii. He said he will present more in depth at the Summer Council Meeting and the Business Meeting at M&M, and will provide a full provenance of all his purchases for additional transparency.

- ix. Debangshu suggested contacting 2D Semiconductors as a potential source for weird crystals that may be beneficial.
 - x. Will agreed with the suggestion, and said that he'd already made contact with Professor Tongay at the company but would follow up. **ACTION ITEM:** Will Nachlas will follow up with Professor Tongay about potential crystals from 2D Semiconductors
7. Debangshu asked about presenting some thoughts on the publication regulations and how to respond to them, but was encouraged him to prepare something for the next meeting
- a. **ACTION ITEM:** Debangshu Mukherjee will prepare a short presentation for the Summer Council Meeting on how to better prepare for the upcoming changes in publication regulations

8. Goldstein Scholars – Michelle Thompson

- a. Michelle gave brief primer on Goldstein Scholar. Explaining that it is a scholarship for a brief trip for a student from one institution to visit another institution to learn a new skill or use a specific instrument.
- b. Michelle mentioned that the program had been dormant and when she began as the Goldstein chair she found 2 years' worth of unread emails and responded to them.
 - i. She reported that many bounced because the people had moved on from their previous institution, but two candidates were still interested in proceeding with the process.
 - ii. She prepared a rubric for their evaluation and sent them to the first year directors.
 - iii. Her next goal is to build more awareness in the community for the program.
 - 1. **ACTION ITEM:** Michelle will send emails out asking for new applicants
 - 2. **ACTION ITEM:** Michelle will make slides for the business meeting
- c. Ed asked when program would be up to date, and when the award winners would be announced, if the MAS could do a graphical abstract to highlight the measurements, they did as part of the program.
 - i. Michelle said they must submit a report after they finish the activity, and that we can ask them for an eye-catching figure for better promotion.
 - ii. Andy said this would be great for website, social media, and booth content.
- d. Rhonda mentioned that when the program started it was half-funded by springer, they also put the picture of the winners at the Springer booth, and suggested we try to revive this arrangement. Andy agreed.
 - i. **ACTION ITEM:** Andy will find out who the contact was at Springer and reach out to them to try and revive the arrangement, either before M&M or at M&M.

9. Fellows – Vin Smentkowski

- a. Vin is absent so Andy will report on Fellows
- b. Andy announced there were two fellows this year, David Larson and Pat Camus, and that both will be at M&M to accept the plaques
- c. Plaques shipped to Shize (who is seeking reimbursement)
- d. Andy noted that while we had two this year we need to continue to push for more fellows for future meetings. He encouraged everyone to look out for potential fellows,

and noted that Vin had made a QR code to distribute to make it easier for others to submit a nomination.

- i. QR Code:



10. Treasurer's Report – Dale Burns

- a. Budget
 - i. Expected Income: \$84,350, Current (as of 06/24/26): \$28,547.67
 - ii. Expected Operating Expenses: \$58,762.50, Current (06/24/26): \$21,446.84
 - iii. Expected Meeting Expenses: \$58,000, Current (06/24/26): \$25,827.51
- b. Dale said that income looks consistent with (if not better than) expectation, and that the numbers that are lower than expected are still in progress but are in line with predictions.
- c. Andy asked if there was any dropoff in revenue with respect to membership dues, and Dale said that it looked very similar to the previous year
- d. Expenses as expected, but will spike as we get closer to M&M.
- e. Dale noted that for Strategic Planning Initiatives that some funds have been debited off that. He asked if we had a vote for upping it to 13k this year everyone said that sounded right.
 - i. **SECRETARY'S NOTE:** I have looked through previous minutes in the last few years and only found that in 2024 we agreed to provide FIGMAS with 10k of Funding between 2024-2029, with potentially an additional 15k per year from 2030-2034 depending on progress. I did not find any votes stating 13k for strategic initiatives
- f. Balance Sheet
 - i. MAS Liquid Assets: \$178,139.09
 - ii. Charitable Funds: \$48,205.90
 - iii. Schwab Investment Account (As of 06/24/26): \$1,009,903.97
 - iv. Total Encumbered Assets: \$1,236,248.96
 - v. Total Unencumbered Assets: \$1,188,043.06
- g. Dale mentioned that last year, there were some major challenges getting Corporate Sponsor money so he will reach out earlier this year
 - i. **ACTION ITEM:** Dale will try to get corporate sponsor money early
- h. Andy asked about the budget for the MAS Social. He noted the expense is already at \$14,883.55 (expected \$10,000) but that's because \$10,000 from last year's social only posted this FY. He asked if that meant we were really ~\$5,000 under budget.
 - i. **ACTION ITEM:** Dale will determine the true budget for the MAS social

11. Membership – Emma Bullock

- a. Emma is absent so Andy will report on Membership

- b. Total number of members is 550 (significantly less than it was several months ago)
 - i. Andy said the fact that membership revenue is not down suggests that this is a database error.
 - ii. **ACTION ITEM:** Emma will track down database hiccup, and get the real numbers for membership
- c. Andy also mentioned that its almost time for Booth signup, and to look for the email.

