

Minutes of GMAG Business Meeting, March 2006

Location: Baltimore Convention Center, Room 320, Tuesday March 14th 2006, 5.30pm

Attending: Chair Jack Bass, Chair Elect Jim Rhyne, Secretary/Treasurer Caroline Ross, Vice Chair Dan Reich, Jeff Childress, GMAG members (approx. 23 attendees)

1. Recognition of New Fellows and PhD Awardees. Jack Bass, outgoing GMAG Chair, announced new Fellows Dongqi Lee and Shufeng Zhang, and PhD awardees Hyunsoo Yang (Stanford) and Ken Burch (UCSD).
2. The minutes from the previous year were displayed by Caroline Ross and approved unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report. Ross first gave the results of the election. There was a 32% response rate. Bill Butler was elected to Vice Chair, and David Lederman and Stephen Hill to the Executive Committee. Ross described the GMAG finances. Funds of \$37,929 were available at the end of 2005, compared to \$31,494 the previous year. The difference is partly due to the correction in 2005 of a charge \$1900 posted incorrectly in 2004. Income was \$2k less than in 2004 due to the new algorithm used to calculate March Meeting revenue. However, our expenses were lower due to not funding outreach activities, and spending less on sorters expenses.
4. GMAG Program Chair's Report. Jim Rhyne explained that magnetism-related papers accounted for 11.5% of the March Meeting total, 709 papers; the second largest after polymer-related papers, which totaled 730 papers. There were six focus topics comprising 314 papers in 46 sessions, with 36 of the papers invited. There were three invited symposia (the maximum allowed) and 19 contributed sessions. This is a healthy total, but we need to continue to ask the membership for suggestions for new focus sessions and symposia. Dan Reich suggested asking GMAG members at the next e-mailing.
5. Fellowship Committee Report. Dan Reich explained that we are allowed three Fellows based on our membership size, but only two were selected from the nominations. It was agreed that it is important to encourage a larger number of nominations.
6. Membership and Recruitment. Jeff Childress reported that GMAG now has 741 members, up by 64 over last year. 16% are Fellows and 13% are foreign based. Part of the increase was attributed to free student memberships, with 28 signed up so far at the March Meeting. 61 new members joined at the Magnetism and Magnetic Materials conference in November 2005, where GMAG had a prominent display.
7. Outreach and Education. Bass reported that no outreach proposals were received in 2005, so none were funded. Two PhD student prizes were awarded. It was agreed that both these activities need to be more widely advertised, in particular the outreach

activities do not need to be university-based, and could instead involve companies or national labs.

8. New Business. There was a brief discussion of the magnetism images on the GMAG web page, and a suggestion was made to scan in classic magnetism texts for on-line reference.

9. The gavel was turned over to the new Chair, Jim Rhyne, and the meeting was adjourned at 6.15pm.