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To Members and Friends of the Boston Section of TMS:

Welcome back to our 2003-2004 season.

The Boston Section of TMS is currently one of only five local sections of TMS that remain active (<http://www.tms.org/Society/local-sections.html>). This year the Executive Committee has decided to take a more proactive approach, than in recent years past, and host a number of TMS meetings. Our intent is to grow the number of active participants by offering a diverse program of materials research and development. Toward the end of this year's program, ballots will be distributed to nominate and elect a new Executive Committee for the 2004-2005 season. I expect the approach to the program taken this year to kick off a new era in the Boston Section of TMS, which will require new members of the Executive Committee to maintain fresh, exciting ideas for expansion and perfection of the program.

This year's program has 5 interesting lectures, and a plant tour of H.C. Starck. Most of the meetings will be held at the MIT Faculty Club jointly with another professional society. Please mark your calendar and make sure to attend the meetings.

The National TMS organization no longer offers local section rebates for each member, therefore, the local dues are very important to our ability to function. In order to remain on our mailing list and enjoy our excellent meetings with discounted dinners, please send your local dues, still only \$7 for members and \$2 for students, and the dues coupon below to the Boston Section Treasurer, Sam Davis.

I look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

Best regards,

Charles Tuffile, Ph.D. Chair, Boston Section TMS