

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of the Meteoritical Society

August 1, 2004, Hotel Sofitel, Rio de Janeiro

Present: Gary Huss, President; Kevin McKeegan, Treasurer; Ed Scott, Secretary; Gero Kurat, Past President; Councilors: Addi Bischoff, Guy Consolmagno, Christian Koeberl, Sara Russell, and Mike Zolensky.

Absent: Adrian Brearley, Trevor Ireland, Herbert Palme, Mini Wadhwa.

Guests: Joe Goldstein, Jeff Grossman, Henning Haack, Jutta Zipfel (2005-6 Council members), Rosa Scorzelli (2004 meeting), Hap McSween (2005 meeting and Publications Committee), Larry Taylor (2005 meeting), Rainer Wieler (2006 meeting); Tim Jull (MAPS Editor and 2007 meeting); Jay Melosh and Uwe Reimold (Barringer Award), Tim Swindle (2006 meeting and Leonard Medal).

1. Introductions, minutes, etc.

The meeting was called to order at 1.05 pm by President Gary Huss who welcomed Council members and guests to the meeting. The minutes of the last Council meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Society Meetings

2004 Rio de Janeiro

Rosa Scorzelli reported that 207 people had already registered for the meeting including 24 guests; 10 late registrants were anticipated. The registrants come from 22 countries and include 28 from Brazil. 223 abstracts had been scheduled; 149 for oral presentation including invited talks and 74 poster presentations. 24 students had received travel awards to attend the meeting using grants from NASA, Barringer Crater Company, Planetary Studies Foundation, Pallasite Press, International Center for Theoretical Physics, and a fund for Latin Americans. With financial support for the meeting from many Brazilian funding agencies and organizations, Scorzelli hoped that the meeting would break even.

2005 Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Hap McSween and Larry Taylor reported on preparations for the 2005 meeting and circulated copies of the first announcement (Appendix 1). The meeting will be held at the Glenstone Lodge, where favorable room rates would be offered. The banquet will be held at the Biltmore House in Asheville, North Carolina on Thursday after a bus trip through the Great Smoky Mountains. The abstracts will be published in MAPS before the meeting so participants can bring their own copies. A CD would be available at the meeting. Registration would be approximately \$250, assuming 300 to 400 people attend.

2006 Zurich

Rainer Wieler reported that although Halliday is moving to Oxford, Wieler is confident that the meeting can be scheduled as planned. The LPI has agreed to help with abstract handling. Wednesday afternoon will be reserved for a boat ride to Rapperswil from Zurich. The evening banquet will probably be held by the lake. The meeting would probably end about lunch time on Friday.

2007 Tucson

Tim Jull asked the council to help fix the date of the meeting. The meeting will probably be held at J. W. Marriott Starr Pass Resort, although there are other possible locations. He presented room rates and expected weather conditions for four weeks between August 19 and September 21 (Appendix 2).

Motion: The Council prefers to meet in Tucson August 26 to 31, 2007. Proposed Koeberl; seconded Kurat. Passed unanimously.

2009

Gary Huss reported that official invitations had been received from Nancy (Bernard Marty and colleagues) and from Toronto (G. Srinivasan) (Appendix 3). Marina Ivanova and colleagues at Vernadsky Institute of Geochemistry in Moscow had also expressed interest in hosting the meeting in Ekaterinburg with Viktor Grohovsky from the Ural State Technical University. In addition Sara Russell reported that an offer could be expected from the UK to hold the meeting in Greenwich or Oxford. It was generally felt that the 2009 meeting should be held in Europe but no formal vote was taken.

3. Meteorite Nomenclature Committee

Jeff Grossman reported that he will resign as Chair at the end of the year when he becomes secretary, but will continue as a member. A proposed change in the Bylaws for the Meteorite Nomenclature Committee drafted by Jeff Grossman and Ed Scott had been circulated to the council via email in June (Appendix 4). Changes were needed to allow Monica Grady to serve as Chair of the committee.

Motion: Council approves the proposed Bylaw changes. Proposed Koeberl; seconded Russell. Passed unanimously.

Grossman reported that new guidelines for names of new meteorites had been drafted to address problems with geographical names and pairing in Africa and elsewhere. The committee will discuss the guidelines in Rio and vote by email in a few weeks as not enough members were in Rio. The new Meteoritical Bulletin contained information for 1,600 new meteorites; the recent exponential growth in numbers appears to have ended.

4. GCA Editors Report

Frank Podosek's written report (Appendix 5) was presented by Gary Huss. Some production problems had been solved. Other issues included publication by members of a consortium that appeared to conflict with consortium policies, and changes in the front cover of GCA. The Council inferred that the former issue should be left to the GCA Editor.

5. Joint Publications Committee report

The written report from the JPC Chair, Nathaniel Ostrom, (Appendix 6a) had been circulated before the meeting. The Committee requested that the council approve changes to the bylaws of the Meteoritical and Geochemical Societies, as a Vice-Chair of the Committee has not been appointed for many years. The Committee consulted with Podosek and proposed to eliminate the position of Vice-Chair. (Appendix 6b).

Motion: Council approves the proposed changes in article 7 of the Society Bylaws. Proposed Kurat; seconded Bischoff. Passed unanimously.

6. MAPS Editor's Report

The possibility of offering electronic access to MAPS without print copies was discussed. There was support for offering electronic access only to libraries next year through the existing service with Ingenta, but not for members. The Editor and Publications Committee would investigate offering options for members.

Motion: The Council authorizes the MAPS Editor to establish a library subscription rate for electronic access without print copies for 2005 in consultation with the Publications Committee. Proposed Koeberl; seconded Zolensky. Passed unanimously.

