

Minutes of the MAS Winter 2006 Council Conference Call
February 16, 2006

Present: Raynald Gauvin (President, RG), Paul Kotula (President-Elect, M&M 2006 Program Chair, PK) Inga Musselman (Past-President, IM), Harvey Freeman (Treasurer, HF), Valerie Woodward (Secretary, VW), John Henry Scott (Director, JHS), Ed Vicenzi (Director, EV), Lou Germinario (Director, LG), Dan Kremser (Director, DK), John Fournelle (Director, JF), Masashi Watanabe (Director, MW), Vern Robertson (Corporate Liaison, VR), Charles Nielsen (w/ Vern Robertson as Corporate Liaison, CN)

NEW ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM: Valerie to remind Paul Carpenter to send congratulatory card for Edgar Etz to Inga.

ACTION ITEM: John Henry will ask Dale Newbury, Nicholas Ritchie or Scott Wight to write up a summary of the NIST-MAS VP-SEM workshop and submit it to Council

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NEW MOTIONS

To approve Secretary's report with corrections. Approved

To accept Treasurer's report. Approved

To approve the budget Approved

1. Meeting called to order at 2:34 p.m. by RG

- RG announced that the M&M 2005 meeting has been forecast as a loss, pushing MAS to be even more vigilant in controlling our costs.

2. Secretary's Report – VW

Corrections to summer 2005 Minutes: Action Item 6 – remain part of the M&M meeting format for next 5 years should be a MOTION not an Action Item. Action Item 12 – the award to be sponsored by Oxford is in honor of Eric Samuel and will be a paper award; the award to be sponsored by PGT is not named as of yet and will not be a paper award. The Action Item as written confuses the two awards. The action for the Eric Samuel Award is for Cathy Johnson (find out his provenance); the action for the PGT award is for Inga (discuss naming and funding).

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Review of action items from Summer 05.

Carpenter Send Etz congratulatory card to Inga so she can include it with a letter thanking him for his long-time service.
INCOMPLETE

Carpenter Ask Ryna for the 50 Years of Microanalysis tapes for conversion to DVD
INCOMPLETE

Johnson Come up with sticker and tent card designs for Sustaining Member name tags and booths and obtain cost estimates by Winter Council 2006.
INCOMPLETE

Ross, Scott, et al. Regarding saleable membership information for the Sustaining Members, Lou Ross, Vern Robertson and Cathy Johnson will come up with a modified membership form that includes questionnaire info similar to that on the M&M registration form (professional position, purchasing instruments, society membership, etc.) for presentation at Winter Council 2006.
IN PROGRESS – Lou sent form to JHS only

Freeman, et al. Meet with Ev Osten at M&M 2005 to find out more about financial agreement with new M&M meeting manager
COMPLETE – HF noted that Ev did not have much specific information, but Ev did provide HF with source of info at the Navy Pier in order to determine social activity costs

Ad hoc committee Remain part of M&M meeting for 5-year time frame
NO ACTION – this should not be an ACTION ITEM, but a NEW MOTION

Program Committee
(EV, LG, PC, Ian Anderson) Report on 2007 expanded NIST workshop
COMPLETE

- Hlava** Develop promotional slides for each Tour Speaker to show at the end of the presentation listing benefits of membership and advertising the Topical Conferences, and provide paper applications forms for the Tour Speakers to bring to the meetings.
INCOMPLETE
- Johnson** Work with John Henry Scott and Scott Wight to upgrade and maintain the Sustaining Member section on the web site, and keep it updated.
IN PROGRESS – CJ and PFH both have provided info
- Scott** Talk with the Thompson office re: services they provide, the costs, and any alternatives, as well as look at the three web services Harvey Freeman provided.
IN PROGRESS – JHS asked if he should also talk with Bostrom. HF noted Bostrom's fees are quite high. JHS suggested approaching Bostrom with MAS as an adjunct to MSA (not merged) and ask if we could be included as such in the MSA contract. PK – look at scope of services provided to MSA since MAS might not need all of them. HF concurred.
- Vicenzi** Ask Greg Meeker to find out whether or not we will be billed from Goldschmidt 2005 Conference, so that we can free up those monies for student support at the two NIST-MAS Workshops in Fall 2005 and Spring 2006.
COMPLETE – Goldschmidt will not bill us; amount we promised for student support was not needed. RG had a student supported at the NIST-MAS Fall 2005 Workshop. EV doesn't think student support is publicized enough. HF said \$4k is budgeted for NIST-MAS in 2006 proposed budget – line item #50.
- Johnson** Regarding the Oxford request for a named X-ray Microanalysis Award, Cathy Johnson will find out who Eric Samuel is and what his contribution is to the field, and report to Council at Winter Council 2006. Based on her findings and the results of the Business Meeting announcement of this award, Council members can look at 2005 proceedings for papers that meet the Oxford criteria, if we choose to proceed with their request.
INCOMPLETE – Cathy did not have appropriate information; she should contact Neal Rowlands at (978) 369-9933 X167

