

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 1986 MEETING OF  
THE METEORITICAL SOCIETY

Prepared & Submitted, March 1986, by D.D. Bogard, Secretary.

Attending Council Meeting:

The Council meeting was called to order by President Eberhardt at 7:05 PM at the Lunar & Planetary Institute. Houston, TX. Council members present were: P. Eberhardt, G. Wetherill, D. Bogard, E. King, L. Grossman, H. Palme, A. Kracher, C. Hohenberg, M. Prinz, & R. Taylor. M. Drake was present as an invited guest.

Minutes of the July, 1985 Council meeting were approved.

Motion #1: (Made R. Taylor, 2nd G. Wetherill)

That Council send a letter of congratulations to G.J. Wasserburg and C. Allegre for their receipt of the Crawford (?) Prize.

Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report: (E. King) See Attachment A

Submission of Meteoritics Report by Subcommittee of the Publications Committee: (M. Drake)

A discussion followed on the studies and recommendations made by this report. The report was considered confidential, and a copy is not included in the minutes.

Submission of Study Report on Meteoritics Finances: (P. Eberhardt)

See Attachment B.

Considerable discussion of this report followed. Several members of Council expressed concern with the large increase in the deficit shown in 1985 between *Meteoritics* income and *Meteoritics* expenses. (The deficit increased from \$8,044 in 1984 to \$22,620 in 1985 as a result of a significant increase in the number of published pages.) Several Council members believed that an emphasis on publication of more, higher quality papers by *Meteoritics* would cause this journal funding deficit to remain large in coming years. Other members of Council pointed out that, although Society expenses exceeded income in 1985, the appreciable capital owned by the Society (\$60,026 as of 1/1/86) would permit a modest deficit for several years; Eberhardt's report estimates a future deficit of \$15,000 per year. This deficit could be partially offset by increasing income from institutional subscriptions to *Meteoritics*, and by increasing member dues. The number of student members of the Society were estimated by E. King as 50-100, but a value of 150 can be calculated from the average dues per member (\$13.50) given in attachment B. Increasing member dues by \$5.00 would produce no more than \$4,000 in additional income and would still leave a net Society deficit.

Various opinions were expressed by Council as to the merits of increasing member dues by various amounts against the probability of continual large deficits from *Meteoritics*.

Motion #2: (Made C. Hohenberg, 2nd M. Prinz)

That beginning with 1987, Society dues be increased to \$20.00 for full members and to \$10.00 for student members.

Motion passed: yes 7, no 1. abstain 1

Report on Guidelines for Publication of Meteoritics: (P. Eberhardt)  
See Attachment C

Motion #3: (made C. Hohenberg, 2nd ??)  
To modify the wording of section C of this report to read as indicated on Attachment C.

Motion passed: yes 5, no 1. abstain 2

Motion #4: (made G. Wetherill, 2nd R. Taylor)  
To adopt Attachment C as official Guidelines for Publication of *Meteoritics*.

Motion passed: yes 8, no 1

Extensive discussion followed as to persons considered qualified and possibly willing to serve as the Editor of *Meteoritics*. Preliminary contact had already been made with a very few individuals as to their interest in the position of Editor.

Motion #5: (made C. Hohenberg, 2nd G. Wetherill)  
That the position of Editor of *Meteoritics* for the years 1988-1991 be offered to John Wasson.

Motion passed: yes 8, no 1. abstain 0

Mike Drake as chairman of the *Meteoritics* subcommittee was charged to negotiate with John Wasson concerning the position of Editor. Council agreed that the executive committee would have permission to increase the funding for Meteoritics Editorial services up to \$7,500 per year if necessary.

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Marti Prinz reported that plans for the annual meeting in New York are progressing well.

Mike Drake reported on the concept of a series of special books that may be published by Pergamon Press and sponsored by the Geochemical Society. Council was asked to consider whether the Meteoritical Society desires to co-sponsor such a book series.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 PM.