

Minutes

Business Meeting

Tuesday 21 March 2000

Room 102C, Minnesota Convention Center

Minneapolis, MN

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by the chair, Larry Bennett.
2. The Chair called for a round of applause in appreciation of the efforts of David Jiles on behalf of GMAG.
3. The treasurer reported income for 1999 was \$10 862.44, while expenses were \$3 670.49, resulting in a final balance of \$10 170.32.
4. David Jiles described how the Sorters Meeting works. The Sorters Meeting is held in December to prepare the March Meeting program.
5. David Jiles moved that the GMAG Bylaws be changed to make the Fellowship Committee consist of the Vice Chair and Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee. The Vice Chair would serve as Chair of the Fellowship Committee. This motion was passed by acclamation.
6. Jeff Lynn recapitulated the MARCH Meeting Program that was organized by GMAG, which included 2 Symposia, 1 Focus Topic, and 20 GMAG-organized contributed sessions.
7. Si Foner, the Chair-Elect, reported the results of the 2000 Election. 160 votes were received and tallied (out of the total GMAG membership of 520). David Sellmyer was elected Vice Chair, R Bruce van Dover was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer, and Myriam Sarachik and Richard Watson were elected to the Executive Committee.
8. Jeff Lynn reported the election of two new APS Fellows sponsored by GMAG: William Yelon and Bruce Gurney.
9. Si Foner, representing the Membership Committee, reported on the work of the committee to recruit new members, especially at the 1999 Magnetism and Magnetic Materials (MMM) Conference. He reported some specific findings: about 600 people who attended the MMM Conference were not members of the APS, let alone GMAG. Also about 400 people who gave talks in Magnetism sessions at the 1999 March meeting were not members of GMAG. This suggests that there is a large number of potential members, and if we are persistent and persuasive in our recruitment efforts we may be successful in substantially increasing the membership of GMAG.
10. The Chair raised the question of what we might do to better serve our members needs. Stan Charap suggested that we might sponsor invited speakers who could give inspiring talks on subjects relating to magnetism. It was also suggested that

we might simply make a formal effort to identify such speakers, rather than sponsor them in a pecuniary sense.

11. The gavel was passed to the new Chair, Si Foner.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.