Review of incomplete Summer 2005 items complete

NEW MOTION: to approve secretary's report with corrections: HF moved, PK seconded, approved.

3. Treasurer's Report – HF

- Presented proposed 2006 budget. Projected income is \$40,205; projected expenses are \$40,205.
- The following questions/comments were asked/made:
 - RG – noted that HF reduced the Executive Council expenses from \$12k to 8.415K in response to not having a “physical” Winter meeting
 - EV – may not be attending M&M 2006, thus reducing EC expenses by 1 person
 - PK – suggested we have the SC meeting off-site from the Navy Pier at a hotel and go out to lunch for pizza or similar
 - VW – will not likely be requesting reimbursement from MAS for the Chicago meeting, thus reducing EC expenses by yet another person
 - HF – increased item #60 (MAS functions at M&M 2005) from \$5K to \$7.4K. This is to reflect two line items (60 and 65) from 2004 to cover late billings from MSA, and to condense these items for 2005 and 2006.
 - PK – beer at the poster session is \$400/keg and \$275 extra for a server. This is merely an indication of the expense for social event items at the Chicago meeting.

4. Conferences/Workshops

- JHS report on M&M 2005 – the program went very well; 1618 registered, 1130 of which were scientific presenters (invited, contributed and posters); it was generally viewed as a strong program. JHS gave congratulations to Bob Price, M&M 2005 Program Chair.
- PK – the revenue for 2005 was down because there were fewer vendors and those who attended purchased smaller booths.
- NIST-MAS Fall 2005 (VP-SEM) – JHS had no report as he did not attend.

NEW ACTION ITEM: JHS will ask Dale Newbury, Nicholas Ritchie or Scott Wight to write up a summary and present it to Council.

- NIST-MAS Spring 2006 (Particle Workshop) – JHS said it will be larger than expected (200 people) because of the change in venue on the NIST campus. The organization of this TC truly will be a workshop. Industrial attendees will be invited to vocalize their problems before the experts weigh in. Registration is free (as usual) and all other expenses will be the attendees' burden. RG asked if we should publicize student support on the NIST website; JHS said that would create a legal issue. He suggested we put it on the MAS website AND have Lou send out an announcement to that effect to professors (EV concurred). VR asked about publicizing it in Microscopy Today. JHS said it was already in there. JF was willing to place the info on the EMPA listserver if he had a contact name. EV suggested that since Nicholas Ritchie was the organizer for this TC, he should be the contact.

NEW ACTION ITEM: JHS volunteered to ask Nicholas if he would serve as the contact. JHS also noted that as Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, Paul Carpenter is supposed to handle these types of items.

- M&M 2006 – PK said the deadline for abstracts was extended to February 17 because of website problems. He felt the meeting would be comparable to Savannah (~800) for number of technical papers. The exhibitor numbers are higher than Honolulu, also

comparable to Savannah (~130). The number of symposia was intentionally decreased because of the limited space at Navy Pier. The poster session will run for the entire meeting.

