

1985 Committee Appointments Announced

Elton Kaufmann, 1985 MRS President, has announced the appointment of ten MRS members as chairpersons of the Society's standing committees.

"The healthy growth of the MRS in many diverse areas," Kaufmann stated, "has been a direct result of the energy and innovation contributed by its committees. The new committee chairs are sure to continue this excellent record throughout the coming year, which is an extremely exciting period of growth and opportunity for the Society."

To enable the committees to be responsive to the needs of the Society, members are encouraged to become familiar with the goals and activities of the committees in 1985 and direct questions, comments, and suggestions to the appropriate chairperson.

L. Ralph Dawson

Co-chairman, Education Committee; Chairman, Subcommittee on Short Courses

Linn W. Hobbs

Co-chairman, Education Committee; Chairman, Subcommittee on Student Chapters

The Education Committee is embarking on the expansion of new programs in 1985, including further development of the highly successful short course series and creation of Student Chapters eagerly awaited by major universities which support studies in materials science disciplines. Both Ralph Dawson and Linn Hobbs were active members of the Education Committee in 1984, and bring a wealth of ideas and momentum to enhance these programs in the coming year. Ralph co-chaired the Symposium on Layered Structures, Epitaxy and Interfaces at the recent Fall Meeting and is supervisor at Sandia National Laboratories. Linn is professor in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at MIT and a Councillor of the MRS.

Rodney C. Ewing

Chairman, Membership Committee

The Membership Committee evaluates member services and investigates possible new services to ensure that the Society is answering the needs of the technical community. It also orchestrates campaigns to enlist new members from all sectors of materials research. Rod, who also serves as Secretary and Councillor for the Society in 1985, was co-chairman of the Education Committee and a member of the Nominating Committee in 1984. He is professor in the Department of Geology at the University of New Mexico.

Donald E. Harrison

Chairman, Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is responsible for financial planning and monitoring of overall Society activities to ensure a healthy financial foundation to enable the Society to continue to prosper. In this stage of rapid growth for the Society, the Committee faces the challenge of recognizing and supporting viable opportunities for the Society without risking its future security. Don was co-organizer of the symposium, Ceramics from Solution: Sol-Gel and Fine Particle Technology, and has taken an active interest in the expansion of the Society's technical scope. He is manager of the Materials Science Division of the Westinghouse R & D Center.

William Katz

Chairman, Corporate Participation Committee

The Committee maintains an open and mutually beneficial line of communication between the Society and industrial research laboratories where materials research is pursued in the interdisciplinary fashion that the Society emphasizes. It also works to build a financial base of corporate contributions to support symposia and pursue other activities that serve the materials research profession. Bill served as vice chairman of the Committee in 1984. He is involved in research at the General Electric Company R & D Center and is co-chairing the Symposium on Applied Materials Characterization at the upcoming MRS Spring Meeting in San Francisco.

Gary L. McVay

Chairman, Publications Committee

The Publications Committee oversees policies that pertain to the technical quality and financial strength of MRS publications, including proceedings volumes, the BULLETIN, and other publications deemed necessary to support membership interests. The coming year sees the Society embarking upon many new publications activities, such as independent publication and distribution of its proceedings series and exploration of the feasibility of an archival journal. Gary, who has served on the Membership Committee for the Society and chaired the 1983 Symposium on Nuclear Waste Management, is a scientist with Battelle's Pacific Northwest Division.

Paul S. Peery

Chairman, Program Committee

The Program Committee is responsible for consistent, high-quality programming at the Fall and Spring Meetings of the Society, activities that represent the primary service rendered to members and the research community. The Committee provides guidance and support in the planning of MRS meetings to facilitate continuity and technical excellence. Paul served as co-organizer of the 1979 MRS symposium, Laser and Electron Beam Processing of Materials, as a member of the Membership Committee, and most recently as co-chairman of the highly successful 1984 MRS Fall Meeting. He is manager of the Ion Implantation and Radiation Physics Research Department at Sandia National Laboratories.

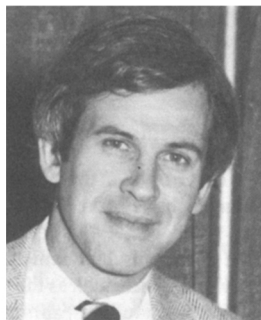
Julia M. Phillips

Chairperson, Public Relations and Publicity Committee

The Committee is a new standing committee initiated in recognition of the Society's need to make its activities and services better known to the scientific and technical community, as well as the public at large. For the past year, Julia has headed the Public Relations/Publicity Working Group, predecessor to the Committee, where she has actively publicized the MRS Spring and Fall Meetings and developed informational literature and lines of communication with the technical and general press. She is a member of the technical staff at AT&T Bell Laboratories.