12. ARoS – Thomas Lam

- a. Thomas reported that there were two meetings with regional societies and thanked the esteemed tour speakers
- b. Arizona Imaging and Microanalysis Society (AIMS) Meeting in April, and the Southeastern Microscopy Society (SEMS) was in May
 - i. The Tour Speakers at AIMS were Peter Ercius of Lawrence Berkley National Laboratory and Thomas Marchese of the University of Chicago
 - ii. The Tour Speakers at SEMS were Jordan Hachtel and Lynnicia Massenburg both of Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- c. Thomas mentioned reimbursement was behind
- d. Thomas said he will make some promotional poster for the speakers and get pictures from the regional society meetings.
- e. Thomas mentioned an inquiry about more student speakers
 - i. He said providing tour speakers helped revive Great Lakes society
 - ii. They have a student in mind, but they are asking for funding
 - iii. Thomas and Andy said they would discuss offline
 - 1. **ACTION ITEM:** Thomas and Andy will discuss expanding tour speaker role
- f. Andy asked me about my experience at SEMS, said I liked it and thought we should keep up the good work

13. Awards – Brad de Gregorio

- a. Brad gave an update on the awards,
 - i. Announced major awards, paper awards, and the travel awards
 - 1. Peter Duncumb Award: Mathieu Kociak (CNRS Universite Paris-Saclay)
 - 2. K.F.J. Heinrich Award: Michael Zachman (ORNL)
 - 3. Presidential Science Award: Julie Cairney (University of Sydney)
 - 4. Presidential Service Award: Owen Neil (University of Michigan)
 - 5. Birks Award: Vesna Srot (Max Planck Institue)
 - 6. Castaing Award: Amy McKeown-Green (Stanford University)
 - 7. Cosslett Award: Stephen Taller (ORNL)
 - 8. Macres Award: Matthew Jenkins (Georgia Tech)
 - ii. Brad mentioned that most years there are only student/postdoc awards, but this year there was a good technologist to be included as well.
 - 1. MSA insisted on calling it a postdoc award on the program because they don't have a technologist award
 - iii. Brad has submitted the awards article this year, will come out in the September issue

- iv. He has re-ordered the cooling towels, and they are currently in his possession, but he will ship them to the advanced warehouse
 - 1. **ACTION ITEM:** Brad will ship the cooling towels to the warehouse
- v. Brad said his next major action items are to organize the poster awards by making the online forms for poster judging and to order the awards plaques.
 - 1. **ACTION ITEM:** Brad will order the award plaques
 - 2. **ACTION ITEM:** Brad will finalize the online forms for poster judging
- b. Brad mentioned he is happy to continue to be awards chair, but is also happy to step down (if someone is interested)
- c. Andy asked about the booth poster with awardees. Brad thought Andy would do it. Andy said he did last year but was hoping someone else would this year. Brad said he could print it out, and then he would make two posters to fit all the photos on it.
 - i. **ACTION ITEM:** Brad and Andy will determine who will print out the booth poster with the awardees.

14. Computer Activities – Josh Taillon

- a. No updates, no slides

15. Social Media – Joe Boro

- a. Joe said that they will continue with the stickers from last year
 - i. He said they will take the top two designs from last year along with the top two from a set of six new designs from this year.
 - 1. Joe will send out poll for the new designs
- b. Joe said he would present an update on the social media numbers along with a new AI paper retrieval/indexing tool he has been using at the business meetings
- c. Andy asked if we were waiting for student council social media ambassadors. Joe said that he was and that he would follow up with them.
 - i. **ACTION ITEM:** Joe to follow up with the student council about social media ambassadors

16. Education – Katherine Jungjohann

- a. Katie is absent so Andy will report on Education
- b. Andy and Katie discussed increasing the Meal with a Mentor and increased number of invitees by 20%.
- c. He said they discussed the food, and that he believes we are required to do the on-site caterer, which makes things slightly easier and cheaper anyway.

17. Finance – Rhonda Stroud

- a. Rhonda highlighted the two new members of the finance committee: Albina Borisevich and John Konopka
- b. Rhonda presented a snapshot of finances, gained \$140,223.60 from this time last year, over 1 million in investments
- c. Compared our portfolio vs. moderately conservative portfolio and showed we got 15.97% compared to a 13.88% benchmark. She mentioned that the committee is not going for the highest return (but going for minimum heartburn).
- d. Year-over-year since Schwab account started in 2019, only one injection of cash in 2022, Doubled money from 518,662.98 to 1,018,507.34

- e. Rhonda highlighted that we have an excess of \$40,000 that could be spent on the society, and we may violate IRS guidelines if we don't spend it.
- f. Jordan asked about using it as a reserve for potential costs towards the publishing changes that are looming
 - i. Rhonda said we have a 10% cost share in M&M that we could potentially increase, but that the publication costs were too high for the excess money we have in the society to really make a major difference towards.
 - ii. Rhonda also said that she encouraged us to work with Wiley/ACS/Universities to write to congress to protest the new publishing regulations

18. Nominations Committee Report - Assel Aitkaliyeva

- a. Assel said there were four nominations for council
 - i. Shalini Tripathi
 - ii. Daniel Bufford
 - iii. Christopher Marvel
 - iv. Yimo Han
- b. Assel also said we need nominations for the strategic initiatives chair, asked for help finding nominees
- c. She also said that her and Andy are working on President Elect nominations, and should have something soon.

