



**MSORV Business Meeting
Spring 2011**

The Spring 2011 MSORV Meeting was held at Wright State University's Joshi Research Center in Fairborn, OH on April 20, 2011. There were 11 vendors present representing our Corporate sponsors and 54 attendees present. The afternoon began with registration and a reception sponsored by Bruker Nano, Inc., MSORV and an MSA Grant-in-aid. During the reception, attendees networked and visited with vendors. MSORV President, Matt Chestnut opened the meeting with the welcoming remarks. The talks began promptly at 4:10PM with the first speaker, Mark Kelsey from Bruker Nano, Inc. giving a talk "(Micro) X-ray Fluorescence vs. SEM/EDS".

The business meeting was called to order by our President, Matt Chestnut. Minutes of the Fall 2010 meeting were not read but duly noted to the members that they were on-line at the MSORV website, www.msorv.org. The Treasurer's report was given by the Treasurer, Judy Mescher. We currently have \$10,924.20 in our combined savings and checking accounts prior to this meeting. We have 11 Corporate members, 26 Professional members and 13 student members. A straw vote was taken to update the present by-laws to include electronic voting and payment of dues online. In general, an overhaul of the by-laws and bring the newly drafted by-laws forward by the next meeting for a vote.

Under new business, Dave Tomlin, chair of the Nominating Committee, spoke. He introduced his team members, Laura Sowards and Larry Drummy. The slate of nominees brought forward is:

President-elect: Caroline Miller

Secretary: Matt Duley and Pam Lloyd

Treasurer: Henk Colijn and Christina Bennett-Stamper

He asked if there were any nominations from the floor, but there were none. A ballot will be mailed in late August or early September to all paid up 2011 members.

A reminder that the MSA meeting for 2011 is going to be in Nashville, TN, so everyone was encouraged to participate since the location is within driving distance. The Fall meeting is looking for a host. Frank Platek of FDA said that he would look into the possibility of hosting either at the FDA or Northern Kentucky University. Matt Chestnut is still also trying to contact

Ray Boissy at UC for their site as another possibility. We hope to have the site secured within the next month or two.

After another break to meet with the vendors, the second talk began. Dr. Sharmila M. Mukhopadhyay, Director of the Center for Nanoscale Multifunctional Materials at Wright State University, gave a talk “Nature Inspired Hierarchical Solids for Multifunctional Applications”.

Our final talk of the meeting was our MAS Tour Speaker, Dr. Ed Vicenzi, from the Smithsonian Institution’s Museum Conservation Institute. His talk was “A New Method for Quantitative Phase Analysis Using Backscattered Electron Imagery: Examples from Martian Meteorites”.

Closing remarks were given by Matt Chestnut and the Spring meeting concluded at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Lloyd
Secretary