

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Meteoritical Society

35th Annual Meeting

November 16, 1972

University of Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

The meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. with President Wood presiding. Members of the incumbent Council in attendance were Wood, Anders, Brett, Marvin, Bunch, Moore, Millman, Keil, Gault, Reed, El Goresy, Walter and Wasson. Members of the Council-elect included Rodman, Wetherill, Hutchison and Van Schmus. Denis Shaw, Editor of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* and Truman Kohman were in attendance by invitation.

Minutes and Secretary's Report - T.E. Bunch

The Secretary presented the minutes of the Council Meeting of January 9, 1972 (Houston, Texas), which were approved by the Council. The Secretary presented a report to the Council summarizing the membership that stands at a total of 476 members with one death, Robert Hill, and two resignations for the year.

Treasurer's Report - Ursula Marvin

The Treasurer gave a combined financial report for the years 1971 and 1972 that showed a low balance (checking account) before collection of 1973 dues. Treasurer Marvin indicated a grim financial future if the Council did not take steps to increase the income and reduce costs, particularly publication costs of *Meteoritics*. Pertinent discussion was delayed until the Finance committee report. A motion was made (Wasson) to suspend the subsidy to the Editor of *Geochimica* for 1972. Motion carried. A motion was made (Reed) that the indebtedness for 1972 of \$750.00 to the Editor of *Meteoritics* be temporarily suspended. Motion carried.

Editor's Report, Geochimica - Denis Shaw

Denis Shaw reported that the Journal's rejection rate was approximate 25 and an increase in the number of papers submitted was desirable. The subject fields were about the same; 37 papers dealing with meteorites and tektites and 11 papers concerning lunar sample research. The 1973 May issue would be devoted to Luna 20 papers. A discussion followed concerning the type of papers that were fitting for *Geochimica* and the apparent delay in publication time. It was agreed that a speed-up in publication time would make *Geochimica* more competitive for papers. Ed Anders moved that he be drafted to work out a speedier publication time and that this plan be communicated to members and interested researchers. Motion carried. Robin Brett suggested that the Meteoritical Society should have a liaison officer to work with *Geochimica* on issues concerning the Meteoritical Society. A motion was made by John Wood to appoint Ed Anders as liaison officer to *Geochimica* for a term of one year. Motion carried. A second motion was made by Robin Brett that the liaison officer shall have the authority (acting for the Meteoritical Society) to approve appointment of associate editors of *Geochimica* or refer to the Council for approval. Motion carried.

Old Business/Teller's Committee Report on Constitutional Reform - T.E. Bunch

Secretary Bunch reported that the Teller's Committee, consisting of Ray Reynolds

and Audrey Summers, had tallied at least 90% approval on all amendments to the proposed revised Constitution. John Wood moved that the tellers report be ratified. Motion carried. Bunch moved that the Constitution be published in *Meteoritics* in order that the entire Membership would have access to the Constitution. Motion carried.

1974 Annual Meeting.

President Wood informed the Council that John Wasson (UCLA - Los Angeles, California) had proposed hosting the 1974 Annual Meeting. Ursula Marvin with great gratitude and enthusiasm moved that the Council accept this invitation. Motion approved.

Leonard Medal Committee Report - T. Kohman

Committee members and terms expiration date.

Folinsbee	1972
Kohman	1973
Gault	1974
Anders	1975
Begemann	1976

Nine candidates were submitted to Chairman Kohman from Society Members. The first two choices and the basis for their nomination were given and the Council debated the merits of both candidates. President Wood reminded the Council that the Committee had been asked to submit two top candidates so that the Council could compare and choose the best candidate for the Leonard Medal. After a lengthy discussion, John Reynolds was the unanimous choice of the Council.

Editor's Report (Meteoritics) and Finance Committee Report (Combined) - Carleton Moore and Tom Rodman

Editor Moore summarized the publication and printing procedures of *Meteoritics* and recapped some of the costs involved as initially summarized by Managing Editor, George Boyd.

Tom Rodman gave the Finance Committee Report that can be outlined as follows:

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| 1. | NSF Foundation Grant - | unanimous yes |
| 2. | Barringer Crater Co. gift - | split vote |
| 3. | Page charge - | unanimous yes |
| 4. | Less costly paper (Meteoritics) - | split vote |
| 5. | Limit number of issues - | No. |
| 6. | Raise membership dues - | Yes |
| 7. | Library subscription rate increased - | No |

Lengthy discussion followed concerning the above items.

