

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE METEORITICAL SOCIETY
51st ANNUAL MEETING, FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

Councilors Attending: G. J. Wasserburg, S. R. Taylor, H. Y. McSween, E. A. King, P. Eberhardt, D. Brownlee, E. K. Gibson, A. Graham, A. Kracher, M. Prinz

Invited Guests: E. Anders, M. M. Grady, D. W. Sears, D. S. Woolum, D. M. Shaw, C. Koeberl, J. Larimer

July 17, 1988

(1) Election Results:

Wasserburg announced results of elections of new Officers and Councilors, and welcomed newly elected individuals to the Council. The following were elected by affirmation: E. Anders (Vice President); H. Y. McSween (Secretary); R. H. Hewins (Treasurer); O. Eugster, E. K. Gibson, J. C. Lorin, M. M. Grady, G. Kurat, G. W. Lugmair, D. W. Sears, D. S. Woolum (Councilors).

ACTION: McSween should have new Society stationary printed and distributed to new Officers.

(2) Society Meetings:

(a) Fayetteville - Sears reported that approximately 250 people are attending the meeting. 170 abstracts are scheduled for presentation. Thirteen students were given travel awards using \$6850 provided by the Barringer Crater Company and the Society. U.S. students each received \$300, European students \$750, and one Japanese student \$1000.

(b) Vienna - Koeberl reported on plans and arrangements for the 1989 meeting. He expects a large East Block contingent. He plans to have a Phobos mission session, as well as field excursions to the Austrian Alps and to Czechoslovakia. The LPI will have two workshops before the meeting.

ACTION: Wasserburg should send general letters to appropriate heads of national organizations in the Soviet Union and other East Block countries, inviting their participation in the meeting. Copies of these letters should be sent to Koeberl. Koeberl requested that the Society contribute funds for student travel support to Austria.

MOTION: The Society should provide \$2500 for student travel support for the Vienna meeting (Gibson, seconded by Eberhardt, passed 9 to 0 with no abstentions).

ACTION: King should transfer \$2500 to Koeberl from Society funds.

(c) Perth - Taylor reported that John DeLaeter is Chairman of the organizing committee. The dates for the meeting are fixed at September 16-21, 1990.

Gibson provided information on the USA-Australian Cooperative Science Program at NSF. If NSF receives matching proposals, they will consider providing travel and per diem funds for 6 participants from the U.S. These proposals must be received by April. It was decided that the Council should announce the opportunity of these travel grants, with selection by agents of Council based on need and value of contribution to the meeting.

ACTION: Wasserburg and Taylor should prepare and submit proposals on behalf of the Society. Because of the change of Officers on January 1, the U.S. proposal should be completed before that date. Contact at NSF is Larry Weber.

McSween read a letter from the Commission of Comparative Planetology of the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), proposing that they co-sponsor the Perth meeting. Anders suggested that they be asked to provide some financial support for the meeting.

MOTION: The Society accepts this offer to co-sponsor the meeting and should inquire if they will contribute funds (Anders, seconded by Taylor, passed 9-0 with no abstentions).

ACTION: Wasserburg should write a letter to Richard Grieve (Secretary of the Commission), notifying him of this action and requesting their financial support. Copies should be sent to Taylor and DeLaeter.

(d) Other future meeting sites - Wasserburg notified the Council of an invitation from V. Buchwald to host the 1991 meeting in Copenhagen. Members of Council discussed the difficulty of having three consecutive meetings outside the U.S.

MOTION: The Society should accept Buchwald's invitation for 1992, provided he is willing to host the meeting then (McSween, seconded by Taylor, passed 9-0 with no abstentions).

ACTION: Wasserburg should notify Buchwald of this decision.

Note: At the Business meeting, Wasserburg asked the membership for invitations to host the 1991 meeting in the U.S. Possible invitations may come from San Francisco area (Peter Englert), Colorado (Trude King, Ian Ridley), or Boston (Ursula Marvin).

(3) Treasurer's Report:

King reported that the Society has \$44,715 as of June 30, 1988, reflecting a net loss of \$2,685 for the first half of this year (report attached). He projects a net loss of approximately \$5000 for the year.

MOTION: Council accepts the Treasurer's report (Eberhardt, seconded by Gibson, passed 8 to 0 with no abstentions).

ACTION: King should coordinate closely with Hewins and provide him a full set of financial documents, to insure an orderly transition.

(4) Editors' Reports:

(a) *GCA* - Shaw reported that *GCA* handled 486 papers from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988. He also discussed plans for the transition of Editorship to G. Faure. Wasserburg described a proposal he received for addition of a *GCA* surcharge to underwrite Special Publications of the Geochemical Society. He responded negatively to this proposal.

MOTION: Council supports the position already taken by the President against this surcharge (Gibson, seconded by Taylor, passed 9 to 0 with no abstentions). Council then discussed the *GCA* publication budget. The Joint Publications Committee is considering raising institutional and personal subscription rates, as well as offprint prices.

