Minutes of the GMAG Business Meeting

March 22, 2005
Submitted by J. Bass

The meeting was called to order at about 5:45pm on March 22, 2005 in the LACC.
1. The minutes of the previous year were approved as written.
2. The GMAG Ph.D. Award Winners were announced: Namjung Hur and Changyeon Won. Mr. Won was present and was given a round of applause.
3. Treasurer’s report: We have a balance of about $30K. But, due to new APS algorithm we will probably receive less income this year and may fall short of balance.
4. March Meeting program report. GMAG was lead sponsor of 3 symposia and co-sponsor of 3 others. It co-sponsored 5 Focus Session Topics, totaling 33 sessions, and also sorted 25 more sessions for a total of 58. Together these represented about 700 talks. There were also about 50 magnetism-related posters.
5. GMAG sponsored three new APS Fellows this year: P. Schiffer, P. Dowben, and C. Broholm. The membership present gave its congratulations.
6. Membership was stable this year, at about 675. GMAG is considering setting up a membership table next year at the March meeting and providing a free first year’s membership for new members.
7. 1 outreach award was made this year, for $2350. A writeup for inclusion on the GMAG web site is expected.
   J. Bass briefly described the new ‘Magnetism Pictures’ section that he is working toward having added to the GMAG web page
8. The Gavel was turned over to the new Chair, Jack Bass.
9. The membership present gave a hearty thank you to Peter Schiffer for outstanding leadership this past year.
10. The meeting was adjourned.