

MINUTES
METEORITICAL SOCIETY COUNCIL MEETING
September 16, 1990
Western Australian Museum, Perth

Councilors Present: R. Taylor, E. Anders, H. McSween, R. Hewins, O. Eugster, G. Kurat, G. Lugmair, D. Sears, D. Woolum

Guests Present: J. DeLaeter, A. Graham, H. Wanke, M. Ebihara, V. Buchwald, R. Brett, L. Schultz, A. El Goresy, J. Wasson, G. Wetherill

(1) President's Introduction:

Taylor announced the results of the election of Officers and Councilors (H. Wanke, Vice President; A. Graham, Secretary; R. Hewins, Treasurer; Councilors, M. Grady, G. Kurat, G. Lugmair, D. Sears, D. Woolum (all for second terms) and M. Ebihara, K. Rasmussen, T. Swindle (all for first terms). He then welcomed new Councilors as observers for the meeting.

Following the resignation of J. Wasson as Editor of *Meteoritics*, Taylor announced the appointment of D. Sears as the new Editor, effective January 1, 1992.

Motion: That the Council of the Meteoritical Society express its warm appreciation to Wasson for the major contributions which he has made during his terra as Editor of *Meteoritics* (Taylor, seconded by Anders, passed unanimously).
Note: Taylor read this resolution at the Annual Business Meeting.

McSween suggested that it might be appropriate for a page describing Wasson's contributions as Editor to be printed in *Meteoritics* after he leaves office.

Action: Anders and Sears should insure that an appropriate citation is printed in the first 1992 issue of *Meteoritics*.

Taylor noted that Anders is serving as liaison with DPS. Anders then reported that DPS and the Meteoritical Society will jointly sponsor one or more technical sessions at the next Lunar and Planetary Science Conference.

(2) Secretary's Report:

Motion: That the minutes for the last Council meeting be approved (McSween, seconded by Hewins, passed unanimously).

(3) Treasurer's Report:

Hewins estimated that the Society will likely be near the break-even point this year, despite raising dues, because of extra costs for printing and mailing *Meteoritics*. The Society's application for second class mailing privileges has been denied. In order to secure this in the future, we must have proof of tax-exempt status, and the Internal Revenue Service has not yet responded to Hewins' request. A statement of income and expenses and a balance sheet are attached.

Hewins has received a request for life membership, but had no records on its cost. Anders noted that the formula in the past was 20X annual dues. There was a consensus that this figure remains appropriate.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted (Anders, seconded by Eugster, passed unanimously).

ACTION: Hewins should continue to pursue the Society's tax exemption.

(4) Society Meetings:

(a) Report on Perth Meeting

DeLaeter estimated that there would be 190-200 delegates and 50 guests at the meeting. This attendance should allow the Organizing Committee to break even or make a slight profit. The Shoemaker crater excursion was fully subscribed. The geology excursion had 27 participants with room for several more. The gold excursion was cancelled for lack of sufficient interest.

(b) 1991 Monterey Meeting

Woolum reported that the Organizing and Program Committees would be meeting shortly. P. Englert has raised approximately \$12K for student travel grants from local sources, and expects a match of \$10-12K from the Barringer Foundation. Woolum asked for Council reactions to having pre-paid breakfasts for participants and having afternoons free, but with evening sessions with more posters.

ACTION: Woolum should convey the following Council suggestions to the Organizing Committee. The Council reacted negatively to the suggestions for breakfasts for participants. They generally expressed support for trying the "Gordon Conference" format, but were strongly against having many poster presentations.

ACTION: Hewins is authorized to transfer \$2,500 on Englert's request, as an advance for planning this meeting.

(c) 1992 Copenhagen Meeting

Buchwald indicated that the Organizing Committee had begun planning fieldtrips and had already reserved the Royal Exchange for the banquet. The dates for the meeting will be July 27-31 (approved by acclamation).

(d) Invitations for 1993 and 1994 Meetings

I. Ridley and T. King sent a detailed proposal to host the 1993 meeting in Vail, Colorado (attached). Council expressed some concern about participant costs for this location.

MOTION: That the invitation from Ridley and King to host the 1993 meeting in Vail be accepted, with a notation that the Council expects that meeting costs and registration fees will be in line with costs for previous U.S. meetings (Woolum, seconded by Lugmair, passed 7 to 0 with 1 abstention).

ACTION: Taylor should notify Ridley and King of the Council's approval of their proposal.

Taylor has received informal expressions of interest for 1994 from P. Jakes (Prague), P. Pellas (Dijon), and Y. Shukolyukov (Moscow). Council expressed strong interest in a 1994 meeting in France.