Discussion and Motion Summary

1. NSF support should be pursued - President Wood requested that Tom' Rodman and C. Moore update financial status and draft a proposal to NSF. Request put forth as a

motion by J. Wasson. Motion carried.

2. Barringer Company support - No action taken as the Barringers have been and are continuing to be quite generous in their financial support.

3. Page charges - Lou Walter read a letter addressed to President Wood written by Lou Walter on fund raising. John Wasson initiated a discussion on *Meteoritics* revision. Pertinent items of this discussion included the publishing of Meeting abstracts no officers on printed page, smaller type, bigger pages, multiple bids on printing, page charges and reprint charges to excessive.

The question of format change was passed over by the Council.

Motions:

(a) Motion by Ed Anders to issue 100 free reprints for paying authors and negotiate with the printer (Arrowhead Press) for the cost of additional reprints so as to reduce the total cost of reprints. Motion carried.

(b) Motion by Ed Anders that the Society shall cease to publish abstracts of the Annual Meeting in *Meteoritics*, but would furnish copies of the abstracts to all members. Motion defeated.

(c) Motion by Wasson to decrease cost of publishing cost of abstracts including having them set directly from typescript Motion died for lack of a second.

(d) Motion by Wasson that the abstracts he printed in *Meteoritics* and in a fashion that would incur the least amount of cost including printing of these abstract directly from the typescript submitted with the possibility of correcting typing errors. Motion defeated.

(e) Motion by Lou Walter to publish Meeting abstracts in type set at a cost of \$20.00 per page beginning with the 35th Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

(f) Motion by Millman to solicit \$20.00 per page as a page charge from those authors with the ability to pay. Motion carried. Motion by Wasson to reopen the page charge issue due to the closeness of the vote. Motion carried.

(g) Motion by Wasson to solicit \$18.00 per page as a page charge for those authors with the ability to pay. Motion carried

(h) Motion by Walter that the number of pages per issue of *Meteoritics* be limited to 500 or the limit may be placed at the discretion of the Editor based on his knowledge of the Society's financial status. Motion carried.

(i) Motion by Brett that abstracts should not be published by text, but published by title. Motion carried.

(j) Motion by Brett to raise membership dues to \$10.00 per year starting in 1974. Motion carried.

(k) Motion by Wasson that the Library subscription rate be set at \$30.00 per year commencing in 1974. Motion carried.

Other Old Business

Bunch suggested to the Council that the Articles of Incorporation be revised and updated with advise from legal counsel. President Wood appointed. Tom Rodman to revise the Articles of Incorporation.

New Business

Future NASA Research Support - President Wood pointed out to the Council that research monies are dwindling and that meteorite research has stiff competition from other research areas. He suggested that we not sit back, but rather we must indicate to NASA the continued interest and importance of meteorite research. He further informed the Council that from a conversation with Bob Bryson, we should take immediate action. A motion was made by Ursula Marvin to the effect that President Wood write a letter to NASA Headquarters on this subject within two weeks. Motion carried. Ed Anders moved that a committee consisting of 3 or 4 members be appointed by President Wood to compose a document in greater detail on the need for continuing financial support from NASA, This document would be completed by December 15, 1972 and be subject to editorial review by President Wood before submission to the necessary NASA authorities. Motion carried.

Invitation of Editor of "Geochimica" to attend Council Meetings

After a brief discussion Robin Brett moved that an invitation be extended to Denis Shaw to attend the Council Meetings on a continuing basis for the duration of his tenure as Executive Editor of *Geochimica*. Motion carried.

Policy on Kronid A. Lyubarsky.

Ed Anders read a letter concerning the plight of a noted Russian Scientist Kronid A. Lyubarsky who was jailed by Russian authorities for circulating the Chronicle of Current Events. Concerned U.S. Scientists felt that the extent of his guilt was not documented and that his sentencing was too harsh for the crime he supposedly committed. Anders then opened a discussion as to whether the Society should take an official stand on this matter. After a discussion by Council members a motion was made by Anders to announce the contents of the letter to Society members at the business meeting so that they could take their own course of action if they so desired. Motion carried.

Cratering Institute Proposal

A proposal from Jack Hartung to seek the Society's support in establishing a Cratering Institute was read by President Wood. After a brief discussion the Council denied the request.

Motion to adjourn was carried and the meeting finally ended at 12:35 a.m.
Secretary Bunch congratulated the Council for conducting the longest Council Meeting on record.

Respectfully submitted,

T.E. Bunch
Secretary, The Meteoritical Society