

## MINUTES

### METEORITICAL SOCIETY COUNCIL MEETING

March 13, 1988

Lunar and Planetary Institute, Houston

Officers and Councilors Present: G. J. Wasserburg, S. R. Taylor, H. Y. McSween, E. A. King, P. Eberhardt, D. Brownlee, O. Eugster, E. K. Gibson, H. Palme.

Guests Present: M. J. Drake, J. T. Wasson, C. Koeberl, D. Sears, R. Hewins

#### (1) Future Meetings:

(a) Fayetteville 1988 - Sears reported that the second circular, which constitutes the progress report, had been mailed. Wasserburg discussed the possibility of providing some support for local students, but Council made no recommendation.

(b) Vienna 1989 - A previous poll of Council by the Secretary indicated approval of 30 July - 4 August as the dates for the Vienna meeting. Koeberl provided preliminary information indicating that plans are proceeding smoothly. Wasserburg suggested that workshops should reflect topics of interest to a large part of the Society, and that a discussion of the state of meteoritics in Europe might be well received.

(c) Perth 1990 - The dates proposed by Taylor, 27-31 Aug, were discussed. Concern was expressed that this time is convenient for neither US universities nor isotope geochemists. A date in early August or later in September might be better.

Motion (Taylor, seconded by Eberhardt): The Perth meeting should be held the third week of September to coincide with the Archean conference and precede the isotope conference.

Passed 6 to 1, with no abstentions.

Action: Taylor should provide confirmation of the exact dates, after consulting with his colleagues in Perth. The organizers should consider scheduling a joint symposium with participants of the Archean conference.

#### (2) Abstract Fees:

Gibson noted that payment of meeting abstract fees at the time of submission, as proposed at the last Council meeting, was a problem. Some discussion of the feasibility of printing the *Meteoritics* abstract issue in time for the meeting followed. This change would eliminate the redundant publication of abstracts but would not permit revision of abstracts. Increasing the registration fee for the meeting would also be unfair because some participants submit no abstracts.

Motion: (Gibson, seconded by Eberhardt, amended by McSween and Palme): The

Society should require a \$35 fee for publication of abstracts in *Meteoritics*. The Treasurer should bill first authors after abstracts are accepted by the meeting organizers.

Passed 4 to 1, with 2 abstentions.

Action: The Secretary should amend meeting guidelines for organizers to reflect this policy.

Action: Sears should transmit the final program, with notations for persons already paid, to the Treasurer for billing.

(3) Report of Joint Publications Committee:

Council discussed and approved proposals from the Joint Publications Committee. Motion (Gibson, seconded by Eberhardt): Amend the bylaws of the Society to read:

ARTICLE 9 - EDITOR OF GEOCHEMICA ET COSMOCHIMICA ACTA

1. The term of the Editor of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* shall be four years. New terms shall begin on January 1 of years that are multiples of four. An Editor may succeed himself/herself.

2. The Publications Committee shall evaluate the record of the current Editor, nominate an Editor for the next term, and report this evaluation and nomination to the Council. Final selection of the Editor shall be made by the Councils of the Meteoritical Society and the Geochemical Society upon recommendation of the Committee on Publications approximately 18 months prior to the expiration of the current term.

3. The Editor of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* shall seek the advice of the Committee on Publications before making any substantive changes in the operation or format of the Journal.

Passed 6 to 0, with no abstentions.

Motion (Eberhardt, seconded by King): Articles of the Bylaws starting with #9 should be renumbered, to reflect the insertion of new Article 9 above.

Passed 6 to 0, with no abstentions.

Action: The Secretary should notify the Secretary of the Geochemical Society of this amendment to the Bylaws. The Secretary should send a revised copy of the Bylaws to Wasson for publication in *Meteoritics*.

Motion (Gibson, seconded by Palme): Council endorses the proposed appointment of Gunter Faure as the next Editor of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*.

Passed 6 to 0, with no abstentions.

Action: The President should contact the President of the Geochemical Society to

prepare a joint appointment letter for Prof. Faure.

Motion: (McSween, seconded by Taylor): In recognition of the exceptional service of the retiring Editors of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* and *Meteoritics*, Council confers life membership on Denis Shaw and Carleton Moore.  
Passed 7 to 0, with no abstentions.

Action: The President should notify Shaw and Moore of this award. The Treasurer should note this change in future dues billing.

Motion: (Eberhardt, seconded by Gibson): Amend article 7.2 of the Bylaws to read:

"The Committee....two Societies. The Presidents of the Meteoritical Society and the Geochemical Society and the Editors of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, *Meteoritics*, and the Special Publications Series of the Geochemical Society shall be ex-officio members."

Passed 7 to 0, with no abstentions.

Motion: (Gibson, seconded by Eberhardt): Add the following sentence to the end of Bylaws Article 7.2:

"The Committee...Presidents of the two Societies. At all times, each Society must be represented by at least two members."

Passed 7 to 0, with no abstentions.

(4) Records of the Society:

Motion (McSween, seconded by Palme): Gibson and C. Moore should be appointed as an ad-hoc committee to make recommendations as to what should be done with Society records now stored at Arizona State University.

Passed 7 to 0, with no abstentions.

Action: Gibson should report to the Council at the Fayetteville meeting.

(5) Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report is attached. Eberhardt noted that this year's budget is balanced only because of a \$6000 grant from LPI for *Meteoritics* and next year's budget is uncertain.

Motion: (McSween, seconded by Gibson): Council should accept the Treasurer's Report.

Passed 7 to 0, with no abstentions.

(6) Election of Officers:

McSween reported that Society members have until April 15 to nominate additional candidates for Officers and Councilors. None have yet been received.

(7) Committee Appointments:

A listing of current membership on Society committees is attached.

Action: The President should appoint one member of The Joint Publications Committee (jointly with the President of The Geochemical Society) and four members of the Nomenclature Committee.

(8) Society Awards:

(a) Wasserburg reported that the Pasadena Trophy Company has agreed to recast incorrectly cast Leonard Medals.

(b) Wasserburg asked for recommendations for membership for a committee to examine the Barringer Award. Council suggested Wetherill, Larimer, Wasserburg.

(9) Support for Travel to Australia:

Taylor reported on communication with Robin Brett, who suggested that NSF funding might be available for travel support to the Perth meeting.

Action: Gibson volunteered to contact John Snyder about this and report to Council at the Fayetteville meeting.

(10) BBC Program on Meteorites:

Wasserburg received a letter from Colin Pillinger, requesting formal support of the Society for a BBC program on meteorites. Pillinger noted that he may approach Council at a later date for some financial support.

Motion: (McSween, seconded by Eugster): The President should express the Society's enthusiastic support for this project to Pillinger. He should recognize that the Society's ability to support this project financially is limited, but we will do what we can.

Passed 8 to 0, with no abstentions.

Action: The President should write to Pillinger about this resolution.

Minutes Submitted by  
Harry Y. McSween, Jr., Secretary