

# **GCCM ExComm – December 10, 2025**

## **Attendees:**

Marcia Cooper

Chris Seagle

Brittany Branch

Minta Akin

Danae Polsin

Sakun Duwal

Rachel Huber

Matthew Brennan

Absent (Pat Kalita and Matt Beason)

## **Agenda:**

1. Welcome and thank you for volunteering your time
2. Membership report – to be reported after this mtg (APS report forthcoming)
3. Financial report
4. March Mtg report
5. SCCM Mtg report
6. APS Task Force discussion
7. Communication of updated conference management agreement
8. 2026 Committees
9. Final 2025 newsletter
  1. Election results
  2. Award results

## **Summary**

## **GCCM Year-End Meeting Updates**

The group confirmed they had a quorum. Marcia mentioned that some reports were still pending and would be updated after the meeting, and she expressed gratitude for the members' time and contributions throughout the year.

### **Financial Review and Membership Data**

The meeting focused on reviewing financial reports and membership data. Cooper presented a financial summary through October 31st, noting a slight increase in funds available compared to the previous year. The group discussed the need for updated numbers from APS and agreed to reach out to Andre and Ebony for more information. Cooper also mentioned that end-of-year balances would be available in April of the following year, during which time reports would be inaccessible due to APS's book management process. The group discussed the need to verify and update contact numbers for the Ashcroft endowment, with Danae agreeing to follow up with APS for current figures.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Brittany reported on the March meeting 2026, noting an increase in abstract submissions to 60 and confirming a full session of invited talks, which she will share with the team. The GCCM Business meeting is scheduled for:

- Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2026
- Time: 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.
- Room: Meeting Room 701 (Colorado Convention Center)

The business meeting agenda will be posted to the GCCM Meetings Webpage prior to the scheduled business meeting.

### **APS Task Force**

Danae discussed with the group the potential restructuring of the Secretary-Treasurer position, inspired by the successful chairline model. They considered having a rotational system where individuals could serve in different roles over time, providing overlap and knowledge sharing between transitions. The group acknowledged the need to modify current bylaws to accommodate such changes, which currently allows two consecutive terms in the role. They also discussed the possibility of splitting the Secretary and Treasurer positions into separate roles, as there is no current bylaw requiring them to be held by the same person.

### **Standardizing Bylaws for Topical Groups**

The group discussed the need for consistent bylaws across topical groups and the creation of a new APS task group to address this issue.

## **Executive Committee 2026 Planning**

The executive committee discussed several key items, including the approval of a new conference management agreement with APS, which all members agreed to sign.

- **Statement:** All members agreed that the new conference management agreement with APS should be signed by Marcia before the end of her term.

They reviewed committee assignments for 2026, including leadership transitions for the Technical Publications Committee and the Duvall Award Selection Committee. It was agreed upon that Matthew Brennan would serve as Chair the Early Career Symposium in 2027 (with Early Career Member-at-Large to serve as co-chair once term starts on 1/1/2027).

The group also addressed the need to prepare a new plaque for the Duvall Award and discussed the upcoming student and dissertation awards selection in 2026. Finally, they reviewed the content for their upcoming newsletter.