ACTION: Taylor should respond to these letters and solicit formal proposals before Council can act.

(5) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Meetings:

Sears presented suggested changes in wording for Article 4 of the Bylaws and for the Guidelines for Hosts of Annual Meetings. Anders then suggested a number of amendments to the Guidelines.

MOTION: That the proposed changes to Bylaws Article 4 be approved (Sears, seconded by Anders, passed unanimously).

ACTION: McSween should insure that this Bylaws change is published, along with others recently enacted by Council, in *Meteoritics*.

All of the proposed changes and amendments to the Guidelines were approved by acclamation, except for item 4.

MOTION: To change the second paragraph under item 4 so as to be advisory to the Organizing Committee, pointing out some past problems with third-party contracts (McSween, seconded by Sears, passed 4 to 3 with 1 abstention).

The revised Bylaws Article 4 and the revised Guidelines to Hosts are attached.

ACTION: McSween should send copies of the new Guidelines to Englert, Buchwald, and Ridley.

(6) Publications Committee Report:

Wasson presented a report on *Meteoritics*, which included the following information: projected published pages for volume 25 are 400-425 (significantly higher than in previous years), and institutional subscriptions now total 185. Wasson also compiled comparison data on the cost per page for *Meteoritics* and a selection of earth science journals (attached) and restated his view that the Council has erred in raising institutional rates.

Reports sent by Lipschutz and Faure (attached) were distributed to Council and summarized by McSween. Of particular importance is a renegotiation of Pergamon's contract with the Publications Committee.

MOTION: Council expresses its support for Lipschutz's attempts to get more favorable publication conditions for *GCA*, and in the event that we change publishers and Pergamon chooses to continue *GCA* in competition, Council hopes that the Editor and his staff will remain loyal to the Society (Anders, seconded by Sears, passed unanimously).

MOTION: Council approves the nomination of D. Macdougall, as Chair of the Publications Committee (Anders, seconded by Woolum, passed unanimously).

ACTION: McSween should notify Lipschutz and Faure of this approval.

(7) Nomenclature Committee Report:

Graham noted that the preparation of the *Meteoritical Bulletin* is proceeding smoothly. A high point was the recent publication of an index. Anders suggested that having both the President and Vice President as members of the Nomenclature Committee is unnecessary.

(8) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Policy Concerning Collection and Sale of Desert Meteorites

Schultz discussed some problems arising from meteorite dealers who have illegally exported finds from desert countries and are selling them at high prices. This committee has exchanged letters on possible actions by the Society and will meet later during the meeting. The *Meteoritical Bulletin* might exert some control on what they authenticate, and insure that some samples are available for scientific research.

ACTION: This Committee should coordinate with the Nomenclature Committee.

(9) Affiliation with IUGS

Brett reviewed the structure of the International Union of Geological Sciences and some possible advantages of affiliation. Anders noted that affiliation might pigeonhole the Society in the earth sciences. Brett responded that some societies are affiliated with more than one international organization. Wanke noted that Soviet scientists can only participate in meetings sponsored by ICSU organizations.

MOTION: That the Meteoritical Society request affiliation with IUGS (Hewins, seconded by Woolum, passed 7 to 0 with 1 abstention).

ACTION: McSween should submit a letter requesting IUGS affiliation.

(10) Report of the Barringer Award Committee

Wetherill submitted the recommendations of the Committee with justifications: first choice - V. Masaitis, second choice - E. Chao.

MOTION: That Victor Masaitis be awarded the 1991 Barringer Award (passed by acclamation).

ACTION: Taylor should notify Masaitis of this action.

(11) Report of The Leonard Medal Committee

El Goresy submitted recommendations of the Committee with justifications: first choice - D. Clayton, second choice - J. Wasson.

MOTION: That Don Clayton be awarded the 1991 Leonard Medal (no formal motion, passed 5 to 1 with 2 abstentions).

El Goresy then presented a ranked list of 15 nominations for fellows. One percent of the Society's membership, or 9 persons, could be elected to Fellowship. The first nominee was ineligible because of membership on the Council.

MOTION: That nominees 2 through 10 (K. Yanai, G. MacPherson, I. Steele, J. Grossman, B. Glass, A. Rubin, A. Masuda, I. Mackinnon, and H. Nagahara) be elected as Society fellows (passed by acclamation).

ACTION: McSween should send fellowship certificates to these people, and amend the soon-to-be-published membership list accordingly.

Prepared by
H. Y. McSween, Secretary