

Minutes of the 2006 MAS Business Meeting

Navy Pier Festival Hall, Room 310

Chicago, IL

Wednesday, August 2, 2006

Number in attendance: 60+

The business meeting was brought to order by Raynald Gauvin at 5:01 p.m.

Welcome and Announcements:

Raynald welcomed everyone. He announced that in a cost-saving measure the Winter Council physical meeting (\$8-12K) was canceled and held instead as a conference call (<\$400.00); it was so successful that the 2007 WC meeting will be held the same way. Raynald emphasized the need to increase membership; he suggested that each of us ask one or two people to join the Society, including students and those who do not normally attend the M&M meetings. He noted that he would like to set up a foundation to support students' and technologists' travel to M&M (including presentations). Raynald announced that MAS will have a new award in 2007, the Peter Duncumb Award for Excellence in Microanalysis. It will consist of \$2000.00 and a plaque, and will be sponsored by Bruker AXS. Raynald also commented upon the good relationship with MSA and his excellent personal relationship with MSA president Jay Jerome, and that MAS is committed to continue participation and sponsorship in the M&M venue.

Secretary's report (Valerie Woodward):

Valerie reviewed the 2005 business meeting minutes. There were no corrections. Paul Carpenter moved to approve the minutes, Paul Hlava seconded; the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report (Harvey Freeman):

The 2006 budget was predicated on an M&M 2005 income of \$12K; however, the income was actually in the \$6-7K range. He does not know when we will receive that income. Member dues are down slightly from 2005. The income from the 1st half of 2006 is ~\$18K. The expenses for 1st half 2006 decreased. Some expenses were delayed from 2005 and had to be paid in order to keep the books in order. At this point, we are ~\$3600 ahead of the budget. John Fournelle moved to accept the treasurer's report, Tom Huber seconded; the treasurer's report was accepted.

Membership Services Report (Lou Ross):

Before the meeting, there were 252 regular members and today there are 305. There are 412 total members, compared to 415 at this time in 2005. There are 39 student members, up from 20 at this time in 2005. Tom Huber has been approved for emeritus status. Lou feels the Society should emphasize membership to young investigators and technologists.

Sustaining Members Report (Cathy Johnson):

There are 25 Sustaining members, consistent with 2005. We lost 2 members via a non-renewal and a merger. We gained 2 members – Ted Pella, Inc. and Probe Software. Cathy thanked the SMs for their continued support.

AReS Report (Paul Hlava):

2005-2006 was a successful year for the Tour Speaker Program. Seven societies requested speakers. Paul asked the previous year's speakers Dale Newbury, Joe Michael

and John Mackenzie to continue, and added 1 new speaker, Rhonda Stroud of Naval Research Laboratory. Suggested new speakers from the AReS luncheon are Robert Simmons, Georgia State University (Forensics in Consumer Products) and John Notte, ALIS (He ion microscope). In addition, Brendan Griffin offered to be a speaker while in the US between September and November 2006.

Publications Report (Charlie Lyman):

The journal is doing well. As of September 1, 2006, the submission process will be entirely electronic via Scholar One in conjunction with Cambridge University Press (CUP). Charlie hopes the new process will lead to more submissions and an easier review process.

Conferences (many):

M&M 2006, Paul Kotula: the attendance is >1800, which is a record. There are 200 students attending, a >2X increase from last year. Vendor feedback has been very positive.

M&M 2007, John Henry Scott for Ed Vicenzi: the Call for Papers content deadline is September 1. The hotel contracts have been signed. The convention Center has not been confirmed, but there is a letter of intent.

M&M 2008, Paul Carpenter: some of the MAS topics may be slightly refocused.

NIST-MAS 2006, Nicholas Ritchie: the Particle Conference had ~100 attendees and was quite successful. There was one disappointment – there were no student applications even though MAS had made financial support available. He encouraged professors/advisors to tell their students to apply for this kind of support.

NIST-MAS 2007, Ian Anderson: Hyperspectral Imaging II will be held May 1-3, 2007 at the new NIST facility. Ian is the NIST liaison to MAS for this topical conference.

American Geophysical Union (AGU) 2006, John Fournelle: MAS sponsored 2 sessions and a table. We will also be a co-sponsor at Geological Society of America's (GSA) fall meeting in Philadelphia. Greg Meeker added that 90% of the work done by MAS for AGU was done by Heather Lowers, who could not attend M&M 2006; he wanted her to be recognized for her efforts.

Nom Com (Paul Kotula):

Paul announced candidates for the following offices:

Directors: Luke Brewer, Kristin Bunker, Brad Thiele, Milos Toth

Treasurer: Jim McGee

President-elect: Ian Anderson

Ian's statement: Ian knows that he is the person most associated with the proposed merger with MSA that did not occur. The best course for MAS is to continue to be the best society we can be, consistent with our size and resources. We have many strengths as a society, notably our tour speaker program, topical conferences, and student support. We must continue to push state-of-the-art in quantitative microanalysis. Ian wants to focus on putting our resources into what we do best: developing cutting edge analysis,

teaching technologists to do the new methods, and supporting students, both financially and professionally.

Raynald asked for nominations from the floor – there were none. Paul Hlava moved to close the nominations, and John Henry Scott seconded. The nominations were closed.

Paul Carpenter moved to accept the slate as presented by Paul Kotula, Paul Hlava seconded. The slate was approved.

New Business:

Lou Ross presented the petitions for honorary membership for Bill Bastin; the membership status was approved.

Paul Carpenter introduced a proposal for a short course by the Mineralogical Society of America, the resource organization for geologists and mineralogists. The short courses are delivered at the fall AGU meetings, and have only 2 rules: don't go into the red, and don't embarrass the society. Paul's target is to put on a short course in 2-3 years that would be a volume of "Reviews of Mineralogy" (series published by Mineralogical Society of America and the Geochemical Society). He feels that it would require 25-40 people in the society to put together the chapters. Paul asked for people commitment to help him and John Fournelle with the proposal; and for any comments.

Transfer of Presidency (Raynald Gauvin):

Raynald transferred the gavel to Paul Kotula, and then gave him the beads.

Paul stated that he has already started on proposals that he made in his candidate statement in 2005: get the Society spending in line with our size, push new techniques in microanalysis and better involve and support students. He thanked John Henry Scott and Ed Vicenzi for their service as the outgoing directors. He recommended that we continue with the M&M venue and topical conferences.

Paul Kotula adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.