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Meteoritical Society Council Meeting March 15, 1987, LPI

Council Members

Present: G. Wasserburg, R. Taylor, H. McSween, E. King, P. Eberhardt, D. Eugster, E. Gibson, A. Kracher, H. Palme, M. Prinz

Guests Present: D. Shaw, M. Drake, J. Wasson, C. Koeberl

(1) Introduction: G. Wasserburg, President

Wasserburg thanked Past President Eberhardt for providing a binder on President's procedures. He commented that he will ask the Society to become better disciplined, particularly in its procedures for awards.

Motion: That the Society express its gratitude to D. Bogard for his six year's service as Secretary. (King, seconded by Taylor, passed unanimously).

Action: Wasserburg will write Bogard a letter of thanks on behalf of Society.

(2) Invitations for Future Society Meeting: H. McSween

(a) The Council received official invitations for the 1989 meeting from C. Koeberl (Vienna) and R. Scorzelli (Rio de Janeiro) (attached).

Motion: That the Society accept Vienna as the 1989 meeting site and the third week of September as the meeting date (McSween, seconded by Eberhardt, passed unanimously).

Action: McSween will send information on hastening a Society meeting to Koeberl.

(b) Taylor invited the Society to meet in Perth, Australia in August, 1990. This would be convenient for many members, because two other meetings (geochronology and Archean) will also take place in August 1990 in Australia.

Other potential meeting sites for 1990 and beyond that have been or may be proposed are Rio de Janeiro, Denver, Vancouver, and some location in China. The Council discussed potential problems and advantages in having meetings at locations other than North America and Europe, as well as the need for long-range planning.

Action: McSween should provide a questionnaire to the Society membership to determine interest in meetings outside of the traditional locations. The questionnaire should be mailed with Meteoritics, and results should be available by the Newcastle meeting if possible.

Action: Wasserburg should inform D. Scorzelli that the Society has accepted another invitation for 1989, but would be pleased to entertain a future invitation.

Action: Long-term plans for future meetings should be placed on the Council's agenda for the Newcastle meeting.

(3) Report on Plans for the Newcastle Meeting H. McSween

A. Graham provided a letter (attached) concerning meeting plans, which was read to the council.

Action: McSween will insure that a business meeting is scheduled.

(4) Report of the Joint Publications Committee M. Drake

(a) Special Publications Series - The Geochemical Society has initiated a Special Publications Series, and its first book in commemoration of H. Yoder, appears to be a success. The Geochemical Society advanced \$40,000 to the Series Editor and expects to recover this cost soon. The Meteoritical Society has the option of publishing volumes in this series, but it must provide the front money. Concern was expressed among Council members that the Society does not have sufficient funds for this purpose, and participation should not be encouraged.

(b) *Geochimica* Subscription Rates - The Joint Publications Committee is negotiating a new budget with the publisher. They anticipate a modest increase in subscription rates for 1988. Also under consideration is a change in page dimensions, which will save approximately \$10,000 per year that can be returned to the Societies.

(c) D. Shaw will retire as Executive Editor of *Geochimica* at the end of his present term in November, 1988. The Committee is working on the succession and will provide a report at the Newcastle meeting.

(d) C. Moore has edited *Meteoritics* for approximately two decades, and the Society should acknowledge and honor his service in some appropriate way.

Motion: The first issue of the new *Meteoritics* should contain a dedication and photograph of Moore (Palme, seconded by Kracher, passed unanimously).

Action: Wasserburg will prepare a short dedication and provide this to Wasson by November, 1987. He should also contact Moore for a photograph.

(e) M. Drake has written to K. Burke requesting financial support (\$6,000) from the Lunar and Planetary Institute to assist in the *Meteoritics* editorship transition. Burke has forwarded a request for internal reprogramming of funds to NASA.

Action: Drake should send copies of correspondence to Wasserburg and McSween. Wasserburg will compose a letter to NASA supporting this request.

(f) *Meteoritics* subscription rates - The Joint Publications Committee recommended that institutional subscription rates be increased from \$40 to \$60 per year, commencing in 1988.

Motion: That institutional subscription rates for *Meteoritics* be increased in accordance with the Committee's recommendation. (Taylor, seconded by Eberhardt, passed unanimously).

