

Minutes of Meteoritical Society Council Meeting

12:00 noon, Sunday, March 6, 2011

**Indian Springs Room, The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center
The Woodlands, Texas**

Council members present:

Hiroko Nagahara (Past Pres)
Ed Scott (Pres)
Greg Herzog (Sec)
Monica Grady (VP)
Rhian Jones (Treas)

Nancy Chabot (Councilor)
Harold Connolly (Councilor)
Alex Deutsch (Councilor)
Keiji Misawa (Councilor)
Kevin Righter (Councilor)

Regrets:

Gretchen Benedix (Councilor)
Hasnaa Chennaoui (Councilor)

Luigi Folco (Councilor)

Guests present:

Yuri Amelin (MetSoc 2012)
Selene Carey (MAPS/Wiley-Blackwell)
Cari Corrigan (Elements)
Denton Ebel (NYC report)
Chris Herd (NomenCom; 2012 meeting)
Gary Huss (Membership Cmte)
Tim Jull (MAPS Ed.)

Hap McSween (Elements)
Dave Mittlefehldt PublCom, JPC)
Kuni Nishiizumi (MetSoc 2015 invitation)
Frank Podosek (GCA)
Caroline Smith (MetSoc 2011)
Tim Swindle (Endowment Cmte)

Guests regrets:

Bill Casey (JPC)
Andy Davis (Audit Committee)
Trevor Ireland (MetSoc 2013)

Hiroshi Kaiden (Web site)
Chris Koeberl (Barringer Cmte)
Tim McCoy (Leonard/Nier)

AGENDA

	Welcome and introductions	Scott	12.00
1	Minutes of the last council meeting	Herzog	12.05
2	President's Report Nominating Committee	Scott	12:10
3	Secretary's Report	Herzog	12:30
4	Treasurer's report Interim report of treasurer FY12 budget - preliminary	Jones Jones	12:40 12:50
5	Endowment Committee Travel funds for members in low-income countries	Swindle	13:05
6	Meeting reports a) 2010 New York b) 2011 Greenwich c) 2012 Cairns	Ebel Smith Amelin	13:15 13:25 13:30
7	Meeting bid 2015 Berkeley	Nishiizumi	13:35
	Break		13:55
8	GCA JPC EE's report	Mittlefehldt Podosek	14:05 14:20
9	MAPS Editor's report Wiley report	Jull Carey	14:45 15:00
10	Publications committee report	Mittlefehldt	15:15
11	Membership Committee New Member's letter Meteorite magazine proposal (Attachment MM)	Huss	15:35 15:40
	Break		15:55
12	Nomenclature Committee Bylaws change New cmte members ; Bulletin Editor Type specimen repositories	Herd	16:05 16:15 16:20
13	Bylaws changes - awards	Scott	16:35
14	Elements Letter of agreement Executive Committee report Forthcoming articles Newsletter	Scott Grady McSween Corrigan	16:50 17:00 17:10 17:25
15	Website	Misawa/Herzog	17:35
16	New business		17:45
	Adjourn		18:00

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. The incoming councilors who were in attendance were welcomed and introduced. The President thanked everyone for attending.

The minutes of the Council meeting of the Meteoritical Society held July 25, 2010, Dept. Earth and Planetary Sciences, American Museum of Natural History, New York, which had been distributed by e-mail, were accepted unanimously on motion by Harold Connolly, seconded by Monica Grady.

1. President's report

1.1 Membership of Nominating Committee

Having consulted with the Executive Committee, Scott announced the proposed membership of the Nominating Committee for 2011-2012.

Joe Goldstein
Candace Kohl
Gordon Osinski
Rainer Wieler (Chair)
Akira Yamaguchi
Brigitte Zanda (Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris)

Reserve: Scott Messenger (NASA Johnson Space Center)

Harold Connolly moved to approve the list of candidates; Alex Deutsch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

1.2 Changes to Bylaws and Rules for the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee had proposed a set of changes to its Bylaws and rules (Appendix 02a). These changes had been circulated to the Council 30 days before the meeting and were considered for adoption. Council members suggested that to avoid ambiguity, the word 'Secretary' be replaced by the phrase 'Society Secretary' in bylaw 1.3, rule 9, and all other places where appropriate. Subject to these changes Connolly moved acceptance of the proposed changes; Grady seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

1.3 Society support for related meetings

Scott noted that from time to time the Society has supported meetings on subjects related to the interests of the members and urged continuation of this practice. He pointed out that such meetings provide excellent opportunities for our members to interact with scientists from related fields and allow the society to publicize our journal and research activities to a broader audience. Support may take several forms – announcements on the Society's website; publications of articles in special issues of MAPS; and subvention through the Endowment fund. Recently, the executive council agreed to support two upcoming meetings by helping to publicize them. Details are available in Appendix 02.

