

# Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> business meeting of the Topical Group on Magnetism and Its Applications

5:30 PM 19 March 1997

Room 2206 Kansas City Convention Center

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, David Jiles. 23 Members were present at the start of the meeting, though the number fluctuated through the meeting.

1. Announcement of election results, February 1997 election:

Chair David Jiles  
Sec./Treas. Bruce van Dover  
Chair-elect Carl Patton  
Vice-Chair Bernie Argyle

Exec. Comm.

1 yr. term Alison Chaikin  
1 yr. term Si Foner

2 yr. term Robert O'Handley  
2 yr. term Yaakov Shapira

3 yr. term Ron Goldfarb  
3 yr. term David Sellmyer

A motion to thank Larry Rubin for his extended efforts as Chair of the Nominating Committee was passed unanimously.

2. Approval of By-laws

A motion to change the word "magnetism" to the phrase "magnetism and its applications" in Article II of the Bylaws was passed 22 in favor with 1 abstention.

A motion to change the list of officers deleting "Secretary" and "Treasurer" and adding "Secretary-Treasurer" was passed unanimously.

After extended discussion, a motion to change the word "physicists" to "physicists and others" in Article II of the Bylaws was rejected.

A motion to change the word "physicists" to "scientists and engineers" in Article II of the Bylaws was rejected.

A motion to change the word "physicists" to "Members of the American Physical

Society" in Article II of the Bylaws was passed, 16 in favor and 2 against.

A motion to approve the Bylaws as amended was approved 20 in favor, 0 against.

3. Membership

David Jiles reported that the membership of GMAG was roughly 280 and growing; we are looking for a mature membership number stabilizing around 400. Members were encouraged to contact their colleagues and proselytize.

4. March meeting program

A motion was made to have the Chair contact the organizing committee of the Magnetism and Magnetic Materials Conference and the INTERMAG Conference, and explore the possibilities for interactions. This interaction might specifically include a member of GMAG serving ex officio as a member of the Executive Committee or Program Committee. One anticipated consequence of the interaction would be to increase coordination between the technical program of the MMM and INTERMAG Conferences and the sessions at the APS March Meeting sponsored or cosponsored by GMAG. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion to have the Chair appoint a committee to propose a short course/tutorial program for the 1998 March meeting was passed unanimously.

A motion to accept the sorting categories for magnetism-related abstracts was passed unanimously. These sorting categories were collaboratively proposed by David Jiles representing GMAG and Don Gubser representing DCMP. (David-- could you send me a list so I can append it to the minutes).

5. Newsletter

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the first issue of the GMAG newsletter was mailed on about 15 February 1997. The cost to GMAG was about \$600, which includes printing, folding and mailing using the service provided by the APS. This represents about \$2/member, which seems high. Some cost reduction might be possible by using services other than those of the APS.

6. Email and mailing lists

The Chair once again urged everyone present to keep their email addresses up-to-date in the APS Membership directory. We use the APS email list for sending broadcast messages to members.

7. Home page

The Secretary-Treasurer suggested that when substantial updates to the GMAG home page are made, advisory email should be broadcast to members so that they will know to take a look (rather than periodically checking for updates).

It was suggested that a preliminary list of Academic Programs in Magnetism be posted on our Web page, with an invitation for self-nomination of other programs

to include.

8. Committee chairs

Larry Rubin accepted the position of Chair of the Nominating Committee, and will choose one other member to serve on the committee.

Larry Bennett accepted a position as Chair of the Program Committee, and was given a charter to engage as many members to serve on the committee as he deems necessary.

The Vice Chair (currently Bernie Argyle) was chosen to serve as Chair of the Fellowship committee, and will appoint two other member to serve on the committee.

9. Other business

A vote of appreciation to Marty Sablik for serving as Interim Treasurer was passed unanimously.