MOTION: Council is aware of that there may be financial problems in publishing *GCA*. Because of the short time left for agreement with Pergamon, it accepts that the suggested remedies, as outlined in M. Lipschutz's letter of 27 June, may be necessary (Graham, seconded by Prinz, passed 9 to 0 with no abstentions).

MOTION: Council in general is not in favor in instituting page charges. If the Publications Committee feels that these are necessary, it should return to Council (King, seconded by Gibson, passed 8 to 0 with 1 abstention).

(b) *Meteoritics* - no report.

ACTION: Wasson should provide a financial report on *Meteoritics* at the next Council meeting. Council discussed a proposal by Wasson concerning publication of meeting abstracts.

MOTION: Abstracts should continue to be printed for Society meetings and in *Meteoritics*, with an option for revision after the meeting in a timely manner (Gibson, seconded by Graham, passed 8 to 1 with 1 abstention).

(5) Nomenclature Committee:

Graham reported that the format of the *Meteoritical Bulletin* has changed so as to be much like that of British Museum Catalog entries. The Committee is considering whether the *Meteoritical Bulletin* should include Antarctic meteorites. Anders noted that this would increase the cost of *Meteoritics*, which is already a major expense.

(6) Barringer Award Committee:

Larimer presented the Committee's nomination of Virgil Barnes as the 1989 recipient of the Barringer Award.

MOTION: The Council accepts this nomination (Gibson, seconded by King, passed 9 to 0 with no abstentions).

ACTION: The Barringer Award Committee should finish its assessment of its

organization and procedures and report to Council at its next meeting.

ACTION: Chairs of Award Committees should present formal statements on nominations to Council, not simply letters of nomination by individuals.

(7) Leonard Medal Committee:

Chang provided a written report on nominations from the Committee. Their first choice was Viktor S. Safronov and second choice was Donald D. Clayton. Council discussed the fractional efforts of V. and R. Safronov, and noted that the submitted citation should be modified to name her specifically as coauthor of their book.

MOTION: Council accepts V. Safronov as 1989 Leonard Medalist (Gibson, seconded by King, passed 9 to 0 with no abstentions).

ACTION: Wasserburg should notify Safronov of his selection and invite him to attend the Vienna meeting. The Committee proposed the following be selected as Fellows of the Society: C. Chapman, R. Lewis, E. Zinner, D. Morrison, D. Sears, L. Taylor, D. Wark, and J. Melosh. Council noted that Morrison is not currently a member of the Society and is thus ineligible.

MOTION: Council accepts this list for Fellows with the exception of Morrison, and adds R. Hewins in his place (King, seconded by Kracher, passed 9 to 0 with no abstentions).

ACTION: McSween should send Fellow certificates to these 8 individuals. He should also insure that this information is added to the membership list.

ACTION: Wasserburg should thank Chang for his work and express Council's wish that he gets well soon.

(8) Other Business:

(a) Society Records - Gibson reported discussions with C. Moore concerning storage of Society records. He noted that records from the LaPaz era are missing.

MOTION: Council requests that the Center for Meteorite Studies at Arizona State University continue to store its archives and records (Taylor, seconded by Gibson, passed 9 to 0 with no abstentions).

ACTION: Wasserburg should notify C. Moore of this action.

ACTION: Retiring Officers should send their records to ASU.

ACTION: Wasserburg should ask LaPaz's daughter for records from the missing period.

MOTION: Minutes from previous Council meetings be approved (Gibson, seconded by King, passed 8 to 0 with 1 abstention).

Wasserburg noted that excessive debating should be limited during future Council meetings. Shaw urged the Council to appoint its two editors as either Councilors or ex officio members of Council.

MOTION: Editors of *GCA* and *Meteoritics* should be formally invited to all Council meetings for reports and discussions regarding their journals (Taylor, seconded by Prinz, passed 6 to 1 with 2 abstentions).

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Special Council meeting called to discuss the Barringer Award. Larimer discussed the present guidelines and operational procedures of the Barringer Award Committee. Council expressed concerns about 3 issues: (1) the constitution of the Committee and lack of absolute Society control; (2) criteria for which the award is granted, and (3) lack of Society control over funds that make this award possible.

Wasserburg reminded Council that the President should first notify award winners on behalf of the Society, a procedure apparently not followed for next year's Barringer Award winner. He also noted that the present circumstances under which this award operates are highly peculiar.

MOTION: Council consider at its next meeting a proposed change to the Bylaws to the effect that it combine the present Leonard Medal and Barringer Awards Committees into a general Awards Committee. This proposal should include a statement of membership appointments and operational procedures for this Committee (Taylor, seconded by Prinz).

AMENDMENT: The President should explain and discuss the reasons for the motion to Paul Barringer (King, seconded by McSween). Motion and amendment passed 6 to 2 with 1 abstention.

ACTION: Taylor should prepare a written statement of this proposal and send it to McSween so that it can be circulated to Council at least one month prior to the next meeting.

ACTION: Wasserburg and Taylor should contact Barringer and discuss this matter.