

New England American Vacuum Society (NE-AVS)
Minutes from Board Meeting (Jan. 26, 2017)

Agenda:

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Next Meeting Date: TBD

In attendance: Bill Trotter (Chair), Dick Jacobs (Treasurer), Jim Whitten (Secretary), Bob Childs, Earl Ada. The meeting was held in the UMass Lowell Chemistry office.

Election Results

The officer election results were presented. 13 votes were received out of 192 members of the chapter. The results were:

Bill Trotter (Chair)
Mike Connors (Vice Chair)
Dick Jacobs (Treasurer)
Jim Whitten (Secretary)

Note: Earl Ada was appointed as the "education and academic outreach" committee chair.

Treasurer's Report

Dick Jacobs noted that the balance in the checking account is \$8,500.

Short Course Programs

A deposit of \$750 was paid to the UMass Lowell Inn and Conference Center (ICC) to reserve rooms for the short courses, which are tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 8th and Friday, June 9th, 2017. Potential short course titles are: Overview of Vacuum Technology (2-day course); Evaporation for Thin Film Deposition; Analysis of Mass Spectrometer (RGA) Spectra; Atomic Force Microscopy, a Toolkit for Nanotechnology Characterization: Overview, Best Practices and Industrial Applications (2-day course); and Microanalytical Techniques of Scanning Electron Microscopy with Energy-Dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy (2-day course).

NanoWorcester Event Support

“NanoWorcester”, organized by Prof. Nancy Burnham at WPI is scheduled for April 14-15, 2017. This is the second such conference. It was noted that NE-AVS co-sponsored the first NanoWorcester event in 2015. NE-AVS involvement in this year’s event was unclear. Bill Trotter said he would contact Prof. Burnham to discuss the role for NE-AVS.

Note added after meeting: Bill discussed the issue with Prof. Burnham, and it was determined that NE-AVS would not be an active participant during this year’s event. “NanoWorcester” has teamed up with the American Physics Society, however, NE-AVS agreed to send out a promotional email to its active members.

Creation of LinkedIn Account

The need for greater web presence by NE-AVS was discussed, for example, by having a “LinkedIn” page. Bill indicated he would look into this.

Symposium’s Status

It was confirmed that the symposium that has been held in June in past years (but not last year) will NOT run this coming June. Instead, the section will focus on the short courses.