



preparations, hosting, and meeting organization which has occurred in Heidelberg." The motion was approved unanimously.

#### Selection of the 1981 Meeting Site: Council

The Meteoritical Society Council has received an invitation from scientists in Bern, Switzerland, for hosting the 1981 meeting. J. Geiss and P. Eberhardt noted that the meeting dates would be the second half of August 1981. Housing would be in hotels near the university. The following motion was made and passed by Council: "The Meteoritical Society accepts the invitation from Bern to host the 1981 meeting."

#### Publication Committee Report: K. Keil

The joint Meteoritical Society and Geochemical Society Publication Committee has been finalized. Membership of the committee is: K. Keil (Chairman), A.A. Levinson (Vice-chairman), E. Anders, P. Eberhardt, R. Brett, and ex-officio members: J. Wasson, D. Shaw, C. Moore. The committee is beginning work toward negotiation of a new contract for GCA between Pergamon Press and the two Societies. The present contract expires in September 1980. The Council is concerned about the large rate increases levied by Pergamon Press for GCA library rates.

The following motion was made and passed (6 to 1) by the Council: "The Meteoritical Society Council supports the deliberations and actions of the Publications Committee regarding the increase in library subscription rates for *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*. However, the Council asks the committee to reconsider its motion in the light of objections of R. Brett and the discovery that Pergamon has raised the rates a second time this year, from \$250 to \$275. The Council delegates authority to the Publications Committee to write letters to Pergamon Press expressing the Society's concerns." Only at the Council meeting did the Society learn of the recent library subscription rate increase for GCA.

#### Nomenclature Committee Report: R. Binns

The Nomenclature Committee is functioning smoothly and has finalized the meteorite nomenclature guidelines which will be published in the future in *Meteoritics*. Appointment of a member from The Peoples Republic of China to the Nomenclature Committee has been finalized.

The following motion was offered and approved: "The editors of *Meteoritics* and *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* will not publish new meteorite names until they have been approved by the Meteoritical Society's Nomenclature Committee." The committee report was accepted by the Council.

#### Funding for Meteorite Research: Council

Council discussed the funding situation from NASA for meteorite and lunar sample research. A ten percent reduction in available research funds apparently occurs during the 1980 funding cycle. (The NASA extraterrestrial materials program research budget increased by two percent over the 1979 level but because of the twelve percent inflation rate in the U.S., available monies are actually reduced by ten percent.) The Council expressed concern for this reduction but took no formal action on the funding situation. It was suggested that President Wasson with the help of R. Brett write a letter to Frosch thanking him for past support but expressing concern regarding this year's cuts.

End of Business Meeting for Monday, September 3, 1979.

For the Record: At the Spring Council Meeting, President Wasson, with the aid of E. Scott and M. Lipschutz, was asked to prepare a letter requesting that the \$1700.00 profit from the Cambridge, England, meeting be transferred, by the Organizing Committee of that meeting, to the Treasury for use as assistance for student travel grants to the Heidelberg Meeting. The funds were transferred and passed on to the Heidelberg Program Committee.

Report on 1980 Meeting Preparations: K. Marti

The 1980 meeting will be held on the campus of the University of California, San Diego, in La Jolla, California, from September 2 to September 6. The first circular will be mailed in October. The following motion was made and passed by Council: "The Meteoritical Society Council votes to set aside \$2500.00 from past meeting profits to be used for student travel assistance to the San Diego meeting."

Future Meeting Site Considerations: Council

The President of the Society is optimistic that an invitation will be received from scientists in Vienna, Austria, to host the 1983 meeting of the Society. It was noted that 1983 will be the 50th year of the Meteoritical Society. No strong sentiment was expressed by the Council to return to the Field Museum in Chicago, Illinois, where the Society was organized in 1933.

Leonard Medal Committee Report: J. Wasson

President Wasson read a letter from M. Dence stating the Leonard Medal Committee Report. The following motion was made and accepted by Council: "The Meteoritical Society Council accepts the Leonard Medal Committee's recommendation of Heinrich Wänke as the 1980 recipient of the Leonard Medal." This motion passed unanimously.

Council members were urged to study the proposed Leonard Medal Committee's guidelines prior to Thursday's Council Meeting.

End of Tuesday, September 4, 1979, Meeting of the Council.

Membership Dues Considerations: Council

After much discussion, Mike Lipschutz noted that our income will not balance our expenses this year and proposed increasing members' dues from \$10 to \$15 and students' dues from \$4 to \$9. The following amendment was passed by a vote of 5 to 3: "Student membership dues shall be \$8.00/year." The total motion was then passed by a vote of 8 to 3: "Membership dues for the Meteoritical Society beginning January 1, 1980, shall be set at the following rates: Member dues \$15.00/year and Student dues \$8.00/year." The President and Treasurer will write a letter to the membership informing them of reasons requiring an increase in dues beginning in 1980. This letter will be sent with the next letter calling for membership dues payment.

Appointment of Nomination Committee: J. Wasson

President Wasson appointed the following members of the Society to the Nominating Committee to draw up a slate of officers and Council members for the

election to be held in the spring of 1980: Paul Pellas, Chairman; R. Brett, R. Dodd, D. Sears, D. Stöffler, J. Goldstein. Members of the Society are urged to give nominations of potential officers to any member of the Nomination Committee.

Guidelines for Leonard Medal Committee: Council

The Leonard Medal Committee operates under internal rules and guidelines that must be approved by Council. Attachment 4 has been prepared by the Leonard Medal Committee for consideration by the Council. The following addition was moved and approved by Council: "Rule 7. Members of the Meteoritical Society Council and Leonard Medal Committee are not eligible for consideration as Leonard Medal nominees during their terms of office." The following motion was made and approved by Council: "The guidelines offered by the Leonard Medal Committee are accepted as amended."

Discussion followed on the proposal that additional medals be given by the Society to honor contributions other than scientific. These discussions indicated that most Council members were not presently in favor of such presentations and that the matter should be returned to the Leonard Medal Committee for a more specific proposal and a discussion of pro and con arguments. The following motion was made and defeated by the Council: "At the option of the Leonard Medal Committee, the medal can be awarded to two or more recipients who have made comparable contributions to a single research area." The motion was defeated by a vote of 8 to 3.

The Leonard Medal Committee was instructed to draw up a list of 12 candidates for consideration as Fellows of the Society. The list is to be presented to Council at the San Diego Meeting for election of additional Fellows.

Antarctic Meteorite Collection Program Commendation: Council

The following motion was made and approved unanimously by the Council: "The Meteoritical Society commends the National Science Foundation of the United States and the National Institute of Polar Research of Japan for their successful programs of collecting Antarctic meteorites and making them available for research by the international scientific community and urges that their programs be continued. The collection programs have revealed new meteorite types, new statistics on meteorite classes, and has opened new opportunities for scientific study of extraterrestrial materials."

The Council adjourned at 1415 on Thursday, September 6, 1979.

Submitted: [signed]  
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Secretary