

Minutes of the 2nd business meeting of the Topical Group on Magnetism and Its Applications

5:30 PM 18 March 1998

Room 408A, L. A. Convention Center

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, David Jiles, at 5:30 pm. 21 Members were present at the start of the meeting, though the number fluctuated through the meeting.

1. The Chair (David Jiles) conveyed regrets from Ron Goldfarb, Phil Wigen, and Larry Bennett regarding their inability to be present at the Business Meeting.
2. Minutes from the previous business meeting (19 March 1997) were read. David Jiles announced that the Bylaws wording change approved by the members present at that meeting (that the Topical Group on Magnetism was formed to serve "Members of the American physical Society," was approved by the APS Council. Other minor wording changes were also approved.

A motion to accept the minutes was passed unanimously.

3. Announcement of election results, February 1998 election:

Vice-Chair Larry Bennett

Exec. Comm. Phil Wigen
Jagadeesh Moodera

4. The bylaws were reviewed.
5. Membership

David Jiles reported that the membership of GMAG was roughly 400, about the number we expect to stabilize at.

6. Financial report

Bruce van Dover reported that we have about \$3300 in the bank at present and extrapolate that we will spend about \$2000 this year on newsletters and elections. That is, we remain financially healthy.

7. Relationship with ICM

David Jiles and the Executive committee negotiated a quid pro quo with the International Conference on Magnetism, in which GMAG and the ICM organizers will publicize each others activities. The APS Executive Board agreed to list the ICM as an "endorsed" meeting. It was clarified that endorsement does not suggest sponsorship, i.e., monetary support.

8. Poll on posting job announcements

There had been some interest in sending job announcements in the area of

Magnetism to the GMAG membership via email, but some members objected to receiving too many emails. There was a general consensus that if the emails had a subject line that indicated they contained a job posting, that that would be acceptable. Judy Franz (Executive Officer of the APS) said that this would however not be possible because it would burden the IT staff at the APS. Si Foner suggested posting job announcements on the web, and then sending a terse email broadcast notifying members that a new announcement had been posted. The subject was tabled for further thought and consideration.

9. March Meeting

Dave Sellmyer pointed out that two units selected invited speakers from the same academic group. Closer coordination of the program committees (primarily GMAG and DCMP) should be encouraged.

10. Newsletter/Web page

The Secretary-Treasurer once again requested help and feedback.

11. Passing of the baton

At this point Carl Patton assumed the role of Chair. A round of enthusiastic applause greeted David Jiles as he stepped down.

12. Centennial

Carl Patton pointed out that the invited session for the Centennial meeting were now set, and invited suggestions for speakers in those sessions.

The issue of a GMAG display was raised. A Centennial Committee will be established.

13. Liaison with MMM

Stan Charap pointed out that GMAG work to establish better connections with the MMM organization.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous decision at 6:30 pm.