

METEORITICAL SOCIETY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Cambridge, England, July 24, 1977

Members Present: P. Pellas, J. Wasson, U. Marvin, E. Gibson, C. Moore, R. Binns, R. Dodd, P. Eberhardt, J. Goldstein, E. Olsen, E. Scott, D. Stöffler, L. Wilkening, and D. Shaw.

Invited Guests: R. Brett, B. French, Ms. Stöffler.

President Pellas called the Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's report for the March 13, 1977 meeting held at Houston, Texas was approved.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of T. Rodman, the Secretary presented the Treasurer's Report. The financial statement for the Society is given as Attachment 1. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Leonard Medal Committee Report: The report of the Leonard Medal Committee was presented to the Council in the form of a letter (Attachment 2) by the Secretary. The following motion was made and approved: "The report of the Leonard Medal Committee be accepted and John Wood is the 1973 winner of the Leonard Medal."

The following motion was made and rejected by the Council: "The recommendation from C. Allegre that research groups be considered for the Leonard Medal award."

Meteoritics Editor's Report: C. B. Moore presented the Editor's report. A summary of expenses for Volume 11 and Volume 12 are given as Attachment 3. John W. Larimer will become the Managing Editor for *Meteoritics* during the transition period of finding a replacement for George Boyd, who retired.

The following resolution was introduced and rejected by Council: "Resolve that all members of the Council of the Meteoritical Society should be encouraged to write manuscripts for possible publication in *Meteoritics* each year or two." President Pellas will write each Council member and encourage them to set examples for the Membership and write papers for *Meteoritics*.

The Editor of *Meteoritics* presented a letter from the President of the University of New Mexico to the President of Arizona State University regarding the publication of material by the Center for Meteorite Studies. The following motion was made and passed by the Meteoritical Society Council: "The Meteoritical Society feels no obligation to consider the matter brought up by the letter from the President of the University of New Mexico to the President of Arizona State University and forwarded to the Editor of *Meteoritics*." The motion passed unanimously.

Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta Editor's Report: D. Shaw presented the Editor's Report for GCA. His report is given as Attachment 4 to the minutes.

The Council passed the following resolution for the Editors of its journals: "Of the Society's two journals, *Meteoritics* is the preferred journal for consortium studies on meteorites."

An additional resolution for the Editors of the journals was also passed: "The Editors of the journals are to use their discretion as to whether manuscripts submitted are in a suitable subject area to be included in the Society's journal."

The number of pages for GCA in 1978 is planned to be 1700. The Associate Editors are to assist the Editor in keeping within the page limitations.

Plans have been advanced for inclusion of papers from the Trace Element Symposium (organized by M. Drake and J. Holloway) in GCA. The following motion was made and approved by the Council: "I move that Denis Shaw be asked to inform M. Drake and J. Holloway that the papers of their symposium receive normal review (including reviewers who did not attend the symposium) and meet normal *Geochimica* standards. All papers must represent the first publications of original research and not contain significant amounts of review material."

President Pellas thanked D. Shaw and C. B. Moore for their work as Editors of the Society's journals. The Council also thanked them for their exceptional work.

Publications Committee Report: R. Brett presented the Publication Committee Report. A contract has been signed with Pergamon Press for the publication of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*. R. Brett's summary report is given as Attachment 5.

The monies resulting from the penalty clauses of the new contract are to be divided between the Geochemical Society and the Meteoritical Society. The following motion was made and approved: "Move that the Meteoritical Society accept the Geochemical Society's proposal to divide penalty money for GCA in a ratio 1:3 between the Meteoritical Society and the Geochemical Society." The approved ratio is in approximate ratio of membership between the two Societies.

The membership of the Publication Committee was discussed and the following motion was made and passed: "The Publication Committee of the Meteoritical Society shall consist of four members serving four-year, renewable terms, a single member's term expiring each year. The Executive Editor of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* and the Editor of *Meteoritics* should be *ex-officio* members of this committee. The President of the Meteoritical Society appoints the Chairman of the Meteoritical Society Publication Committee."

President Pellas thanked R. Brett and the other members of the Publication Committee for the negotiations with Pergamon Press on the GCA contract.

Bevan French's Report on NASA Funding Levels: It was reported that the NASA Fiscal Year 1978 budget is in work and the FY 1979 budget has not yet been submitted to the President. NASA Headquarters is attempting to hold the level of funding at a constant level and stop the downward trend. It is hoped that with the uniform review of all of

NASA's Lunar and Planetary Programs, monies between sub-programs can be transferred between programs to strengthen those programs faced with severe depletions of funds.

Selection of 1979 Meeting Location: The Council considered two locations for the 1979 meeting of the Society: Heidelberg and Mainz, West Germany. After secret ballot, the Heidelberg, West Germany location was chosen.

Nomenclature Committee Report: R. Binns presented the report. His report as presented to Council is given as Attachment 6. The report of the committee meeting held in Cambridge after the Council meeting is given as Attachment 7.

President Pellas appointed Mme. Christophe Michel-Levy to the nomenclature committee. In addition, either Dr. or Mrs. (Dr.) Shima are to be appointed to the committee. The Shimmas will decide which one is to serve on the committee.

The following motion was made and approved by Council: "We move that the Editor of the *Meteoritical Bulletin* be appointed by the Council for a period of four years, renewable, and starting with 1978."

The Council thanked R. Clarke for his service as past Editor of the *Bulletin*. R. Hutchison is appointed Editor of the *Meteoritical Bulletin* effective 1978. (Note, Attachment 7 requests that A. Graham serve as Editor of the Bulletin.)

The procedures for operations of the Nomenclature Committee and its membership is referred back to the Nomenclature Committee for further considerations and proposals for any new bylaw changes. The Committee reports back to Council in the form of Attachment 7.

The following motion was made and passed: "Ray Binns is reappointed as Chairman of the Nomenclature Committee."

Appointment of Nomination Committee for Next Election of Officers: President Pellas appointed the Nomination Committee for the 1978 elections. Members are U. Marvin (Chairman), F. Begemann, R. Clayton, R. Hutchison, J. Philpotts, and D. Shaw.

The Society's Secretary was instructed to correct the Constitution to show that Council members can serve two consecutive terms and not be limited to one term on the Council.

Leonard Medal Committee Nominations: L. T. Silver and C. Meyer resigned from the Leonard Medal Committee. President Pellas appointed R. Schmitt to replace L. Silver (only to the end of 1978 term).

Cambridge Meeting Report: Edward Scott noted that 225 participants had registered for the meeting along with 65 guests. The following motion was made and passed: "The program be accepted as arranged by the Program Committee."

1978 Meeting Dates: The dates for the 1978 meeting in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada are

August 14-18, 1978.

The Council meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

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