

The NAMS MMRG meeting was held on the evening of Tuesday, 18th August at the annual IMAGE conference, George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston. NAMS is the North American Micropaleontology Section of SEPM, and the MMRG is the Marine Micropaleontology Research Group. A small but enthusiastic group of around 15-20 members joined in person for the session.

The meeting started with the announcement of the incoming council: Rob Campbell (President), Vann Smith (Past-President), Sam Morrison (Secretary), Will Clark (Treasurer), and Jens Schmieder (Editor/Web Designer). We thanked outgoing council members Xiuju Liu and Bryan Ladner for their service as Web Designer and Treasurer. We also thanked Vann Smith and the organizing committee of the Microfossils V conference, hosted by Rich Denne and Chris Lowery at the UT BEG facility in Austin, April 2026.

Plans for the coming year were discussed, including; reestablishing the NAMS newsletter, seeking and assessing applications for the Jones-O'Neill Award for Student Research, and a potential biostratigraphy session at IMAGE 2027. We also voted to hold the next "Geologic Problem Solving with Microfossils VI" conference at the BEG in Austin in April 2029.

Following these organization discussions we had two technical presentations. Vann Smith presented on "Zombie taxa and other biostratigraphic concepts" and Rob Campbell on "Comparison of the Aptian-Cenomanian marine sections in the eastern Gulf of America and Brazilian Campos/Santos Basins."

Thanks to those that attended, and especially to Howard Harper and SEPM for providing the venue, projector, and refreshments.