19. International – Heather Lowers

- a. Heather is absent so Andy will report on International
- b. IUMAS update
 - i. IUMAS happened in Xi'an china several MAS members were invited speakers, next one in Australia in 2030
- c. IMC at the end of August, which is impacting European participation in M&M
- d. AMAS has now president: Karen Privat
 - i. Andy asked for AMAS and EMAS members that might be attending M&M that we can buddy up with
- e. Andy said he needed to work on a good timeline for inviting EMAS/AMAS presidents to M&M, which was something he wanted to finalize before his term ends.
 - i. **ACTION ITEM:** Andy will work on developing a strategy to get better involvement from presidents/students in EMAS/AMAS
- f. EMAS ECS visa trouble
 - i. ECS Candidate had visa denied, Andy is working on a digital/pre-recorded way for them to present. Virtual Inc. does not support it, but they are trying to figure out a way to make it happen.

20. Topical Conferences – Anette von der Handt

- a. Anette had discussions at Lehigh to have two virtual conferences: One on sample preparation, and one on automated tools.
- b. Anette plans to present a more detailed report at the business meeting
- c. Anette said that traditionally topical conferences were a tool to include vendors and sustaining members and that virtual conferences are not appealing to them. Since

the society is not strapped for cash it might be helpful to apply some of that to help vendor integration into the topical conferences.

- d. Andy asked about the EBSD meeting, noted it was going to be in Minnesota but the location fell through.
 - i. Annette said that she had lost contact with the potential organizers in Minnesota, and that she had dropped it because there was a competing EBSD meeting in Europe.
 - 1. **ACTION ITEM:** Annette will reach back out to Minnesota about reviving the EBSD Topical Conference
 - ii. She said she will resume seeing if she can get the Minnesota meeting back on track for US based researchers
- e. Annette mentioned there is interest in in person EPMA meeting, but that while there was a lot of interest in attendance there was no interest in organization

21. M&M 2026 Update – Andy Herzing and Steve Seddio

- a. Steve Seddio said that post-deadline posters has past and that they are being reviewed
- b. Andy discussed the creation of the M&M planning committee which has not existed in previous years.
 - i. Current goals organize on-site activities, social activities, booth design and layout
 - ii. It is composed of the President, President Elect, the relevant committee chairs (awards, membership, international, education), the treasurer, tge 2nd+3rd year directors and the program chairs
 - iii. Future goals are to help MAS be more proactive in shaping meeting, identify candidates for co-chair, and be more pre-planned on on-site activities as opposed to reacting to deadlines
- c. Registration Numbers
 - i. Registration numbers are on track for ~max attendance
 - ii. Exhibitor attendance apparently up from last year
- d. Social Details
 - i. 3rd Streek Market Hall (Food Hall's, 3 mins from convention center)
 - ii. Food and drink options, Charcuterie Louie, Anytime Arepa, Kompali Taqueria, Smokin' Jacks BBQ, Bebe Zito Sliders, Pop City Popcorn Ball,
 - iii. 2 Drink tickets per person
 - iv. Budget \$10,000, but estimated Cost is \$8752

22. Sustaining Members – Steve Seddio

- a. Steve gave some bad news which is that 7 sustaining members have not renewed their membership
 - i. There were 5 MAS/MSA joint sustaining members that did not renew: Diatome, EMS, Hitachi, Micron, and Nanospective
 - ii. There were two MAS only sustaining members that did not renew: Probe Software, and PNdetector
- b. Steve said that the biggest challenge was even getting in contact with the people to discuss sustaining membership.

- i. Thermo Fisher and Zeiss were very difficult to get ahold of, and thanked Emma for her help in getting contact with them and getting them to renew their sustaining membership.
 - ii. PNDetector did not respond at all
 - iii. He reached out to his MSA counterpart about the joint sustaining members and she also did not respond
- c. Steve will go around at M&M and give appreciation plaques to sustaining members
 - i. **ACTION ITEM:** Steve will order the appreciation plaques (~\$840) and then seek reimbursement
- d. Jordan asked Steve about how to get sustaining members Steve said the main benefits were priority booth placement and multiple memberships (and the plaque)
- e. Andy asked about corporate sponsors for the awards, and when they send them in (i.e. before or after the meeting). Dale said last year it took place after the meeting, but he was already sending out the invoices. Once they are confirmed he will send the list.

23. Next Meetings

- a. The next meetings will be the Summer Council Meeting just before M&M and the Business Meeting at M&M

24. Adjourn

- a. Andy asked for a motion to adjourn
 - i. Jordan motioned to adjourn
 - ii. Thomas seconded the motion
 - iii. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 15:06 EDT

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