

Minutes of the 3rd business meeting of the Topical Group on Magnetism and Its Applications

6:00 PM 23 March 1999

Room 158W, Georgia World Congress Center

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Carl Patton, at 6:00 pm. 16 Members were present at the start of the meeting, though the number fluctuated through the meeting.

Minutes from the 1998 business meeting were read and accepted by unanimous consent.

Announcement of election results, February 1999 election:

Chair-Elect Si Foner

Vice-Chair Jeff Lynn

Exec. Comm.

Ivan Schuller

Jim Rhyne

Report by Nominating Committee Chair, Dave Sellmyer.

All members present agreed that the Nominating Committee had chosen an outstanding field of candidates.

Report by Program Committee Chair, Jeff Lynn.

The Program Committee Chair summarized the sessions organized and sponsored by GMAG at the Centennial meeting.

The Program Committee Chair pointed out that we could have more impact if we were more active in organizing Focussed Sessions. This will require more response from the membership, suggesting topics and speakers. The timeframe for these suggestions (for the 2000 Meeting in Minneapolis) is late Spring.

Jim Rhyne suggested that all APS members should have their attention directed to our Focussed Sessions, so that they might contribute relevant papers. Jeff Lynn pointed out that Focussed Sessions are indeed announced in the Bulletin, i.e., in the call for papers. One reason for the early deadline for organizing these sessions is so that they can be announced enough in advance as to secure adequate publicity.

A round of applause expressed the appreciation of the members present for the substantial effort on our behalf by the program committee, especially by the Chair, Jeff Lynn, and by Jim Rhyne.

Report by the Fellowship Committee

Larry Bennett, the Chair of the Fellowship Committee, could not be present, and Jan

Herbst conveyed his regrets. Jan announced that Edward Della Torre and Eric Fullerton had been nominated by GMAG for Fellowship and accepted by the APS Council. The two new GMAG Fellows were asked to stand up and were greeted with applause.

Jan Herbst announced that Jeff Lynn had been chosen to be head of the Fellowship Committee for 1999.

There ensued a protracted discussion regarding the deadline for submission of 1999 Fellowship applications. Many felt that the present deadline (30 March 1999) is too early and makes it confusing because people are preparing applications just as new Fellows are being announced. A motion to ask the Fellowship Chair to reschedule the deadline for the 2000 applications (and later) was passed unanimously. A vote that the 1999 deadline for Fellowship Applications be 5 May 1999 was passed unanimously.

Report by the ad hoc Committee on Centennial Displays

The Chair, Phil Wigen, described the display and pointed out that it has been one of the most well-attended of any of the displays at the Centennial. A round of applause expressed the members appreciation for the work of Phil and the other members of his committee and contributors to the Exhibit: Martin Simon, Fred Jeffers, Jerry Fitzpatrick, Bob McMichael, Pieter Visscher, Mourad Benakli, Stephen Arnold, and Gary Mankey.

Recruiting

Si Foner agreed to help set up an ad hoc committee with the aim of recruiting new members. Si suggested that the APS could help us by identifying contributors to our Focussed Sessions who are not GMAG members, who we could then target for recruitment.

Financial report

Here is a summary of 1998 income and expenses, as presented by the Sec./Treas., Bruce van Dover:

balance, 1 Jan 1998 3315.84

income

investments 183.01

meeting share 1703.06

dues 2230.00

total 4116.07

expenses

newsletter printing 1242.00

newsletter mailing 549.16

ballot printing 257.00

ballot mailing 320.80

business meeting dinner 1072.97

sorters meeting travel 310.70
total 3752.63
net gain +363.44
balance 1 Jan 1999 3679.28

It was concluded that we are financially healthy.

Newsletter/Web page

The Secretary-Treasurer once again requested help and feedback. It was mentioned that the MT16 conference should be listed on the Conferences page. Jagadeesh Moodera suggested that our web page should include a persuasive argument for joining GMAG.

Application for Cooperating Sponsor status for the MMM Conference.

Carl Patton remarked that the AIP is already a Sponsor of the MMM Conference. A petition to the MMM Advisory Committee has been sent, requesting that the AdCom consider identifying GMAG specifically as a "Cooperating Sponsor" which does not involve any financial relationship, but which might have advantages to both parties in terms of raising the visibility of each organization.

Passing of the baton

Carl Patton continued to conduct the meeting, while a round of applause expressed the appreciation of the members for his stewardship.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:50 pm.