

## Minutes of GMAG Business Meeting, March 2008

Location: Pittsburgh Convention Center, Room 335, Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2009, 5.45pm

Attending: Past Chair Dan Reich, Chair Bill Butler, Chair Elect Axel Hoffmann, Vice Chair Berry Jonker, Secretary/Treasurer Maria Varela, Steve Hill, Michael Pechan, Michael Fitzsimmons, John Freeland, Evgeny Tsymbal, Vice Chair Elect Andrew Kent, Peter Fischer, Eric Fullerton, GMAG members (approx. 45 attendees)

1. Recognition of New Fellows: Bill Butler announced the new Fellows: Paul Crowell, Pengcheng Dai, Jacobo Santamaria, Evgeny Tsymbal and Sung-Chul Shin.
2. PhD Awardees: Bill Butler announced the Student Award winners: Thomas Ward and Li Gao.
3. Election results: Bill Butler announced the election results. The election ran from January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 through February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. There was a 31% response rate, about the same as in 2007 and 2008. Andy Kent was elected to Vice Chair and Peter Fischer and Eric Fullerton to the Executive Committee Members-at-Large.
4. The minutes from the previous year were displayed by Maria Varela and approved unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report. Varela described the GMAG finances. Funds of \$37,998.18 were available at the end of 2008, compared to \$48,726.20 in 2007 and \$44,676 in 2006. There was a decrease in our funds of -\$10,278.02, mainly due to the Nobel Prize reception at the March Meeting 2008. Our revenue is \$13,773.76 (investment income, March Mtg income, and membership) and our outlay was \$24,501.78 (Nobel Prize reception, newsletter, meeting meals/facilities, postage, travel, and others such as student awards). The financial report was approved unanimously.
6. GMAG Program Chair's Report. Axel Hofmann explained that magnetism-related papers accounted for 13% of the March Meeting total, 901 papers, similar to the previous year. These abstracts represented a total of 73 sessions, including 4.5 invited symposia, 61 sessions in the nine Focus Topics and 7 contributed sessions. 399 abstracts were submitted in the Sorting Category #6 (magnetism) Focus Topics (6.14), 217 in co-sponsored Focus Topics and 284 into the Subcategories (6.1 – 6.13). All focus topics are healthy except 6.14.1 (Theory & Simulation of Spin Dependent Effects & Properties), 6.14.8 (Spin dependent phenomena in organic materials) and 6.14.9 (Hybrid magnetic-

superconducting systems), which had only 2 sessions each. The largest Topic was 6.14.6 (Spin dependent phenomena in semiconductors) with 14 sessions, followed by complex oxides (6.14.3 – Bulk Properties of complex oxides and 6.14.4 Complex oxide thin films), with 9 sessions each. The Program Chair, Hoffmann, commented on the difficulties that some invited speakers had to get visas (some of which derived in no-shows).

7. Fellowship Committee Report. Berry Jonker explained that GMAG proposed four Fellows plus an alternate and all were awarded. Since the nomination process takes place online the Exec. Com. unanimously decided to move the nomination deadline to June 1<sup>st</sup>.

8. Outreach and Education. Bill Butler described the funded program at MINT, called MINT Soup, which Renee Horton organized to purchase kits for magnetism demos for high- and middle-school girls. Renee's report will be available at GMAG's website. Since Stephen Hill's term as Member-at-Large is over, Bill Butler thanked him for his excellent work leading GMAG's outreach efforts.

9. New Business. No new business was discussed.

10. The gavel was turned over to the new Chair, Axel Hoffmann, and the meeting was adjourned at 6.30pm.