

Minutes of GMAG Business Meeting, March 2011

Location: Room D171 of the Dallas Convention Center. Tuesday, March 22, 5:45 pm.

Attending: Past Chair Axel Hoffmann, Chair Berry Jonker, Chair- Elect Andrew Kent, Vice-Chair Paul Crowell, Secretary/Treasurer Maria Varela, John Freeland, Evgeny Tsymbal, Eric Fullerton, Peter Fischer, Olav Hellwig, Mark Stiles, Shireen Adenwalla, Kristen Buchanan. (Cannot attend: Shufeng Zhang, Olle Heinonen).

1. Fellowship Committee Report. Berry Jonker and Andrew Kent explained that GMAG proposed five Fellows all were awarded (0.5% of membership). The new Fellows were announced: Gerritt E.W. Bauer, Burkhard Hillebarnds, Zi Q. Li, Thomas J. Silva and Ralph Skomski (only Bauer and Skomski could be present). Next nomination deadline is June 1st, 2011.

2. Awards: Paul Crowell announced the Student Award winners, Zoe Boekelheide won the GMAG Student dissertation Award. Andrew Balk, Jimmy Kan, Bo Wen and Shu Yan won the GMAG Student Travel Awards. Four Student Travel Awards will again be available for 2012. Applications are due Dec. 1st to Vice-Chair Mark Stiles: a new application form to be made available online. Jonker thanked John Freeland and Paul Crowell for their work.

3. Election Results. Berry Jonker announced the election results. The election ran from January 3th, 2011 through February 15th, 2011. There was a 29.3 % response rate, about the same as in 2010 and 2009. Mark Stiles was elected to Vice Chair, Shireen Adenwalla to Secretary/Treasurer and Kristen Buchanan and Olle Heinonen to the Executive Committee Members-at-Large. The new members were welcomed and Jonker thanked the ones retiring (Hoffmann, Varela, Freeland and Tsymbal) for their work on behalf of GMAG. Jonker also thanked Tsymbal and the rest of the Nominations committee for an outstanding job.

4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report. Varela described the GMAG finances. Funds of \$47,610.47 were available at the end of 2010, compared to and \$41,253.26 in 2009 and \$37,998.18 in 2008. There was a net increase in our funds of \$6,357.21. Our revenue is \$13,603.46 (investment income, March Mtg income, and membership) and our outlay was \$7,246.25 (meeting meals/facilities, postage, travel, and others such as student awards or ITGAP support). The financial report was approved unanimously.

5. The minutes from the previous Business Meeting were displayed by Varela and approved unanimously.

6. GMAG Program Chair's Report: GMAG sponsored symposia. Andy Kent explained that magnetism-related papers accounted for 10% of the March Meeting total, 778 papers, slightly below the 903 papers of previous year. These abstracts represented a total of 63 sessions (73 in 2010), including 58 sessions in the 8 Focus Topics (with 58 invited talks), 3 additional contributed sessions and 5 invited symposia (25 invited speakers). GMAG had 12 nominations for invited symposia (15, 6,7 and 5 nominations for 2010 2009,2008 and 2007 respectively). 643 abstracts were submitted in the Sorting Category #6 (magnetism), out of which 519 were submitted to the Focus Topics and 135 into the general Subcategories (as opposed to 263 in 2010). This decrease was probably due to the splitting of the Focus Topic on Complex Oxide Thin Films. Category 6 was the 3rd largest sorting category of the meeting.

Most focus topics are healthy except for FT 6.14.8 on Novel Magnetic Devices which was reduced to one session and will likely be discontinued. Focus Topic 6.14.5 on Spin Dependent Phenomena in Semiconductors was the largest, with 12 sessions. Focus Topic 6.14.3 on Magnetic Oxide Thin Films was reduced to 5 sessions (9 in 2010) due to the splitting of the previous FT on Oxide Thin Films into Magnetic Films and everything else- interfaces, dielectric films, etc. The committee agreed that such splitting should be reviewed next year, perhaps through a new Focus Topic to include multiferroic and magnetoelectric materials. Focus Topic 6.14.7 on Spin Dependent Physics in organic Materials was healthy enough to stay (3 sessions as opposed to 2 in 2010) but the organizers in 2011 should consider renaming the FT or rewording its description to include spin phenomena in C-based materials such as graphene.

Regarding other activities related to the March Meeting, Javier Tejada was nominated for the Beller lectureship, but not selected. Also, four Student Lunches with the Expert were held. Kent thanked Dario Arena, Eric Fullerton, John Freeland and Ollav Hellwig for their participation.

7. Jonker explains that the Ex. Com. has proposed three possible amendments to the GMAG bylaws:

- #1: Regarding the Election process: it was suggested to change the wording to reflect current procedures, from "by mail ballot" to "by electronic or mail ballot".
- #2: Also regarding the election along with the bylaw amendment process: it was suggested to reword bylaws to allow combining votes regarding bylaw modification or other issues with the GMAG annual election.
- #3 Regarding the GMAG Newsletter: it was suggested to change the wording in order to reflect current practice - the Chair will be responsible for the write up (instead of the Secretary/Treasurer).

8. Education Outreach program: Jonker explained ideas for Outreach/Education, encouraged members to submit proposals, up to 2500\$ per project. No submissions received in 2010-2011. Submissions ongoing to Andy Kent.

9. Miscellaneous: Jonker explains other programs: the APS international program (ITGAP) has two calls every year. GMAG encourages the submission of proposals. Also, GMAG sponsored two non-APS related meetings in 2010: COMA RUGA and MMM2011.

10. New Business: No new business was discussed. Bo Wen asked about a possible outreach effort combining arts and magnetism at his school. Peter Fischer raises the possibility of GMAG considering its presence in social networks such as Facebook.

11. The gavel was turned over to the new Chair, Andy Kent. Kent thanked Jonker for an outstanding job as Chair. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.