

**MRS Publications Committee Meeting  
March 7, 2023**

**Participants**

Linda Schadler, Chair
Rich Vaia
Bill Weber
Bob Nemanich
Eileen Kiley

**Action Items**

<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Task</b>
Publications Committee	Suggest candidates for Books Editorial Board
Publications Committee	Suggest candidates for MRS Energy & Sustainability Editor-in-Chief
Publications Committee	Suggest new members for Publications Committee. Eileen to send lists of recent Meeting Chairs and Symposium Organizers.
Linda and Eileen	Review suggestions for April 10 ESPS meeting; establish agenda; line up speakers

**Agenda**

- 2023 MRS Spring Meeting plans
- New Books Editorial Board Chair
- MRS Energy & Sustainability Editor-in-Chief Search
- New Publications Committee Members
- Input on what to cover at the April 10 Editorial Strategic Planning Subcommittee (Pubs Committee, EICs, MRS HQ, and EICs) Meeting in San Francisco

**Minutes**

**2023 MRS Spring Meeting plans**

Eileen reviewed publications-related and other meetings and activities of interest at the 2023 MRS Spring Meeting. Linda Schadler and Bill Weber will attend the meeting in person.

Monday, April 10

- 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Editorial Strategic Planning SC
- 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm MRS Communications Lecture
- 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Essentials of Getting Your Work Published (Linda: moderator)
- 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm President’s Reception

Tuesday, April 11

- 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm Exhibit Hall (Publications booth) open (*posters 5-7 pm*)
- 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm Publications reception

Wednesday, April 12

- 11:00 am – 7:00 pm Exhibit Hall (Publications booth) open (*posters 5-7 pm*)
- 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, April 13

- 11:00 am – 7:00 pm Exhibit Hall (Publications booth) open (*posters 5-7 pm*)

### **New Books Editorial Board Chair**

Linda announced that Francesca Iacopi of the University of Technology Sydney will be the new Books Editorial Board Chair. She asked the committee for suggestions for Editorial Board Members. Current members include: Ron Gibala, Neville Moody, and Xiaoqing Pan. Linda suggested Yunfeng Shi of Rensselaer.

Discussion about the books series:

The series includes textbooks and monographs. The new Chair will work with the Board and Springer Nature on the strategic focus for commissioning (readership, topical focus).

A model similar to Annual Reviews might be considered, with editors compiling topical volumes each year. This might be similar to the MRS Bulletin Volume Organizer model (which has been discontinued as of 2023).

Tutorials, webinars, and Symposium X are a good resource for book content. We might consider providing transcripts to facilitate the process for authors. Question and answer could be an appendix.

Reference books, partnering with organizations like NIST, may be worth investigating.

### **MRS Energy & Sustainability Editor-in-Chief (EIC) Search**

Shirley Meng will step down as MRS Energy & Sustainability EIC in May 2024. A Search Task Force will begin work soon, with a goal of interviewing candidates in late summer. Publications Committee suggestions for EIC candidates are welcome.

### **New Publications Committee Members**

Linda would like to expand the Publications Committee roster and increase diversity, and asked the committee members for suggestions. Eileen will send lists of recent Meeting Chairs and Symposium Organizers (ideally those who have served multiple times). Rich suggested Rajesh Naik and Wendy Goodson.

The suggestion was made that we compile a list of meeting chairs and multiple symposium organizers and then look at their publishing activity in MRS to see if people come to the forefront. This would be a less biased way to look for additional members.

**Input on what to cover at the April 10 Editorial Strategic Planning Subcommittee (Pubs Committee, EICs, MRS HQ, and EICs) Meeting in San Francisco**

Linda asked for input on the April 10 ESPS agenda. The current agenda will include updates from the December meeting:

- Editors: engaging with editorial boards (regular meetings, commissioning, etc.)
- Eileen: membership for MRS authors
- Ramesh and Ellen: MRS Fellows and Distinguished Invited Speakers

The following topics were suggested, with guest speakers

- OSTP Public Access Memorandum
  - Possible speakers: Someone from MaRDA; Michael Cooke (DOE)
- Springer Nature tools for forecasting hot topics
- Life of a journal article (from meeting presentation, through publication, through post meeting social media promotion)

Linda and Eileen will work with the ideas and bring some in for this meeting and others into later meetings. Thanks for all the good input!