

## **Minutes of GMAG Business Meeting, March 2007**

Location: Denver Convention Center, Korbel 3C, Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup> 2007, 5.45pm

Attending: Chair Jim Rhyne, Secretary/Treasurer Caroline Ross, Steven Hill, Andrew Kent, Chris Leighton, Vice Chair Elect Axel Hoffman, Mike Fitzsimmons, Mick Pechan, Jack Bass, GMAG members (approx. 22 attendees)

1. Recognition of New Fellows and PhD Awardees. Jim Rhyne, outgoing GMAG Chair, announced new Fellows A. Kent, G. Xiao, CC Kao and M Fitzsimmons, and PhD awardees V. Sih and S. Wilson. There were 8 very strong student nominations.
2. The minutes from the previous year were displayed by Caroline Ross and approved unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report. Ross described the GMAG finances. Funds of \$44,676 were available at the end of 2006, compared to \$37,929 in 2006 and \$31,494 in 2005. There was an increase in our funds of \$6746, similar to what happened in 2006. Our revenue is \$12,594 (investment income, March Mtg income, and membership) and our outlay was \$5848 (newsletter, meeting meals/facilities, postage, travel, partially subsidized student membership, and student awards).
4. GMAG Program Chair's Report. Dan Reich explained that magnetism-related papers accounted for 14% of the March Meeting total, 865 papers, up from the previous year. There were 7 focus topics comprising 57 sessions. There were three invited symposia (the maximum allowed) and 6 contributed sessions. The relatively small number of contributed sessions was because many papers were placed in focus sessions.
5. Fellowship Committee Report. Bill Butler explained that we are allowed three Fellows based on our membership size, plus an alternate. We proposed three plus an alternate and all were awarded. There were 8 nominations.
6. Membership and Recruitment. Jim Rhyne (for Jeff Childress) reported that GMAG now has 773 members (there were 741 members last year). 135 are Fellows and 110 are foreign based.
7. Outreach and Education. Jack Bass reported that no outreach proposals were received in 2006, so none were funded. It was agreed that these activities need to be more widely advertised, in particular the outreach activities do not need to be university-based, and could instead involve companies or national labs. Steve Hill will take over these efforts.
8. New Business.  
David Jiles suggested we get involved in other conferences – MMM, ICM, JEMS in Europe, MRS, MML. We could do publicity, help with conference support?  
We could support student travel (separate from the Dissertation awards) to MMM or other conferences, or a position such as a congressional fellow.

9. Closing comments.

Ross gave the results of the election. There was a 32% response rate, the same as in 2006. Axel Hoffman was elected to Vice Chair, and Michael Pechan and Michael Fitzsimmons to the Executive Committee.

Thanks were given to Jeff Childress and Andy Kent for their service on ExCom. The gavel was turned over to the new Chair, Dan Reich, and the meeting was adjourned at 6.35pm.