

Minutes from GMAG Business Meeting  
4 March 2003

Meeting began 5:30 pm, Austin Convention Center, Austin TX

Approximately 30 GMAG Members attended, including members of the Executive Committee.

1. Because one of those being honored had a tight schedule to catch a flight, Sellmyer opened the meeting by announcing the new APS Fellows who were nominated by GMAG: Borchers, Harris, and Gschneider. Harris and Gschneider received a round of applause as each accepted his certificate and pin. (Borchers was not present).
2. The minutes from last year were read by the Secretary/Treasurer, and were accepted.
3. The Secretary/Treasurer delivered the finance report, announcing that the GMAG Treasury had accumulated ~\$24,600 as of December 2002.
4. The Chair of the Program Committee reported on various aspects of the 2003 March Meeting program.
  - a. Listing of focus sessions and invited symposia.
  - b. GMAG has now taken over the responsibility for organizing and sorting all of the posters and presentation in Sorting Category 6 (magnetism). There were 606 contributed talks in the category this year, up from ~440 last year. This presumably reflects the improved organization of Category 6, which was revised with substantial input from GMAG over the last year.
  - c. Thanks were extended to the sorters who worked on behalf of GMAG this year. They include Jack Bass, Julie Borchers, Jeff Lynn, as well as many others
  - d. GMAG sponsored two tables at the March Meeting “Lunch with the Experts” program. Dave Sellmyer and Liesl Folks were the members who devoted their Wednesday lunch hour on our behalf.
  - e. GMAG also sponsored a “Lunch with the Teachers” participant: Yves Idzerda.
5. The Fellowship Committee Chair (Schiffer) reported on the outstanding success GMAG once again had in nominating three fellows who were approved by the APS Council.
6. The spokesperson for the Recruitment Committee (Bass) announced that GMAG would, for at least one year, subsidise student members: Student APS members who elect to join GMAG will be allowed to do so without paying dues. This means GMAG will forfeit the \$5 we would have otherwise collected, and must reimburse

APS for the \$1 of dues that they would have received. This policy will be in effect for one year, after which it will be reviewed by the Executive Committee who will decide whether or not to continue it.

7. Idzerda proposed that GMAG sponsor student prizes at the next March Meeting. He suggested that awards be made to 2- 4 students who must be in their final year before graduation with a Ph.D. The evaluation would be on the basis of extended abstracts. The student would have to be a GMAG Member in good standing, and would have to be nominated by his/her faculty advisor. the nominator would also have to be a GMAG member in good standing. Evaluation of the nominated abstracts would be conducted, via email, by the GMAG Executive Committee. The award would consist of an invited talk and a \$500 cash. This program would be advertised in the GMAG Newsletter, on the GMAG Web page, and via broadcast email to GMAG members.

In discussion, Bass suggested that the nominees should be instructed that they are expected to deliver an excellent presentation. Schiffer raised the question of exactly when the nominations would have to be submitted. Hellman suggested that the deadline should be 1 November. It was agreed that the Program Chair should discuss this with DCMP and DMP.

Idzerda moved that this program be funded at a level of up to \$2500 for up to five awards, and that it be consider a trial program of one year duration. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

8. At this point the Chair suggested a round of applause for the hard work by the Program Chair on behalf of GMAG over the past year, and officially passed the gavel to Hellman.
9. The new Chair asked for a round of applause for the hard work by the GMAG Chair on behalf of the Topical Group over the past year, and also a round for David Jiles, the founding Chair, who continues to work on behalf of the Topical Group.
10. The Chair reiterated the need for participation by the entire membership, especially with regard to nominating fellows, suggesting invited talks and symposia, and organizing Focus Topics. Liesl Folks pointed out the need to ensure invited talks in the Focus sessions are distributed throughout the session (i.e., not always at the beginning of the session) to minimize the possibility of conflicts within Category 6.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20.