

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF THE METEORITICAL SOCIETY,  
1960 SEPT. 1

The business meeting was called to order by President Russell about 1:15 p.m. Dr. Russell read a letter from D. M. Barringer, which contained the following paragraph; "In our opinion it would be eminently suitable if the members of the Meteoritical Society gathered for its twenty-third annual meeting should recognize the deep obligation which the Society, and the science, will always owe to Frederick Leonard."

To this end a resolution (see copy enclosed) was presented to the members. R. W. Barringer moved and O. E. Monnig seconded the adoption of this tribute. The resolution was approved unanimously and it was decided that an embossed copy of the resolution should be presented to Dr. Leonard's widow.

Dr. Russell next informed the members that the Council at its meeting on Tuesday evening, August 30, had suggested the establishment of a Leonard Memorial Fund. The purpose of which would be to present from time to time, in the memory of Frederick C. Leonard, a LEONARD MEMORIAL MEDAL for an outstanding contribution in the field of meteoritics. The membership enthusiastically approved the Leonard Memorial Fund and directed your Secretary to solicit the Society for contributions. For your convenience I am enclosing a form to be returned to me with your check. It was felt by those who have inquired into the cost of casting a medal that a few hundred dollars should cover the anticipated cost and perpetuation of the LEONARD MEMORIAL MEDAL.

Next it was announced that, through Frederick Leonard's efforts in 1959, Fellows of the Meteoritical Society are now eligible for automatic election as Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

At the invitation of the Society's Editor, Dr. Dorrit Hoffleit, the next meeting of the Society (in 1961) will be held at the Maria Mitchell Observatory on Nantucket Island. The dates have not been chosen definitely, but tentatively the meeting will be held on the 16th and 17th of June, the Friday and Saturday before the American Astronomical Society meets, so that interested persons may attend both meetings.

Dr. Russell expressed the Society's appreciation to the Barringer Crater Company for publishing the American Meteor Notes for 1959.

R. W. Barringer asked that he be notified regarding any person who might be interested in being editor for a book on meteors and meteorites.

The business meeting closed with a discussion of the Odessa Meteorite Craters and surrounding land. After some discussion the following resolution was passed by those present:

"Resolved that the Meteoritical Society go on record as favoring the preservation of the site of the Odessa Craters in the most feasible way possible. The Texas Memorial Museum, or the Texas State Park System, or other similar body would be a suitable agency to exercise control to the end of preserving this natural wonder."

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerald L. Rowland, Secretary