

Chicago Regional Chapter of ASM International Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

September 08, 2009

**Present: Guiru Nash, Chair; Chirag Shah, Vice Chair / Awards;
Ted Wilken, Treasurer; Jim Mikoda, Secretary; Fred Schmidt, At-Large;
Erin Camponeschi, Program; Mike Danko, Asst. Treasurer
Members - Greg Staskowski, Joseph Santner, Mike Connelly, Barbara Pickett;
Students – IIT Club president: Marisa DeNicolò mdenico@iit.edu; Trang Huynh, hhuynh2@iit.edu;
Jingjie Zhu, jzhu20@iit.edu; Amy Bourquard, bouramy@iit.edu**

Regrets: Jan Edwards, Outreach; Luke Zubek, Directory

Secretary – Jim Mikoda

Minutes for the May 12, 2009 meeting were approved as amended.

Action item: These minutes will be forwarded to Guiru to post on the site.

Moved by Chirag, Seconded by Ted, all aye.

Treasurer – Ted Wilken

The September 2009 Treasurer Report was reviewed and approved. The transfer of signature authority is now completed. Moved by Jim Mikoda. Seconded by Mike Danko, all aye.

Program Chair – Erin Camponeschi

Guiru sent out a summary of the year's plan to all. It will be posted on the site.

October is plant tour of Finkl steel with dinner at Goose Island.

Goose Island has good sized parking lot.

November is at NIU and is a biomaterial topic.

Steve Gonzy is liason.

December is aimed at LaMirage and is Batteries – Lithium/Lithium Fuel Cells.

Guiru Nash is liason.

Directory Chair – Luke Zubek - Regrets

The Directory should mail this week.

Action item: Treasurer will send half of the membership directory payment out for Luke.

Awards Chair – Chirag Shah

Chicago Regional Chapter members should be encouraged to promote our profession and the local chapter with the meeting announcements and at meetings to identify future candidates.

Action item: Chirag Shah will write up a call for nomination and Guiru will send out a broadcast announcement email to members asking for nominations

Outreach Chair – Jan Edwards - Regrets

Materials Camp - We had 19 participants and the sessions went well. Chirag attended the Labfest at Millennium Park. We received a thank you letter from Science Chicago. We need a summary Report.

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Barbara Pickett expressed that Jan Edwards may not want to do the Labfest next year. We need to confirm with Jan Edwards.

Membership Chair – Need a Chair

Student Chapters

IIT – The Materials Advantage President, Marisa De Nicolo presented a budgetary sheet for the Fall 2009 semester activities. It was moved by Chirag and seconded by Ted to reimburse them \$1025 conditioned on them providing receipts/copies to us for documentation.

Northwestern – no report.

Guiru lead a discussion after inviting the students for their plans for 2009-10 season. The students responded that the plans were being made & their budget submitted lists the proposed items. Fred Schmidt mentioned that to improve Chicago chapter and student club relations THE key word is "involvement". We the chapter need to be invited, more involved, and attend student activities and vice versa. It will start as individual initiatives, but small teams will develop and working relationships after that.

The current centers of activity are: Northwestern, IIT and NIU. The Chicago chapter has many talented resources: speakers, teachers, advisors to research projects. We also know the key ASM resources and how to use them. Fred closed by highlighting the International Metallography Society - Contest for students. Cash prizes, every year go begging.

Fred also mentioned that any student member is eligible for a free IMS affiliate membership contact Fred at ESI by phone (630) 851-4566 or feschmidt@esi-il.com This includes Optical, Electron, or Techniques methods for all materials big & small...Not just metallic evaluations!

Mike Connelly asked for more volunteers for the Materials Camp. We are in the stage of urgently needing more volunteers to share the work load regarding the Materials Camp.

Chapter Bylaws

Jim Mikoda provided copies of the final draft of the bylaws.

Action item: Jim Mikoda will email the Bylaws to ASM to get the approval. Aer receiving the permission from ASM International, the board will approve it at an executive board meeting. We will post the final version of Chapter Bylaw online.

Chairs Time.

Mike Pfeifer asked for a financial support (maximum of \$600) for his trip to attend MS&T 09 for the Technical Books committee meeting. After discussing about the issues, board has decided to ask Mike Pfeifer for a budgetary sheet and would do the approval process via email. The major concern was pointed out by one of board members: As a volunteer, we should expect that 100% of the time for volunteer work is un-compensated. The half of the out of pocket costs if it is not IRS deductible, it will be covered by the person or company they work for. Most people in business for themselves get plenty of tax breaks and can write stuff off that "employees" cannot write off.

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Action item: In regarding for the financial support from the chapter, board members agreed that anybody who wants financial support from our chapter should submit the budgetary proposal 8 weeks prior to the meeting in order to get the vote.

The conclusions from the “short” planning meeting with students were:

1. Move the meeting to a spot where they could get to – easily access of transportation
2. Free stuff – t-shirts, etc.
3. Our involvement at their meetings

Action item: Students need to invite the board members to attend their activities.

Quality Report Weaknesses to be addressed:

1. PR – need to send in 3 articles this year – JHM will write and send in. Need pictures.
2. Need recruit new members
3. Need recruit new sustaining members
4. More Joint meetings

We have two joint meetings planned for this year. Erin Camponeshi needs to work on one more joint meeting.

5. Education Courses
6. Plant tours
7. Chapter social event: talking about picnic, baseball game etc. Need further discussion to decide the chapter social event.

New Student Chapter

Action item: Guiru asked Joe Santer to work with NIU students and forms a new Materials Advantage Club at NIU.

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Next Meeting Plan:

4:30-5:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting @ Finkl & Sons Co.

5:30-6:00 pm Arrival and Registration @ Finkl & Sons Co.

6:00-7:30 pm Plant Tour

8:00-9:30 pm Dinner @ Goose Island Restaurant

Next Technical Meeting: 5:30 PM on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at NIU

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Mikoda, Secretary – ASM Chicago Regional Chapter