Ralph Dawson



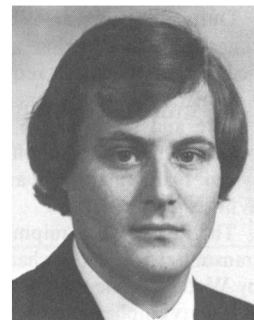
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Julia Phillips



Dick Schwoebel



Woody White

C. W. "Woody" White

Chairman, Awards, Nominating, and Long-Range Planning Committees

As President of MRS in 1984, Woody White is no stranger to Society activities. He brings to these three key Committees his experience and ability to identify the talent and strengths of individual members and channel these qualities effectively to address the needs of the Society. The purpose of the Awards Committee is to recognize the achievements of both the young researcher and the established scientist to show both the appreciation of the Society and to serve as inspiration for the materials community as a whole. The Nominating Committee is responsible for pinpointing future leaders of the Society, and the Long-Range Planning Committee for generating innovative additions to Society activities. Collectively, the Committees work toward the identification and activation of talent and energies within the Society to spawn ideas that will materialize into benefits for the profession in the long term. Woody conducts research at the Solid State Division of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Richard L. Schwoebel

Chairman, External Affairs Committee

The External Affairs Committee was instituted by the MRS Council at its meeting on December 1. It grew from a proposal of the Long-Range Planning Committee which recognized the Society's need to better define and fulfill its role on the national and international scene as a source of information and influence in materials research matters. The Committee will review requests for assistance from outside institutions and identify areas where the MRS should inject its expertise and make appropriate recommendations to the president. Dick has just completed terms as MRS Secretary and Councillor. He is a director of materials and process sciences at the Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque.

New Local MRS Groups Recognized at Plenary Session

Three new Student Chapters and two new Local Sections were recognized in a ceremony preceding the Plenary Session at the Fall Meeting. After introduction by MRS President Woody White during the Monday evening event, Certificates of Charter were presented to representatives of the five local groups by President-Elect Elton Kaufmann. Kaufmann noted, "Charter presentation ceremonies for each new local group will occur twice: once at a major MRS national meeting where representatives of the entire materials community can observe, and once in the local venue for the benefit of those unable to attend the national meeting." He also pointed out, "Whereas, four of the five groups recognized this evening are indeed new, having been formed within the last five months, recognition of the 2½-year-old Student Chapter at UCLA is long overdue."

Kaufmann then proceeded to present UCLA's Certificate of Charter to Prof. Ray Orbach of the university's physics department. Orbach accepted the certificate on behalf of Chapter President Edward J. A. Pope and faculty advisor, Prof. Alfred S. Yue, who were unable to attend the meeting. The Student Chapter at the University of Pennsylvania was represented by student executive committee member Vicki Cajipe, who accepted the Certificate of Charter for the second MRS Student Chapter. Cajipe and several other University of Pennsylvania students and faculty advisor, Prof. John E. Fischer, arrived by car from Philadelphia just minutes before the ceremony began. (See Vol. IX, No. 5 for an article on the on-campus inauguration of this chapter.)

Kaufmann presented the Certificate of Charter for the third and most recent Student Chapter, Case Western Reserve University, to Joseph K. Doychak, a Student Award recipient this year, who represented his chapter and its faculty advisor, Prof. Terry E. Mitchell. (See the article elsewhere in this issue describing the on-campus ceremony for Case Western which took place one week later.)

Local Section recognition was headed by the North Carolina Section, the Society's first Local Section which was formed in the research triangle region

of the state last June. Accepting the Certificate of Charter was Prof. Wei-Kan Chu of the University of North Carolina. (See the article in Vol. IX, No. 3 of the BULLETIN describing the inception of this new section.)

The final Local Section Charter presentation was made to the recently formed Northern California Section. Accepting the Charter on behalf of the group was Dr. Michael I. Current of the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center. (The inaugural meeting of this Section, arranged by Current and three others, is reported elsewhere in this issue.)

"Within the past month," Kaufmann concluded, "three additional universities and two local areas have expressed serious intentions of forming new MRS groups. So, members can expect to hear about many more of these inaugurations, and should certainly consider affiliating with or starting a local MRS group of their own."



President-Elect Elton Kaufmann (right) presents Certificate of Charter to Ray Orbach, representing the 2½-year-old UCLA Student Chapter.