

MRS Council Reviews 1987 Highlights

The Materials Research Society Council met December 4-5, 1987 during the 1987 MRS Fall Meeting in Boston, MA. The following is a summary of the highlights of that meeting.

Council approved a preliminary 1988 budget of approximately \$2.4M for the Society. The final budget for the year will be approved at the Spring Council Meeting.

During 1987, seven full-time employees joined the MRS headquarters staff. Two employees filled existing positions, and five provided additional support in publications, data processing, accounting, and meeting activities. Council authorized the hiring of a Director of Meeting Activities, who will be responsible for coordinating all aspects of meeting planning and execution between MRS headquarters, the meeting chairs, and the various contractors who provide meeting services.

MRS published twenty-seven books in 1987. A catalog of these and previously published books has recently been compiled and mailed to MRS members, book buyers, and distributors. MRS books include proceedings of MRS symposia as well as proceedings of other conferences deemed of high interest to MRS members. Plans are underway for a technical monograph series. Also underway is a search for a full-time technical editor for the MRS BULLETIN, which will be published monthly beginning January 1988.

Journal of Materials Research grew in stature and circulation in 1987. The JMR editorial office was moved to MRS headquarters in January when Walter Brown assumed the position of Editor-in-Chief of the publication. The journal recently published a special issue highlighting high T_c superconductors. Council approved the appointment of J. Wachtman, F. Young, and M. Fine to the JMR Advisory Review Board.

Council approved changes in the MRS Bylaws to split the Education Committee into two committees. One, to be called the Academic Affairs Committee, will serve in an advisory capacity to Student Chapters. It will also assess educational needs in materials science and technology and recommend appropriate action. The other committee, to be called the Continuing Education Committee, will be responsible for the MRS short course program and other continuing education activities of the Society.

The Academic Affairs portion of the Education Committee was very active in

1987, gaining Council approval for new Student Chapters at the University of Michigan, University of Florida, Alfred University, and University of Minnesota. The total number of MRS Student Chapters now stands at 14.

Second vice president Bob Chang reported on the progress of various MRS international activities. Plans for the MRS international meetings to be held in Japan in 1988 are proceeding well. A meeting of international representatives interested in MRS-type activities held during the MRS Fall Meeting had a record 32 participants, with representatives from Australia, China, France, Germany, Great Britain, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, and the United States.

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E. N. Kaufmann Receives Woody Award at 1987 MRS Fall Meeting



MRS BULLETIN Editorial Board Chairman, Elton N. Kaufmann (above right), was presented with the MRS Woody Award by past president Gordon Pike (above left) following the December 4, 1988 session of the MRS Council meeting. The Woody Award was initiated by former MRS president Harry J. Leamy in 1984 and was named by him after its first recipient C.W. (Woody) White, the 1984 president of the Society. It is given to an MRS volunteer who, following the model established by White, devotes to MRS activities over an extended period of time a level of time and energy that considerably exceeds all reasonable expectations. The recipient is chosen by the chairman of the MRS Awards Committee after consultation with Society leadership. Leamy himself received the award in 1985 and 1987 MRS president Kathleen C. Taylor received it in 1986.

Kaufmann's association with MRS began in 1979. He cochaired a symposium at the 1980 annual meeting, was a meeting

chair in 1982, had a formative role in and chaired the Corporate Participation Committee, and was second and first vice president, president, and immediate past president from 1983 through 1986. During his involvement, he played major roles in instituting the MRS headquarters office in Pittsburgh, PA, initiating the MRS published symposium proceedings series, and the founding of *Journal of Materials Research*. As MRS BULLETIN Editorial Board Chairman since the beginning of 1986, he has been overseeing the expansion of the BULLETIN and acting as a de facto technical editor. Kaufmann was chairman of the MRS External Affairs Committee in 1987.

Volunteer organizations find many ways to thank people for helping, and MRS provides certificates of appreciation to many who devote time and talent to Society pursuits. These are small tokens but sincerely given. The Woody Award is unique because, as the inscription on the base of this year's award states, it recognizes a level of selfless effort "approaching self-immolation"—a rather extreme circumstance! In accepting the award Kaufmann said that "the real reward has been the privilege of working alongside dedicated colleagues, the sheer fun of meeting and solving the many challenges MRS has faced, and the satisfaction of seeing the fruits of the labor result in the vital and productive Society which MRS has become." MRS

1988 MRS Spring Meeting Deadlines

- Hotel Reservations
March 6
- Meeting
Preregistration
March 16
- Short Course
Preregistration
March 21