The Committee also recommended that multi-year subscription discounts for institutions be initiated. They suggested that the two-year rate should be \$115, and the three year rate should be \$165

Motion: Multi-year *Meteoritics* subscription rates for institutions should be in accordance with the Committee's recommendation (Gibson, seconded by Taylor, passed 7 to 1 with 1 abstention).

(g) The Council was advised that a *Meteoritics* contract with Allen Press should be signed soon.

(5) Treasurer's Report E. King

The Society suffered a net loss of \$3,992 for the year 1986. Funds now on hand total \$48,590 (report attached).

Motion: That the *Meteoritics* publication charge for abstracts be increased from \$25 to \$50 (Eberhardt, seconded by Eugster, failed 6 to 2).

Motion: That the *Meteoritics* publication charge for abstracts be increased from \$25 to \$35, and that this charge be mandatory (Gibson, seconded by Prinz, passed 6 to 0 with 3 abstentions).

Action: McSween will instruct the organizer of the Newcastle meeting to include a statement of the new publication policy on abstracts in the meeting registration packets. Wasserburg and Wasson will coordinate on how these changes should be collected.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted (Gibson, seconded by Eberhardt, passed unanimously).

(6) Financial Plans for Meteoritics J. Wasson

(a) Journal image - The new *Meteoritics* will have a two column format and cover design similar to that for *Geochimica* (copy attached). Wasson has appointed a board of Associate Editors with duties similar to those for *Geochimica* Associate Editors.

(b) Increased subscriptions - Wasson is attempting to solicit new

institutional subscriptions. A poster display on the new *Meteoritics* was set up at the Lunar and Planetary Science Conference.

Estimated Costs - Based on 350 pages, Wasson estimated that annual costs for *Meteoritics* would be:

Fixed costs (binding, packaging)	2,500
Printing	24,600
Postage	3,000
Operations for Los Angeles Office	<u>6,500</u>
TOTAL	36,500*

* This cost may increase slightly for printing storage issues. These costs will be partially offset by abstract fees, voluntary page charges, and institutional subscriptions.

(d) Transition date - Wasson will assume the duties of Editor in August 1987.

(7) Request from Nomenclature Committee G. Wasserburg

A. Graham requested that Khotinok and H. Takeda be asked to serve for additional three-year terms. He also suggested that E. Scott be appointed to serve in the place of G. Huss. The Council had no objections to this proposal.

Action: Wasserburg will issue the appropriate appointment and thank-you letters.

(8) Goldschmidt Centennial G. Wasserburg

A request for support from the V. M. Goldschmidt Intersocietal Centennial Committee to the Meteoritical Society was communicated to the Council.

Motion: That the council endorse some activities to recognize the Goldschmidt Centennial and the functions of the Intersocietal Committee to organize such efforts (Taylor, seconded by Gibson, passed 7 to 0 with 2 abstentions).

Motion: That the Society donate \$300 to the Goldschmidt Intersocietal Committee for their use in commemorating this event. The funds should not be used for travel (Taylor, seconded by Gibson, passed unanimously).

Action: The President should write a letter of support to C. Sclar, chairman of the Intersocietal Committee, and should direct the Treasurer to issue a check for \$300 to them.

(9) Other Committee Business G. Wasserburg

(a) Nominating Committee - Wasserburg asked Eberhardt and Taylor to advise him on membership of a committee to nominate candidates for Officers and Counselors of the Society.

Action: Wasserburg should present the proposed membership of the nominating committee to the Council for their approval at the Newcastle meeting, in accordance with Constitutional procedure.

(b) Awards Committees - Wasserburg advised the Council that he will ask the Leonard Medal Committee and the Barringer Award committee to provide reports on their procedures to the Council within one year.

Action: Wasserburg will communicate this directive to the two Committee Chairpersons, R. Pepin and J. Larimer.

(10) Approval of Meeting Dates for Fayetteville Meeting H. McSween

Subsequent to the Council Meeting, D. Sears requested that the meeting dates for the Fayetteville Society Meeting be July 18-22 (attached).

Action: McSween will poll the Council for their approval, and will communicate the results to Sears.