

MRS Council Meets in Boston

The Council of the Materials Research Society met December 2-3 during the 1988 Fall Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. The following report highlights the plans and actions of that meeting.

Budget

Council approved the preliminary 1989 budget of approximately \$3.4 million for the Society. This is about 30% larger than the 1988 budget, reflecting the growth of the Society in both membership and activity. Upgraded computer equipment and three new staff positions are provided in the budget. The new data processing system will be installed early in the year, supporting MRS accounting and financial planning, publications, and member services activities.

Membership

The growth of the MRS membership continues to be remarkable. As of October 3, 1988, there were over 8,200 MRS members worldwide, an increase of 28% in just six months.

Local MRS organizations provide the means for increased involvement in MRS of those living in areas with substantial populations of members. These local bodies also allow the participation of increasing numbers of students and others who find it difficult to attend national meetings regularly. Council authorized the formation of four such bodies. New Local MRS Sections were formed in the Washington, DC area and in the state of Alabama. New University Chapters were approved at Northwestern University and Alabama A&M University.

External Affairs

In recognition of the potential role of MRS in matters of public policy, a Public Affairs Subcommittee of the External Affairs Committee has been formed. Council authorized the subcommittee to identify and analyze issues of MRS concern which affect or are affected by materials science and engineering, to define and recommend courses of action both within the Society and involving a public affairs representation by the Society and to facilitate and encourage membership participation in public affairs activities.

Council amended the MRS Bylaws to create MRS Affiliated Organizations.

The goal of the Affiliated Organizations program is to facilitate constructive interactions with other technical and educational organizations active in materials research. An Affiliated Organization must be active primarily within the United States, or it must have an international character and hold technical meetings periodically within the United States. The qualifications, procedures, and benefits associated with this program will be established by the Executive Committee with the advice of Council. The program will be administered by the External Affairs Committee, with assistance from Headquarters staff.

According to Council action, MRS may officially endorse technical or educational meetings of other groups. Meeting endorsements are seen as a way of building good relationships between MRS and other groups and of informing MRS members of meetings of potential interest.

New Awards

A policy statement for MRS awards was approved: "The purpose of Materials Research Society awards is to recognize and honor those individuals who have advanced the field of materials science and engineering through their research accomplishments. Awards may also be established to recognize those individuals who further the goals of the Materials Research Society." Procedures and regulations for the institution and administration of awards were also approved.

Short Courses

Council adopted a policy statement for the MRS Short Course Program: "The primary objective of the program is to provide educational benefits to the materials community by developing high quality courses and educational materials in emerging areas of materials science. The program must serve a real need in the materials community, enhance the image of MRS, be financially self-sufficient and not put the Society at risk, either financially or professionally, by draining resources that are needed to fulfill the Society's primary mission of providing high quality technical symposia, and not become so large as to appear to be the Society's dominant mission."

Long Range Planning

Council received a preliminary report on the 5- to 10-year plan for MRS which is being developed to provide a basis for

guiding the future development of the Society. The plan will cover questions such as future meeting format, publication options, educational activities, public policy, and member services. Further input will be used for the next version due for Council review in the spring.

Constitution and Bylaws

Council reviewed the MRS Constitution and Bylaws in order to assess how well they reflect the actual and intended structure and operation of the Society, as a result of the Society's evolution and growth over the last few years. A number of updates were approved in both documents. Substantive changes involve primarily clarification of the procedures relating to governance of the Society and the recognition of the existence of MRS Headquarters and the duties it performs. The changes in the Constitution will be submitted to the MRS Membership for approval early in 1989.

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Editor's Note: The changes to the MRS Constitution were submitted to the MRS membership in January 1989 and have been approved. See "Members Approve Updated MRS Constitution" elsewhere in this issue.

E-MRS 1989 STRASBOURG MEETING

**May 30 -
June 2, 1989**

**For details contact
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in this issue.**

This form is to be used to cover all documentation in support of nominations for the Von Hippel Award. Copies are available from MRS Headquarters, 9800 McKnight Road, Suite 327, Pittsburgh, PA 15237; telephone (412) 367-3003, facsimile (412) 367-4373.

VON HIPPEL AWARD
of the Materials Research Society
Nomination Summary Form

NAME of CANDIDATE:

TITLE and AFFILIATION (present and recent past):

ADDRESS and TELEPHONE:

EDUCATION:

SUMMARY CITATION: (Summarize the professional achievements upon which this nomination is based.) (<60 words.)

I. Qualification of Nominees

Nominees for the Materials Research Society's Von Hippel Award must have outstanding scientific credentials, their scientific work must have had a significant impact on materials research, and it must have exemplified an interdisciplinary approach. The scientific discipline of the nominee is of no concern except that the work must have been in areas commonly associated with materials research. The nominee does not need to be a member of the Materials Research Society and nominees of any nationality are eligible. It is not necessary for the nominee to have previously won other major awards. We especially hope to identify individuals who have reached the stage in their careers when they will be first considered for major awards.

II. Nomination Package Requirements

1. A statement by the nominator supporting the candidate's suitability for the Award with respect to:

- interdisciplinary character of the candidate's work
- manner in which the candidate's work spans basic and applied science
- impact of the candidate's work within and outside their immediate professional field.

Wherever possible, this statement should cite evidence rather than opinion or intuition. Further pertinent information may be added.

2. Supporting information and documents, e.g., lists of the candidate's professional appointments held, honors, awards, patents and publications; the nominator must also provide a separate list of the most important papers and books published by the nominee.

3. Names of at least three distinguished scientists who have agreed to send letters supporting the nomination with explicit reference to the three criteria of item 1 (above). (Their letters should be sent promptly to the address below.)

4. A list of supporting documents submitted.

A nomination for the Von Hippel Award remains under consideration for three years, so individuals who are nominated in 1989 will remain under consideration through 1991. In preparing nominations, please bear in mind that the nominees for this award should have made outstanding contributions to our profession. Further, since a poorly prepared nomination for an outstanding individual would constitute a disservice to that person, it is important for the nomination package to truly reflect the accomplishments and stature of the nominee.

III. Selection of Von Hippel Award Recipient

The recipient of the Von Hippel Award is determined by a vote of the MRS Council.

IV. Deadline for Submission of Nominations

To be considered for the 1989 Award, the nomination must be submitted by July 1, 1989, to John E.E. Baglin, Chair of the MRS Awards Committee, IBM Almaden Research Center, Dept. K34, 650 Harry Road, San Jose, CA 95120-6099.

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