

## Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Meteoritical Society

October 8, 1968

Hoffman Geological Laboratory  
Harvard University  
Cambridge

The meeting was convened at 2:15 p.m. with President Carleton B. Moore presiding. In attendance were Vice Presidents Barandon Barringer, Robert S. Dietz and John A. O'Keefe, Secretary Roy S. Clarke, Jr., Treasurer Ursula B. Marvin, Editor Dorrit Hoffleit, Past President Peter M. Millman, and Councilors Richard Barringer, Kurt Fredriksson, Gerald S. Hawkins, Klaus Keil, Brian H. Mason and John A. Wood. Robin Brett, John T. Wasson and Fred L. Whipple attended the meeting as visitors.

### Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held at the Holiday Inn, Mountain View California, on October 24, 1967, were approved as submitted.

### Program, 31st Annual Meeting

Ursula Marvin presented the program for the Annual Meeting and discussed arrangements and last minute changes. The Council unanimously approved the program as presented and thanked Mrs. Marvin and her coworkers for their efforts on behalf of the Society.

### Secretary's Report

The report of the Secretary was submitted to the Council in writing and was accepted as submitted (copy attached).

There was brief discussion of the nomenclature problem of Barringer Meteor Crater. It was pointed out that in the final analysis usage determines the name that becomes accepted. It was suggested that Society members use the name Barringer Meteor Crater in speaking and writing and that we encourage others to do the same. No other action was suggested at this time.

The problem of dues for foreign members was discussed, and several individuals suggested that funds are available to help in cases of demonstrated need. Either the Treasurer or the Secretary can furnish information on possible sources of funds to members seeking financial help for foreign members or prospective foreign members.

### Treasurer's Report

Ursula Marvin presented two balance sheets. One was for the year ending December 31, 1967, and the second was through the third quarter, September 30, 1968. Copies of both of these statements are attached.

Mrs. Marvin pointed out that these statements clearly indicate that our income is slightly below our current needs and that a dues increase is needed. She also reported that there may be little or no income to the Society from this annual meeting even with its \$8.00 registration fee.

The Treasurers report was discussed briefly and approved.

### Editor's Report

Dorrit Hoffleit reported that an issue of Meteoritics (vol. 4, no. 2) is at the printers and will be circulated to the membership about the first of next year. This concludes her work as editor, and these responsibilities pass to the new incumbent.

### Leonard Medal

Peter Millman reported on the activities of his committee. Five candidates had been considered and Ernst Öpik was the committee's selection for this year's award. The selection had been made earlier and a majority of the Council had been contacted by phone by either President Moore or the Secretary. It was clear that the committee's choice was strongly supported by a large majority of the Council. Professor Öpik was informed of the award and invited to attend the meeting and receive the award in person. He responded that he was sorry he could not arrange his schedule at that late date to attend and asked that John A. O'Keefe accept the medal in his behalf.

A discussion followed of selection procedures and of the need to know the recipient well in advance of the time of the time of the actual award.

A motion carried instructing the Leonard Medal Committee to present the Council with two nominees prior to the next annual meeting, one for the 1969 award and one for the 1970 award. This action was taken so that in future years the Council will be in a position to select a recipient a year in advance of the actual award meeting.

A motion carried establishing December 31 of a given year as the deadline for receipt by the Secretary of nominations for the Leonard Medal to be considered for recommendation to the Council within the next calendar year. This means that it will be Council policy not to act on nominations within the calendar year that the nomination was received by the Secretary. This procedure also insures that the Leonard Medal committee will have sufficient time to complete its necessarily lengthy mail balloting, and have a firm recommendation for the Council prior to the annual meeting for any given year. These recommendations will be for the award of the following year.

### Membership Committee

Brian Mason stated that the membership committee had no formal report but that they had been active during the year. The Vienna meeting had been a particularly fruitful ground for new members.

### 33rd Annual Meeting

It was reported that Elbert King was to be present in Cambridge and that he was to present to the Society an invitation to have its 33rd Annual Meeting at the NASA, Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, Texas. A motion carried to accept this offer if it were made. (Offer made at business meeting and accepted.).

### Future Meeting

Robert Dietz discussed the possibility of having the 1970 meeting of the Society in Tübingen, Germany. The Secretary read a letter on this subject from Nicholas Short. Both Dietz and Short have discussed this possibility with Professor Wolf von Engelhardt, and they feel that a firm invitation may be forthcoming.

The Secretary noted correspondence that he has had with John Butler of the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain regarding the possibility of a jointly sponsored meeting.

A motion was made and carried that the Council approves in principle the idea of having an Annual Meeting in Europe. It was noted that this would have many advantages in developing the international stature of the Society, but it was also noted that there were practical problems that need serious consideration.

The matter of future meetings was referred to Klaus Keil for coordination and program development.

