

Meteoritical Society Council Meeting Minutes
Bethlehem, PA, October 17, 1976

Members Present: U. Marvin, J. Wasson, P. Pellas, T. Rodman, E. Gibson, R. Clayton, R. Brett, A. Cameron, R. Dodd, J. Goldstein, P. Eberhardt, L. Wilkening, E. Scott, E. Olsen.

Invited Guests: D. Shaw, M. Duke, F. Begemann, R. Hutchison

President Marvin called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's report for the March 1976 meeting should be amended to read as follows:

A. Cameron reported that for the present time the Meteoritical Society should not consider any affiliation with the I.A.G.C.

The following motion was made regarding the Secretary's report: "The Secretary's report for the March 1976 meeting be accepted as amended and in cases where differences exist, the first version of the report should be accepted." The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report is given as attachment 1 to the Minutes. The Treasurer noted that 1976 will probably be the first time in several years that the Society's income is less than the expenditures. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Meteoritics Editor's Report: The report was not given in absence of the Editor.

Geochemica Editor's Report: D. Shaw presented the Editor's report and a summary of his report is given as Attachment 2. The Editor's report was accepted.

Publications Committee Report on Negotiations with Pergamon Press: R. Brett reported on negotiations with R. Maxwell of Pergamon Press regarding the Geochemica et Cosmochimica Acta contract. Attachment 3 summarizes the situation at the time of the Council meeting in Bethlehem. After much discussion, the Council made the following recommendations: The publisher should allocate 1400 pages/year at 950 words/page or the equivalent for each volume of GCA.

The following motion was made and passed by the Council: "The Meteoritical Society Council accepts and ratifies the report of the Publications Committee with the deletion of item 14, modification of item 3, and with proper definition of publication time."

A second motion was made and passed: "Should problems develop with the GCA contract as proposed, a committee composed of President Marvin and the Chairman of the Publications Committee (Brett), are authorized by the Council to reconcile the differences between the Societies and further differences between the Societies and Pergamon Press."

A third motion was made and passed: "The Meteoritical Society Council does not accept any proposed agreement between Pergamon Press and the Meteoritical Society until such time as a detailed statement of the finances of GCA over the past financial year is

transmitted to the Chairman of the Publications Committee by Pergamon. If such a statement is not transmitted by December 31, 1976, the Publications Committee is empowered to break off negotiations with Pergamon and search for another publisher."

Motion: "The Meteoritical Society Council approves the appointment of the two new Associate Editors for GCA." The motion passed.

Nomenclature Committee Report: The committee reported to Council on its efforts for nomenclature of meteorites. The committee submitted to Council a set of recommendations which are included as attachment 4 to the Minutes. Approval of the Council Minutes will constitute approval of the committee's report. The nomenclature rules are to be published in Meteoritics and Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta.

Report on Lehigh Meeting: J. Goldstein reported that 134 papers would be presented at the meeting -- the same number as presented at the Tours meeting. The Lunar Science Institute co-sponsored the meeting and provided financial assistance to the Lehigh hosts.

Report on 1977 Cambridge, England Meeting: E. Scott presented information (attachment 5) regarding the forthcoming meeting. The meeting dates will be July 25-29, 1977. The meeting will be preceded by a field trip to the Lake District of England.

Selection of 1978 Meeting Site: Two written invitations from Sudbury, Ontario, Canada and La Jolla, California had been received by the President. After much discussion the Sudbury, Canada site was chosen as the location of the 1978 meeting. The meeting time will be in mid-August 1978 and will be hosted by Laurentian University and The Canadian Division of Mines, Energy and Resources. Drs. M. Dence and B. Robertson will be points of contact for the forthcoming meeting. Attachment 5A provides additional information regarding the meeting.

Selection of New Fellows for the Society: The Council elected the following members of the Society to the rank of Fellows: L. Ahrens, F. Begemann, L. Grossman, E. Opik, S. R. Taylor and H. Wanke. The Secretary will inform the new Fellows of their elevation in rank.

The Secretary has been instructed to compile a complete list of Fellows of the Society. This list is given as attachment 6 to the Minutes.

The following motion was made: "That the Meteoritical Society will provide Fellow certificates to member elected to the rank of Fellows." Motion passed.

A second motion was made and passed: "The Secretary's records be kept in a more permanent form."

Report from Leonard Medal Committee: F. Begemann gave the Leonard Medal Committee report to Council.

The following motion was made and passed: "That the recommendation of the Leonard Medal Committee be accepted and Dr. Hans Suess be awarded the 1977 Leonard Medal."

The President will inform Dr. Suess of his selection as our 1977 Leonard Medal Winner.

The following motion was made and passed: "That the Leonard Medal Committee chairman notify the original nominator of a Leonard Medal nominee upon the expiration of the three-year period that the nomination is valid."

The following motion was made and passed: "The President of the Meteoritical Society will give the current Leonard Medal winner and past winners a certificate noting their selection as Leonard Medal winners."

Tatsumoto's Report for Meeting Support: It had been requested by M. Tatsumoto that the Meteoritical Society help support the Fourth International Conference on Geochronology, Cosmochronology and Isotope Geology which will be held in August 1978.

The following motion was made and passed: "The Council rejects the request because we do not support our own Society's meetings with funds."

Report on Proposed Meteorite Processing Facility: M. Duke reported to the Council on plans which NASA is presently implementing regarding a facility for processing meteorites in a clean and well-documented manner. The facility would make use of the lunar sample curation techniques, procedures and apply them to a limited number of meteorites.

New Business: President Marvin reported on contacts made by L. Finger requesting liaison between the Mineralogical Society of America and the Meteoritical Society. Finger's request was to try to improve relations between the two Societies. The following motion was made and seconded: "President Marvin would reply to L. Finger about the status of possibly improving relations between the two Societies."

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 a.m., Monday, October 18, 1976.

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