1.4 Relationship with Elements Magazine

Discussion of this item was considered as part of item 14 on the Agenda

2. Secretary's Report

Herzog summarized actions that the Executive Committee and the Council took during the time period between the Society meeting in NYC and December 31, 2010. The following section summarizes these actions and, in the case of the Student Councilor item, the response of the Council.

McKay Award: The 2011 McKay Award Committee, chaired by Scott Messenger, recommended that Rachel Smith be given the McKay Award for her presentation entitled "New $^{12}\text{CO}/^{13}\text{CO}$ Observations in Young Stellar Objects and Molecular Clouds: Implications for $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$ in the Early Solar Nebula" (Attachment 1). Grossman moved and Connolly seconded a motion to accept this recommendation. On 27 Aug 2010, council voted by email 11-0, with one not voting, in favor of this motion.

MAPS Editor Contract: On 17 Aug, 2010, the Publications Committee, chaired by Rainer Wieler, transmitted to council a proposed contract with Tim Jull, extending his editorship of MAPS for the period 1 Jan 2011 – 31 Dec 2014. The contract was then slightly modified during brief negotiations between executive committee members and Jull. Grossman made a motion, seconded by Rubin, that the contract be ratified. This was unanimously approved by an email vote on 17 Sept 2010 and transmitted to the president for her signature (Attachment 2).

Student Councilor: On 31 Aug 2010, Grossman presented to the current and incoming executive committees an idea for establishing a "student councilor" position in the society. After email discussion, the idea was tabled until the March council meeting.

Council response. Council members had some concerns about the proposal. It was noted that the arrangements would be difficult for an international society, and that the terms of service and sources of funding were unclear. It was suggested that an observer position might be better filled by someone at the postdoctoral level. Nancy Chabot volunteered to investigate the possibility and to discuss it with Gary Huss.

Greenwich meeting: On 9 Sept 2010, the Council voted 8 to 0 to approve a loan of US\$20,000 to the Greenwich local organizing committee. The money was requested for a deposit to secure the meeting venue (~\$10,000); as a cash reserve (for any unexpected deposits that may be required); and for repayment of money already spent on advertising that was handed out at the New York meeting and other miscellaneous items. The motion was made by Grossman and seconded by Rubin.

GCA and GS: On 17 Sept 2010, following a formal communication five days earlier from the Geochemical Society (GS) board of directors (Appendix 10b*), the officers of the society drafted a letter to GS explaining our desire to continue cooperating on the publication of GCA, and outlining a course of action in the event that royalty payments would only be given by Elsevier to the GS. This letter (Appendix 10c*), was sent to council for approval (moved by Grossman, seconded by Rubin). The motion was approved on 18 October 2010 10-0 with two not voting.

Cairns meeting: The local organizing committee for the Cairns meeting requested a loan of

A\$5000 with the following justification, "The 75th annual meeting of the Meteoritical Society is scheduled to be held in Cairns, Australia on 12-17 August 2012. Trevor Ireland of the local organizing committee (LOC) would like the meeting hosted at the Cairns Convention Center. In order to confirm the booking at the Center, a deposit of A\$5000 is required (1.00 USD = 1.03657 AUD). The LOC formally requests a loan of this sum."

On 18 October, council voted 10-0 by email to approve a loan of A\$5000 to the LOC of the 2012 annual meeting in Cairns (moved by Rubin, seconded by Grossman).

