

Chronology of the Events Leading to the Founding and Subsequent
Functioning of the Materials Research Society

- 1967-1973 Informal conversations and preliminary meetings.
- May 23, 1973 Inaugural Meeting, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.
Adopted charter which stated the Society's purpose as follows: "The Materials Research Society will serve and promote the common interests of those people involved in the preparation, characterization, design and utilization of materials. Particular emphasis is placed on research activities involving the interfaces of many scientific and engineering disciplines. This is a professional society specifically designed to appeal to a community of scientists and engineers trained in a broad spectrum of fields: physics, metallurgy, electrical engineering, ceramics, chemistry, polymer science, engineering mechanics, chemical engineering, etc."
Elected first set of officers: President - Harry Gatos, MIT; Vice President - Rustum Roy, Penn State University; Secretary - Mark Myers, Xerox; Treasurer - Leonard Weisberg, Itek.
- May, 1975 First issue of MRS Newsletter.
- March 24-25, 1975 Second Annual Meeting and technical conference on "Defect-Property Relationships in Solids" held at Princeton University. Aram Tarpinian, Army Materials and Mechanics Research Center, appointed first Executive Secretary.
- November, 1976 Officers elected: President - Rustum Roy, Penn State University; Vice President - K.A. Jackson, Bell Labs; Secretary - W.R. Bottoms, Princeton University; Treasurer - S.E.B. Petrie, Kodak.
- November 15-17, 1976 Third Annual Meeting, Hyatt Regency Cambridge, Cambridge, Mass. Six symposia.
First Von Hippel Award, honoring Prof. Arthur von Hippel of MIT for a significant contribution to interdisciplinary research and cooperation in materials science and engineering, presented to Prof. von Hippel.
- January, 1977 Society offices transferred to Materials Research Laboratory, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.
- November, 1977 Officers elected: President - K.A. Jackson, Bell Labs; Vice President - R.J.H. Voorhoeve, Bell Labs, Secretary - R.E. Newnham, Penn State University; Treasurer - S.E.B. Petrie, Kodak. Ernest M. Hawk appointed Executive Secretary; Aram Tarpinian appointed Annual Meeting Secretary.

- November 14-16, 1977 Fourth Annual Meeting, Boston Sheraton Hotel, Boston, Mass. Sixteen symposia.
- November, 1978 Officers elected: President - R.J.H. Voorhoeve, Bell Labs; Secretary - R.E. Newnham, Penn State University; Treasurer - S.E.B. Petrie, Kodak.
- November 28 -
December 1, 1978 Fifth Annual Meeting, Boston Sheraton Hotel, Boston, Mass. Nine symposia.
Von Hippel Award presented to William O. Baker, President of Bell Telephone Laboratories.
- November, 1979 Officers elected: President - J.M. Poate, Bell Labs; First Vice President - K.N. Tu, IBM; Second Vice President - C.J. Northrup, Sandia Labs; Secretary - B.C. Giessen, Northeastern University; Treasurer - K.C. Taylor, General Motors.
- November 26-30, 1979 Sixth Annual Meeting, Hyatt Regency Cambridge, Cambridge, Mass. Thirteen symposia. David Trunbull, Professor of Applied Physics, Harvard University, recipient of Von Hippel Award.
- November, 1980 Officers elected: President - K.N. Tu, IBM; Vice President - C.J. Northrup, Sandia Labs; Secretary - B.C. Giessen, Northeastern University; Treasurer - K.C. Taylor, General Motors.
- November 16-20, 1980 Seventh Annual Meeting, Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, Mass. Thirteen Symposia. Von Hippel Award presented to W. Conyers Herring, Professor of Applied Physics, Stanford University.