

Since the 1986 Boston meeting, three full-time employees have joined the staff at MRS headquarters to provide support for the MRS BULLETIN, data processing, and member services. Approximately 1,000 ft² of badly needed space has been added to headquarters as well. These additions, coupled with considerable progress in implementing the new computer system and in updating accounting items, have dramatically increased the capacity of the headquarters staff to handle Society operations.

Over 25 books are scheduled for publication by MRS in 1987 according to Gail Oare, Director of Publications. MRS publishes proceedings of MRS symposia as well as proceedings of other conferences deemed of high interest to MRS members. A catalog listing MRS publications is scheduled for release in September.

As MRS members have undoubtedly noticed, the MRS BULLETIN has grown dramatically and with greatly increased technical content. Council authorized the BULLETIN to become a monthly publication in 1988. Twelve issues will provide more up-to-date information on topics of interest to MRS members.

The Subcommittee on Program Development presented Council with ideas for ensuring broad participation of the materials community in MRS meetings. These recommendations were endorsed by Council and will be included in the handbook being prepared for meeting chairs.

Council reviewed the short course program with regard to overall quality and the options offered. Short courses have so far been offered in three formats: in conjunction with MRS meetings, on-site at a company location, and sponsored by an MRS Section. In anticipation that additional Student Chapters and local Sections may want to sponsor short courses, Council adopted a set of guidelines for their participation. Education Committee cochair Al Romig outlined the steps the Education Committee will follow to ensure that all courses are of high quality. The Short Course Committee exercises judgment on short course quality, on the peer review of notes, and on student evaluation reports.

Council approved amendments to the MRS Bylaws clarifying the relationship between MRS and its Sections and Chapters. These changes will appear in the 1987 Membership Directory.

Bob Chang reported on the progress of meetings planned in Japan in 1988 which will be sponsored or cosponsored by MRS. During the European MRS meeting in Strasbourg June 2-5, 1987, there will be a meeting of several organizations representing different regions of the world with a common interest in MRS-type meetings.

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Journal of Materials Research Successfully Completes First Half of Volume 2

With publication of its upcoming May/June issue, *Journal of Materials Research* successfully completes the first half of its second volume. Comprised of three full issues, this half of Volume 2 contains over 400 pages and almost 50 articles. Two extensive review articles and three rapid communications, each touching on important topics in materials research today, are featured in these issues.

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