Endowment: The Endowment Committee recommended an expenditure of \$3000 from the Endowment Fund to support student travel to the Colloquium of African Geology (CAG), to be held in January 2011. On 18 October, council approved this by email, 10-0 (Grossman motion, seconded by Rubin)

Newsletter: Jeff Grossman sent the main portion of the Newsletter for 2010 as usual to MAPS and posted it on the website. Subsequent to this posting, Hiroko Nagahara wrote a farewell editorial for the Newsletter, which arrived too late for inclusion in the printed version. Greg Herzog posted this editorial on the website and advertised it in an e-mail sent to the membership January 4, 2011.

Audit committee report: A report from the Audit committee on the society accounts for the 2009-2010 fiscal year was submitted by Nancy Chabot (chair) and approved in November 2011*. Ed Scott made the following motion, which was seconded by Joe Goldstein: "I move that we accept the report of the audit committee, approve the revised report of the treasurer, and warmly thank the audit committee and treasurers for their sterling work!" Jeff Grossman sent the motion to the Council on November 30, 2010.

*Council had received a copy of this report at the time the motion was passed.

Herzog then reported on two developments since January 1, 2011.

News from the Leonard Medal/Nier Prize committee: Tim McCoy writes that the pool of nominees for each prize is healthy.

Student travel support for the Greenwich meeting from NASA: NASA (Max Bernstein) has kindly agreed to provide US\$25,000 to support the travel students at US institutions to the Meteoritical Society meeting this year. As in previous years, the local organizing committee selects deserving recipients, who must be students in the US and who must travel on US flag carriers. The LPI takes care of the administration of these funds.

The procedures for requesting and distributing these funds were explained by Jeff Grossman and are outlined below.

- 1) Secretary sends a brief note or notes to the head of LPI and to the NASA funding official with a copy to the meeting organizer. A sample of a possible note to the head of LPI follows.

This is normally the time of year (January) when we make arrangements for NASA to provide funds for support of student travel to the annual meeting of the Meteoritical Society. In recent years the amount has been \$25,000. Please let me know if you need and additional information from the society to continue this program in 2011.

In the past, these travel funds have come through the Cosmochemistry program. In the event that the Cosmochemistry program officer has a conflict in authorizing these funds, he/she should be asked for the name of the appropriate NASA official. This year, Max Bernstein had sign-off authority.

- 2) NASA responds and gives a \$ amount; this money is sent to LPI.
- 3) Secretary informs the local organizing committee of the amount available
- 4) LOC posts notice of funding availability on meeting web site.
- 5) Program committee chair writes to students who have been selected for NASA travel awards by the program committee giving the amount of the award and explaining that they will be funded through the LPI when they submit their travel receipts to the LPI. Chair sends copy of letter to LPI Director.

3. Treasurer's report

Transition to new Treasurer

Jones took over as Treasurer on 1st January 2011. She expressed gratitude to Alan Rubin making the transition happen smoothly and for leaving the office with the accounts and transaction records very well organized. Rubin is still an official contact person for the Society as our non-profit status is registered in California.

Jones proposed that Horton Newsom (University of New Mexico) should be appointed to this position of deputy Treasurer.

Grady moved the appointment of Newsom as Deputy Treasurer.

Connolly seconded:

The motion passed unanimously

Tax reporting

Jones and Rubin worked with an accountant in Albuquerque and in January 2011 filed the society's tax returns for FY10 (1st June 2009 to 31st May 2010; Tax year 09)

Current status

Jones then presented the main text of the Treasurer's Report (Appendix 4). Topics discussed included Membership, Assets, the Investment Fund, and current finances. It appears that income and expenses for this year are nearly balanced. There may be a small deficit of about \$2000.

Righter suggested that annual membership figures be included in the Newsletter.

There was general praise for the clarity of Treasurer's report.

5. Endowment Committee

Tim Swindle reported for the Endowment Committee.

- 1) Investments are tracking market as was intended. Our new financial representative, Merrill-Lynch, has been responsive to requests for information and advice.
- 2) So far this year, the Endowment Committee has received only one request for funds to support outreach projects. This one request is to be discussed at the Endowment Committee meeting scheduled for this, the week of the LPSC conference.
- 3) The Endowment Committee is actively considering ways to improve the recognition of donors.

Grady suggested that the results of these deliberations be communicated to the Local Organising Committee for the Greenwich meeting.

Swindle brought one item for action by the Council, a recommendation concerning how to fund meteoriticists from low-income countries so that they can attend MetSoc meetings.

