

**Minutes of the 2009 MAS Annual Business Meeting**  
**Wednesday, July 29, 2009, 5:15 pm**  
**Room B15A, Richmond Convention Center**

**Welcome and Announcements** (Cathy Johnson, President)

President Cathy Johnson brought the Business Meeting to order at 5:18 p.m. 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 approximately 75.

**Secretary's Report** (Scott Davilla, Secretary)

The Minutes of the 2008 Annual Business Meeting were presented and reviewed. Nicholas Ritchie moved to accept the Secretary's Report, seconded by Andy Buechele. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report** (Jim McGee, Treasurer)

The MAS budget was presented; details can be found in the Summer 2009 issue of MicroNews. The society is currently in the black with respect to the budget. The budget highlights included the MAS cosponsor shares for M&M 2007 and M&M 2008, Topical Conference income and Schwab investment accounts.

Paul Hlava moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Tom Huber. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

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

This year was the first year for electronic membership election and renewal. On-line voting was extremely successful with 45 percent of membership voting. There are 85 new members as of today. Overall membership is at 390 vs. 376 from last year (excluding Sustaining Members).

**Sustaining Members Report** (Lou Ross, Chair)

The number of Sustaining Members has increased modestly to 25 (from 23 last year) with three new commitments.

**Affiliated Regional Societies** (Paul Hlava, Chair)

There was a problem with the webpage where some URLs linked to last year's Tour Speakers. As a result, there was less participation than expected with Tour Speakers visiting only three Societies. There are three new Tour Speakers this year and the Philadelphia Society has been resurrected.

**Publications and MAS Website**

*Computer Activities* (Nicholas Ritchie, Chair)

The web site has a new look, and new on-line capabilities for handling dues payment and voting. There were some issues regarding PayPal that prevented replacing the old web site during this M&M meeting. The web site uses a system called Content Management

System that allows members to contribute content to the site without having to know all the intricacies of HTML.

*Microscopy and Microanalysis Journal (John Mansfield, Microanalysis Editor)*

Charlie Lyman reported for John Mansfield. The Journal was ranked the Number One Microscopy Journal in the world. The most highly cited article in the journal was from MAS member Paul Kotula.

*Microscopy Today (Charlie Lyman, Editor-in-Chief)*

Work is ongoing to expanding the scope of this publication beyond electron microscopy to include light microscopy, scanning probe microscopy, electron microscopy, ion microscopy and microanalysis. The web site now includes the on-line digital edition with enhanced features for enlarging embedded images and including embedded movies.

*MicroNews (Ryna Marinenko, Editor)*

One issue was published this year and it is available on the MAS web site. Members should have received email notification. Heather Lowers will be replacing Ryna Marinenko as Editor of MicroNews.

### **Topical Conferences**

*Microanalysis of Particles April 20-23, 2009 (Paul Carpenter, Co-Chair)*

Particles Topical Conference was held at the McCrone facility with 60 people attending and excellent participation from sponsors.

*Electron Backscattered Diffraction 2010, May 20-22, 2010 (Luke Brewer, Chair)*

Due to the overwhelming response from EBSD 2008, another EBSD Topical Conference is planned for 2010. The attendance goal is 125 with 50 students. There will be student financial support available. This will be a three-day meeting with content for the beginner as well as the expert. Meeting info will be available on the new MAS website as well as the MAS M&M booth.

### **Annual Meetings**

*M&M 2009, Richmond VA (Luke Brewer, MAS Co-Chair)*

The meeting is going very well so far. The David B. Wittry symposium was well attended. Attendance is down about 10 percent, and registration revenue is down 12 percent from 2008. A reduction was expected due to the downturn in the economy. Many have taken advantage of on-site registration. MAS paid-membership is larger in 2009 than 2008.

*M&M 2010, Portland, OR (Brendan Foran, MAS Co-Chair)*

The 2010 program is being setup. There will be several MAS related symposia such as Compositional Imaging with X-rays, Cathodoluminescence and Surface Science.

### **Strategic Planning Report (Paul Carpenter, Chair)**

The MAS Topical Conferences continue to be important to the long-term goals of the Society and work is being done to create a framework of guidelines. Once drafted and

approved these guidelines will regularize the process of topical conference proposals, distribution of seed funding, and all manner of aspect regarding preparing for the conference, as well as post conference activities (e.g. publication of a special issue or section of M&M where appropriate).

**Nominations Committee** (Cathy Johnson, President)

The Nominations Committee recommended the following nominee for MAS offices in this year's election: John Henry Scott for President-Elect; Scott Davilla for a second term as Secretary; and Tom Kelly, Craig Schwandt and Andy Deal for Directors. Cathy Johnson asked for additional nominations from the floor; there were none.

Paul Hlava moved to close the nominations, seconded by Robert Simmons. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Joe Michael moved to approve the nominations, seconded by Ryna Marinenko. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

**New Business** (Cathy Johnson, President)

Ed Vicenzi reviewed the status of MAS hosting IUMAS-6 in 2014 and reminded members of the upcoming IUMAS-5 to be held in May of 2011 in Seoul, South Korea.

Ryna Marinenko reminded members of an upcoming ISO/TC 202 meeting at NIST in October. This will be an open meeting and those interested in attending should contact her.

**Transfer of Office** (Cathy Johnson, President)

The Office of Presidency was transferred from Cathy Johnson to Ed Vicenzi at 6:12 pm.

**Adjournment** (Ed Vicenzi, President)

Paul Carpenter moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Paul Hlava. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved at 6:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Scott D. Davilla  
MAS Secretary