

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE METEORITICAL SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 2, 1966

Washington Room, Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C.

The meeting was called to order by President Peter M. Millman at 8:25 p.m. Others in attendance were Oscar E. Monnig, Edward P. Henderson, Richard W. Barringer, and Roy S. Clarke, Jr. acting as secretary pro tem. Gerald L. Rowland and John A. Russell arrived late in the evening but in time for a review of the proceedings and to present their reports.

Minutes

The minutes of the last Council meeting (Oct. 22 and 23, 1965) had been circulated to all members of the Council and Pres. Millman presented a summary of them. On motion, they were approved as circulated.

Business growing out of minutes

It was noted that Gerald Rowland, Walter Zimmerman, and Paul Healy (with some prodding from Brandon Barringer) had arranged to obtain the Society's property that had been in a safety deposit box in Albuquerque, N. M., released and turned over to the treasurer, W. W. Zimmerman.

After a brief discussion of page charges, etc., the question of increased support for Meteoritics was tabled.

Peter Millman reported on his work with the UNESCO Working Group on meteorites. A directory of meteorite collections and of people working on meteorites is in preparation and will be published by UNESCO. About 60 countries will be covered by the end of November, and the directory will go to press at that time.

Plans are in preparation for an international symposium on meteorites to be held in Vienna, Austria, in 1968. The host institution will be the International Atomic Energy Agency. The meeting will probably be held before the International Geologic Congress, perhaps in the first half of August, 1968. Sponsoring institutions will be the International Council of Scientific Unions, the International Astronomical Union, the International Union of Geological Sciences, and UNESCO. The chairman of the organizing committee is Dr. G. Harbottle of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Dr. Millman reported that these programs will conclude the work of the UNESCO Working Group on Meteorites. UNESCO will terminate most of its current activity in the areas of astronomy and space science.

Dr. Millman reported that he had received a letter of regret from Dr. E. L. Krinov. Dr. Krinov will be unable to attend the annual meeting this year due to a heavy schedule in Moscow.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report was presented by Gerald Rowland and was approved as presented. Thirty (30) new members had been approved by the Executive Committee of the Council since the last Council meeting. Expenses for mailing in the amount of \$36.07 had been incurred.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Millman read a letter from the treasurer, Walter Zimmerman, expressing his regrets at being unable to attend the meeting. An enclosed Treasurer's report for the calendar year 1965 (see Appendix A) was read, discussed, and on motion, accepted.

New Business

A motion carried recommending that the registration fee of annual meetings be raised to five dollars (\$5.00).

Pres. Millman pointed out that this 29th Annual Meeting is an electoral meeting and that all of the constitutional requirements for selection of candidates and conduct of the election had been carried out. Much of the work has been borne by the office of the president in Ottawa. It was noted that for the first time in anyone's memory a group of fellows had presented a separate list of nominees for a number of positions on the ballot.

A motion carried to ask Louis Walter, and Ralph Hall, with Charles Lewis as an alternate, to serve as scrutineers for the election, the counting of ballots to take place after noon on November 3, and prior to the Presidential Address on that same evening.

A brief discussion of the production of the Frederick C. Leonard medal followed.

Arrangements for the Society's Business Meeting on the morning of November 3 were discussed. It was noted that Dr. Sidney R. Geller, Assistant Secretary for Science, Smithsonian Institution, would officially welcome the group at the opening of the business meeting.

The program committee had selected chairman for all but 3 sessions. At Pres. Millman's suggestion John A. Russell, Edward P. Henderson, and Richard W. Barringer agreed to chair these 3 sessions.

The recent death of Henry Horback was noted. He had been a member of the Society for only a few months.

It was also noted that Mrs. Rhoda Walton Leonard, widow of Frederick C. Leonard and a friend of the Society for many years, had died during the year.

A motion carried to accept the offer of H. Julian Allen to hold our next (30th) annual meeting at the Ames Research Center of NASA at Moffett Field, California.

A discussion of the problems of choosing a recipient of the Leonard Medal followed with the recommendation being made that this area be one of prime concern for the new Council. There were no nominations on hand. It was hoped that a mechanism could be developed to select awardees in an orderly manner from a field of prospects, and that action could be taken sufficiently before the next annual meeting so that a presentation could be made at that time. It was noted that the first few awardees of the medal will set the pattern for the future. If the medal is to achieve important recognition among workers in meteoritics, great care will have to be taken in selecting awardees.

The meeting was adjourned at a late hour. Respectfully submitted,

Gerald L. Rowland,
Secretary
and Roy S. Clarke, Jr., Secretary pro tem.

Minutes of the Meteoritical Society Council Meeting Friday, November 4, 1966

The meeting was convened at 1:30 p.m. in the library of the Department of Mineral Sciences, Smithsonian Institution. President Carleton B. Moore presiding. The meeting was a joint meeting of the new and retiring councils.

New council present: Peter Millman, Brandon Barringer, Robert Dietz, John O'Keefe, Ursula Marvin, Dorrit Hoffleit, Roy Clarke, Edward Anders, Richard Barringer, Klaus Keil, Brian Mason and Eugene Shoemaker. Kurt Fredriksson was excused.

Retiring council present: Oscar Monnig, John Russell and Gerald Rowland.

Future presentations of the Leonard Medal and the selection of recipients was discussed. There was general agreement that selection should be the work of a committee, seriously considering the background of a number of possible recipients. President Moore was authorized to appoint a committee specifically for this purpose.

President Moore discussed briefly and in a general way ideas for the future operation of the Society. He pointed out that there is a need for several committees to work in important areas. A committee for updating the constitution will be needed. One of the most important areas requiring immediate attention is that of the publication of Meteoritics. A committee to work with our editor will be appointed. President Moore suggested that the history of the Society, particularly its earlier phases, should be written in the near future. A candidate for this assignment will be sought.

The selection of a site for the 1968 annual meeting was discussed in a general

way. Several sites were suggested but no one present made a definite offer.

The secretary read the names of nineteen individuals who had applied for membership in the Society during the 29th Annual Meeting. On motion the group, was, unanimously elected into membership in the Society.

The meeting was adjourned in hast to return to the scheduled sessions of scientific papers.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy S. Clarke, Jr. Secretary