The Meteoritical Society Endowment should fund up to \$4000 in travel for (non-student) scientists from low-income countries to each Annual Meeting for 3 years, with it clearly stated that the intention is to have this project be supported by another source on a longer term basis. The Society and the Endowment Committee should make efforts to come up with that source, promoting the idea to potential donors.

Details of selection of recipients should be left to each meeting's organizers but should include the following: 1) awards should be based on merit; 2) awards should be of \$500 to \$2500; 3) recipients should be responsible for finding other funding for at least some portion of their expenses; 4) applicants should be asked to provide information about any travel award received from a previous Meteoritical Society annual meeting; and 5) eligibility should be based on the HINARI lists or some other quantitative measure of national income such as International Monetary Fund or World Bank determinations of per capita income.

Swindle explained that the Endowment Committee would like raise \$100K, enough to earn \$4K/year to be available in the future for this purpose. He noted that formal procedures for eligibility and selection of recipients would be needed.

Righter asked how many scientists might be interested in applying for these funds. Ebel answered that the number was about 8 for the NYC meeting. He also pointed out that publicizing the availability of funds could be challenging. The Endowment Committee will look into this question further and write some more targeted recommendations. Swindle encouraged Council members to offer suggestions.

Item 2) Jones moved approval of the recommendation from the Endowment Committee with a second from Grady. The Council's approval was unanimous.

6. Meeting Reports

New York

Denton Ebel offered some observations on the New York City meeting. The virtual sessions worked well as a way of accommodating members wishing to 'attend' crowded sessions. A record number of abstracts, 443, was received; 319 members registered for the meeting. There were 216 oral presentations and over 220 poster presentations. External support (US\$) included 20K from the US National Science Foundation, 17K from NASA, and 27K from other sources. The average travel award was 1.1K. The post-conference symposium was attended by 51 persons. Travel grants were awarded to 59 students and early-career research scientists from around the world. The average travel award was 1.1K. The post-conference symposium was attended by 51 persons.

The New York Organizing Committee was able to get a tax exemption from State of New York.

Ebel said he would modify the Handbook for Meteoritical Society Annual Meeting Organizers, which was written by Guy Consolmagno in 2003, so that future organizers can benefit from the lessons learned at the New York meeting.

Council members congratulated the New York Organizing Committee for a well-run and enjoyable meeting.

Greenwich

Caroline Smith reported on the current status of plans for the meeting in Greenwich this summer. Monica Grady has joined the LOC. Possible choices for a room for plenary sessions are under discussion. Most sessions will take place in 2 rooms about 5 minutes apart; each one has a capacity for 225 persons.

Cairns

Yuri Amelin communicated remarks from Trevor Ireland concerning the status of planning for the Cairns meeting in 2012.

The following people have agreed to serve on Local Organising Committees: Trevor Ireland, Marc Norman, Yuri Amelin, Hugh O'Neill, Raquel Salmeron, and Charley Lineweaver. The LOC will have additional advice from advisory committee members John Lattanzio, Alex Bevan, Kurt Liffman, Kevin McKeegan, Ross Taylor, Bruce Schaeffer, and Ed Scott. The Program committee is not yet set up.

- 1) Meredith Ashton has agreed to be Meeting Coordinator at no cost to the Society.
- 2) The Cairns Convention Center has been booked from August 12, to 17 2012. In choosing the dates, consideration was given to the possibility of holding the meeting jointly with one on "Nuclei in Cosmos," to be held in Cairns at about the same time. Scheduling did not work out.
- 3) A meeting announcement for the Website is almost ready for posting. An item for publication in Elements will be submitted by August 1 to Cari Corrigan.
- 4) Negotiations are under way with the firm Events NQ concerning a contract for the provision of logistical support to the meeting. Ashton and Ireland will travel to Cairns in May for planning purposes.
- 5) Finances. A booking fee of \$AU 5000 was paid (see Secretary's report, above). The total cost of Convention Center for this item will be \$75,000. The registration cost attributable to this one item is will be US\$214 based on projected attendance of 350 attendees. The Cairns Convention Center can be configured to give appropriately sized spaces, i.e., a 500 seat arrangement for plenary sessions, and rooms with a capacity of 200-250 seats for scientific sessions.