Jull reported that the collection of abstract fees by the MAPS office was successful. 94% of the abstracts had been paid for and 7 were promised at the meeting.

Motion: The Council requests organizers of future Annual Meetings to arrange with the MAPS Editor for abstract fees to be paid when authors submit abstracts, as was done for the Rio meeting. Proposed Zolensky; seconded McKeegan. Passed unanimously.

It was noted that the meeting guidelines should be changed in accordance with this policy.

7. Treasurer's Report

Kevin McKeegan gave a Powerpoint presentation summarizing the Society's finances. At the end of 2003 we had 878 members. If 950 members pay dues this year, we would have a deficit of \$7K. He therefore recommended that the annual dues for 2005 be increased to \$120 and \$60 for students. The surcharge for airmail delivery of MAPS for members in Europe will be eliminated as all copies are now sent to Europe by bulk air carrier. The Endowment Funds increased by 23% during the last year to \$351K. After much discussion about the dues and Society finances the Council voted on the annual dues.

Motion: The annual dues for 2005 shall be kept at the 2004 levels: \$110 for members and \$55 for students. Proposed Consolmagno; seconded Kurat. Passed, 5 votes to 2 with 1 abstention.

8. Investments Committee

Joe Goldstein reported that the Committee planned to obtain professional advice on investing and consolidating various investments. The Nier Fund stood at \$40K and should be sufficient to maintain the annual award at \$1500. A fund-raising campaign was planned to raise the endowments.

9. Society website

A report from Matt Genge about the Society's website was circulated before the meeting (Appendix 8). New tools have been developed to help the Meteoritical Bulletin editors. Meteorite records are now added to a database and an electronic GIS facility allows editors to view the locations of meteorite falls and finds. Further developments are planned following discussions between Genge and Sara Russell. New sections for members and jobs will require some additional funding.

10. Report of Best Student Paper Award Committee

A written report from Uli Ott (Appendix 9a) had been circulated to the Council. Guy Consolmagno presented the Committee's recommendations. Three strong candidates had been proposed for the award.

Motion: The Council accepts the recommendation of the Best Student Paper Award Committee that the award be presented to Shoichi Itoh of the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Tokyo Institute of Technology, for his work on chondrules and refractory inclusions in meteorites, published in Nature in 2003. Proposed Russell, seconded Zolensky; passed unanimously.

The Committee also recommended that the name of the award be changed to the Paul Pellas - Graham Ryder Award to honor these scientists and give the award better visibility (see also letter from incoming chair, Mike Kelley: Appendix 9b).

Motion: The Council accepts the Committee's recommendation to rename the Best Student Paper Award the Paul Pellas - Graham Ryder Award. Proposed Righter, seconded Russell; passed unanimously.

Motion: The Council requests the treasurer to pay recipients of the Paul Pellas - Graham Ryder Award from the Endowment Funds. Proposed Zolensky; seconded Russell. Passed unanimously.

The Council also approved the request of the Committee to change its guidelines so that the deadline for this award is moved from January 15 to January 31, as some journals are late to publish their final issues of the year. The deadline for other awards stays at January 15.

The GSA, which cosponsors the award, has also approved all these changes.

11. Barringer Medal Selection Committee

Jay Melosh and Uwe Reimold presented the report of the Barringer Medal Selection Committee from Boris Ivanov, (Appendix 10), which had been mailed to the Council before the meeting. The Committee recommended that the next Barringer Medal be awarded to Billy P. Glass.

Motion: The Council accepts the recommendation of the Barringer Medal Selection Committee that the 2005 Barringer Medal be awarded to Billy P. Glass. Proposed by Koeberl, seconded Zolensky: unanimously approved.

12. Leonard Medal Committee

The report of the Leonard Medal Committee from the chair, Greg Herzog, was presented by Tim Swindle (Appendix 11). It had been mailed to Council members five weeks before the meeting. The Committee, which consisted of Herzog, Nagahara, Chaussidon, Swindle, and Podosek, met at Houston and later voted and corresponded via email. The Committee presented its recommendations for the Leonard Medal, Nier Prize, and Society Fellows.

Motion: The Council accepts the recommendation of the LMC that the 2005 Leonard Medal be presented to Joseph I. Goldstein. Proposed Consolmagno, seconded Zolensky. Passed unanimously.

Motion: The Council accepts the recommendation of the LMC that the 2005 Nier Prize be presented to Nicolas Dauphas. Proposed Koeberl, seconded McKeegan; passed unanimously.

The Committee recommended that nine members be elected Fellows of the Society. The Council voted with paper ballots on all the nominees and unanimously elected the following Fellows:

Thomas J. Bernatowicz, Richard P. Binzel, Marc W. Caffee, Ralph Harvey, David A. Kring, Timothy J. McCoy, Joseph A. Nuth, Wolf Uwe Reimold, and Brigitte Zanda.

13. Other business

Huss led a discussion about future directions for the Society. A proposal originally made by Joe Goldstein to set up an ad hoc Membership Committee was enthusiastically endorsed. This committee could investigate why the number of members had dropped and how services to members could be improved to increase the membership. McKeegan noted that new members once received a welcome package with information about the Society, its awards, activities, journals, website etc. Various suggestions were discussed: advertising at AGU meetings, cosponsoring workshops, developing a new logo, etc. Huss proposed that the ad hoc Membership Committee should consist of Russell, Bischoff, McKeegan, Koeberl, Consolmagno, Zolensky, and Goldstein. The membership of the Committee was unanimously approved.

Minutes by Ed Scott with help from Gary Huss, 2/28/05

Appendices

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