### Recognition for service to Society

President Moore showed the Council copies of certificates of recognition he had prepared for presentation to Charles P. Olivier for service as Director of the Meteor Section, and to Editor Dorrit Hoffleit for long and dedicated service to the Society. The awards are to be voted on by the Society as a whole at the Annual Business Meeting. Presentation is to be made to Dr. Hoffleit at the annual banquet. Dr. Olivier could not attend the meeting, and his certificate will be accepted for him by Brandon Barringer.

### Council Appointments

President Moore noted that the new Council is required to approve several committees. It was decided to have a brief meeting of the new Council, later in the week for this purpose so that Society business can be conducted in an orderly manner. Possible

committee appointments were discussed at some length at a later stage of the Council meeting.

### AAAS Representation

President Moore noted that he has been our representative to the AAAS for the last two years and asked for suggestions for a replacement. Lacking acceptable suggestions, Moore agreed to continue in this capacity.

### Election of Officers

Ballots received by the Secretary were counted in Cambridge on October 8, 1968, by a tellers Committee of Matthias F. Comerford, George H. Megrue and William K. Sabine. President Moore announced that the following had been elected to office:

President	Klaus Keil	
Vice Presidents	John A. Wood Brandon Barringer Robert S. Dietz	
Secretary	Roy S. Clarke, Jr.	
Treasurer	Ursula B. Marvin	
Editor	Carleton B. Moore	-
Director, Meteor Section	Peter M. Millman	
Councilors	Edward Anders Robin Brett Donald E. Gault Ian Halliday E. L. Krinov Brian H. Mason John A. O'Keefe Fred L. Whipple	-

### International Association of Planetologists (IAP) -

The Secretary read a letter from Nicholas M. Short discussing the development of the IAP. Short suggested that we might play the part of "catalyst" or "temporary foster parent" to this developing organization.

The letter was discussed and a motion that the Council take no action in this matter

carried. The Secretary was instructed to respond to Short on behalf of the Council, pointing out that planetologists are welcome to attend our meeting, submit papers for presentation, and to join the Society.

### Publication

Klaus Keil announced that A. A. Levinson reports that the Geochemical Society has Meteoritical Society co-sponsorship of Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta on the agenda of its meeting to be held in Mexico City. The publisher, Pergamon Press, favors the arrangement, and it is expected to gain Geochemical Society approval. This would mean that our members would be entitled to a discounted price on Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta, a leading journal in the field of meteoritics.

Mrs. Eliza Wathen of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory discussed production of Meteoritics, prices of printing and related problems. This was a general information session and no proposal for Council action was made. Carleton Moore will pursue this matter with Miss Wathen and others.

Carleton Moore reported that he has discussed the possibility of obtaining support money for Meteoritics with Alvin van Valkenberg of the National Science Foundation.

### Dues Increase

There was general agreement that rising costs necessitate a dues increase for the Society. It was decided to recommend to the Society that the Bylaws be changed so that the Council becomes responsible for setting dues. A motion carried that the following change in Bylaws be submitted to the Society prior to the next annual meeting for action at that meeting.

Change Bylaws, Article 4, Section 3, the first sentence, from

OLD        The annual dues of each non-life member shall be four dollars (\$4.00), unless he be a student in attendance at a recognized institution of learning, then it shall be two dollars (\$2.00) payable to the Treasurer on the date of election and on January 1, of each year thereafter.

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NEW        The annual dues of each non-life member shall be fixed by the Council and be payable to the Treasurer on the date of election and on January 1, of each year thereafter.

### Adjournment

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy, S. Clarke, Jr. Secretary  
The Meteoritical Society

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Meteoritical Society

October 10, 1968

Agassiz Theater  
Radcliffe Yard  
Cambridge

The meeting was convened following the annual business meeting at 6:00 p.m. with President Klaus Keil presiding. In attendance were Vice Presidents Brandon Barringer and Robert S. Dietz, Secretary Roy S. Clarke, Jr., Editor Carleton B. Moore, Director of Meteor Section Peter M. Millman, and Councilors Robin Brett, Donald E. Gault and Brian H. Mason.

Committee Appointments

The following committees were recommended by President Keil.

Membership Committee

Brian H. Mason, Chairman  
Vagn Buchwald  
Ahmed El Goresy  
H. G. Fales  
Nicholas M. Short  
Louis S. Walter  
Roy S. Clarke, Jr., Ex Officio  
Klaus Keil, Ex Officio

Finance Committee

Thomas E. Rodman, Chairman  
Brandon Barringer  
Ursula B. Marvin, Ex Officio  
Klaus Keil, Ex Officio  
Edward Olsen

Publications Committee

Carleton B. Moore, Chairman Edward Anders  
Robin Brett  
W. R. Van Schmus  
John T. Wasson  
George W. Wetherill

The above named committees were approved on motion.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on motion at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy S. Clarke, Jr. Secretary  
The Meteoritical Society