Exchange rates may fluctuate leading to uncertainties in projecting a budget in US\$. Further details will be presented in Greenwich.

- 6) Meeting Support. Meeting organizers have received indications of support from Australian Scientific Instruments, Cameca, JAXA, and ANU and are seeking support from other sources.

- 7) The mode of abstract publication is under discussion. USB sticks are favored.
- 8) Discussions of a possible Field Trip and other events are in progress.

7. Proposal to hold the 2015 meeting in Berkeley, California

Kuni Nishiizumi and a group of colleagues invited the Society to hold its 2015 meeting at the University of California in Berkeley. Council was impressed with the detail and thought shown in the planning documents.

Jones moved that the Council accept the invitation.

Grady seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta (GCA)*

Joint Publications Committee - The text below summarizes documents prepared by Ed Scott (Appendices 8a-8c), remarks by Dave Mittlefehldt, a former member of the Joint Publications Committee and present Chair of the Society's Publications Committee.

The status of GCA in relation to the Meteoritical Society and the Geochemical Society was specified in a contract signed by the two Societies and by the Publisher, Elsevier in 1991. That contract was terminated by Elsevier at the end of 2010. Negotiations for renewal had begun in earnest in January 2010 but could not be concluded by January 1, 2011. In its first offer of a new contract, Elsevier had proposed to enter into an agreement with the Geochemical Society only, a procedure that violated the bylaws of both Societies. After many emails spread over many months, Elsevier agreed to include the Meteoritical Society with the Geochemical Society in a single contract but refused to offer any royalties to the Meteoritical Society. Elsevier then presented a revised contract, which the JPC evaluated. The JPC recommended rejection of the revised contract for four main reasons.

- 1) The offered draft tilted editorial control over the journal almost completely toward Elsevier. Elsevier demanded final approval for the Associate Editors as well as the Executive Editor.
- 2) Elsevier required that "The Goldschmidt abstracts supplement must not be re-sold or distributed without Elsevier consent or in contravention of copyright." This restriction seemed unreasonable, particularly in regard to distribution of the abstracts to those attending the Goldschmidt Conferences.
- 3) The new draft included the following language:

Other Publishing Activities. In order to ensure the scientific and commercial success of the Journal, the Societies agree that it will not directly or indirectly be involved in any other publishing activities that compete with or otherwise negatively affect the commercial opportunities of the Publisher with respect to the Journal and will not sponsor, publish nor affiliate itself with any other scientific journal or other regularly distributed scientific publication or information service in the same or related fields.

The JPC argued that neither Society should sign unless exemptions from this clause (e.g., MAPS) were included. The JPC pointed out that if the Societies did sign the contract as written, then they would be open to legal action by Elsevier.

- 4) The societies have no way to opt-out of the contract for five years.

In early February, Sam Mukasa, President of the Geochemical Society, asked GCA Executive Editor Frank Podosek to try to iron out with Elsevier some key points of difference in the contract, an effort that had approval and encouragement from Ed Scott.

GCA Executive Editor's Report – Frank Podosek's report is given in Appendix 8d. He noted that question of Goldschmidt abstracts had become moot. He also reported progress on an important issue in the contract with Elsevier, a new clause exempting existing publications from the ban on potentially competing publications. Council members noted what they regarded as lack of clarity about the wording and passed two motions.

Herzog moved that the Council tell the Joint Publications Committee about its concerns with the language as presented and ask for their advice.

Connolly seconded.

The motion passed unanimously

Herzog moved that the Society hire a lawyer to evaluate the amended contract with a view toward understanding its possible consequences for the Society.

Connolly: seconded

The motion passed unanimously.

No formal timetable was set for the enactment of these motions.

9. Meteoritics and Planetary Science

MAPS Editor's report - Tim Jull reported on the current status of MAPS. MAPS received 143 submissions in calendar year 2010 and published 118 papers, 5 citations, 3 editorials and 4 memorials. Wiley staff members have uploaded all available papers that were published since 2002; also uploaded are "early view" papers, which are those that have been accepted but not yet published in final form.

After significant delays in production with Wiley, MAPS has begun to catch up with issues. The January 2011 issue was mailed in mid-January 2011 and the schedule now appears to be close to the contracted schedule. Continuing, minor problems with proofing corrections are generally worked out at weekly telephone conferences with Wiley personnel.