- PENELOPE – JF discussed a workshop for this software package in Madison on the Friday and Saturday following M&M 2006, developed by Francesc Salvat and Xavier Llovet. There is a small admission fee to attend. JF is not asking for financial support from MAS, only official co-sponsorship and “moral” support. The entire council agreed to this non-financial co-sponsorship request.
- AGU, Baltimore – JF asked what was the extent of the MAS participation at this meeting beyond the titled co-sponsorship. EV is giving a talk. PC, Greg Meeker, Heather Lowers and John Armstrong are all more deeply involved. The MAS participation grew from 1 session to 4+. RG noted that PC is to report on this meeting at Summer Council.
- Extended MAS workshops (see accompanying document MAS_Topical_20051103.doc) – EV talked about general issues with these workshops, and suggested that the AReS might be good resources to tap for Topical Conferences. He specifically noted the Appalachian Regional and the Arizona societies for 2008. He thinks we really need to increase advertising of these TCs and we need to come up with a more effective mechanism to draw students. He noted that there was agreement upon the outcomes of these meetings – short manuscripts, M&M Special issues, etc. (this is in the aforementioned report).
- NIST-MAS 2007 will be a reprise of Hyperspectral Imaging, as there have been a number of developments since the 2003 workshop. There are plans to have a conference call prior to M&M 2006 to plan the 2007 workshop and to book the venue at NIST before there are any conflicts.
- EBSD at Sandia – PK noted that Joe Michael would be willing to co-chair a proposed EBSD conference at Sandia. No other details were available at this meeting.
- M&M 2006 Quant session honoring Art Chodos – RG said that Norma Chodos and her daughter Lynn will attend the meeting. PC asked for financial support to take Norma and Lynn out to dinner. Anyone is welcome to attend, but must pay his or her own way. RG suggested \$100 for the support, based on the average meal costs in Chicago. There were no objections.
- M&M 2007 – EV confirmed the meeting will be in Fort Lauderdale. There is a strong MAS component to the program, and Program Chair Mike Marko has been very supportive of MAS symposia.

5. Awards

- Presidential Awards – RG presented his choices as follows: 1) Science – Brendan Griffin; 2) Heinrich – Milos Toth; and 3) Service – Harvey Freeman (2nd time!).
- Other – IM has a list of presidential duties with all of the pertinent contact information, which she will forward to RG and PK.

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6. Long Range Planning

- All – we will have to concentrate on this at the Summer Council meeting in Chicago. Hot topics are membership loss, to merge or not to merge, increase amount of TCs, continue the good visibility of the M&M relationship with MSA, possible formation of a joint foundation with MSA specifically to support students.

- PK – we need to keep expenses at a minimum; offer discounted registrations to local meetings and TCs.
- EV – long term health of the society does not appear to be very good. At this time, there are only 360 members trying to support large programs.
- VR – we need to come up with some sort of “magic bullet” in terms of offering something that other societies do not.
- LG – local affiliates are in the same situation. We should pursue which of our AReS are quite active and try to link up with them.
- VR – NESEM (New England) is very active with 30-50 members.
- LG – local meetings are less daunting for students.
- JF – we need to define our constituencies better.
- PK – need to have an educational component to the smaller meetings, and find the appropriate venue.
- JHS – proposed a tutorial program analogous to the Tour Speaker program.
- VR – JEOL would be happy to host a tutorial for NESEM.
- VW, LG – ask Phil Russell if we could use the NCSU Analytical Instrument Facility (AIF) to do something similar.

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- PK – suggested having a pre-TC meeting tutorial.
- JHS – many employers will fund training but not a conference – the tutorial approach might make it easier for scientists to attend.

7. 2006 Budget

NEW MOTION: to approve the budget as presented by HF. RG moved, DK seconded, approved.

8. Other Business

- JHS – the Computer Activities Committee suggests discontinuing the MAS listserv for posting of legitimate analysis items. In the past year, there have been only 3 legitimate messages and 10K of spam. The e-mail function would not be discontinued. This was approved by consensus.
- PK – proposed seriously examining shifting our duties away from Thompson and to some other venue – Bostrom, web organization or volunteers.
- HF – he will not run again for Treasurer and strongly recommended that someone needs to be identified early in the year. Jim McGee is no longer as interested as he once was.

NEW ACTION ITEM: RG and PK will work to identify an appropriate replacement for HF in the coming months.

The conference call was adjourned at 4:36 p.m. by RG.