Grady moved approval of the MAPS budget as presented. Deutsch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Wiley report - Selene Carey presented a report concerning M&PS on behalf of Wiley (Appendix 9c). She noted that publication of accepted manuscripts has caught up and that most institutional subscribers have renewed. Broad concerns persist about the economies of the US and UK, where budgets may ultimately have an effect. MAPS is now part of Wiley-Online and usage is being tracked.

Publication of meeting abstracts – Tim Jull introduced the discussion of policies concerning the storage and distribution or publication of meeting abstracts. The consensus was that a USB stick could replace a printed version at the meeting and that the cost for 'production' of the stick would be ~US\$35/person. In the past, The MAPS office has collected abstract fees but because of University of Arizona restrictions this is no longer possible. Selene Carey agreed that Wiley would collect the abstract fees from authors. Council noted that it was not possible at present to search for individual abstracts at Wiley-Online without first downloading all abstracts. Selene Carey said that she would look into ways of making such searches possible.

Grady moved that there be no hard copy of abstracts for the Greenwich meeting, but that an electronic copy be distributed to each registrant. Jones seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Connolly moved that abstracts for the meeting be published with Wiley as an online supplement only, that is, in electronic form.

Chabot seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that if abstracts were to be published online only, space limitations might be eased. There was, however, no sentiment for allowing abstracts to grow or for changing the present abstract template. Next year LPI will no longer accept abstracts in Word but will require pdfs instead.

10. Publications Committee

Dave Mittlefehldt reported orally on activities of the Publications Committee as part of item 8. Details are given in Appendix 10.

11. Membership Committee

Membership Committee report – Gary Huss presented the report of the Membership Committee (Appendix 11).

Meteorite magazine – Gary Huss reviewed the history of discussions between the Society and *Meteorite magazine*. A tentative agreement to offer the magazine as an option to members was drawn up (Appendix 11c). Rhian Jones asked whether there would be ongoing administrative fees due to MSA for handling these subscriptions. Huss replied that the Council had previously agreed to pay a \$3K fee to MSA for set-up and that there would be no further charges beyond that amount.

The Council reached no conclusion about how to announce the availability of *Meteorite magazine* and asked for additional information concerning the amount of advertising the Society might be obliged to purchase. Huss and Herzog will discuss these issues and report back.

Motion

Grady moved that Council accept the proposed agreement with *Meteorite magazine* subject to further discussion among Secretary, Treasurer, and Gary Huss concerning the wording of the announcement on the Society website and clarification of the Society's commitment to buy advertising.

Herzog seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Huss reported that a temporary arrangement had been made for MSA to send a “New Members Letter” for which MSA charges \$35/month.

Grady moved that henceforth the Society will pay MSA \$35/month to continue sending out “New Members Letters”.

Deutsch seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

12. Nomenclature Committee

Bylaws and Rules changes – Proposed changes to Article 12, the bylaw concerning the Nomenclature Committee had been circulated to the Council 30 days in advance of the meeting (Appendix 12c). Two changes were proposed: one set would become effective on 13 March 2011 and the second set would become effective on 3 January 2012.

The Nomenclature Committee also proposed changes to its rules (Rule B8; Appendix 12a) that qualify the bylaw change allowing members to serve for more than two consecutive terms and require the chair to suggest replacements for committee vacancies.

Connolly moved adoption of the proposed changes to the bylaws, Article 12, and the committee rule B*, and requested that the Nomenclature Committee be asked to prepare a new document showing Article 12 and the new operating rules in their entirety. (Chris Herd sent this document to Greg Herzog on March 8, 2011).

Grady seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Type specimen repositories – Chris Herd presented a proposed questionnaire to be sent to the curators/proprietors of Type Specimen Repositories (TSR) (Appendix 12b). The purpose of the questionnaire is to gather information on how current TSRs curate the meteorite type specimens in their care, partly with a view toward establishing best practices. Council members expressed approval of the idea, provided the questionnaire did not seem overly burdensome, and encouraged the NomCom to proceed. Chris Herd said he would report back on progress at the Greenwich meeting.

New Editor of the Meteoritical Bulletin – Michael Weisberg will step down as Editor of the Meteoritical Bulletin on March 31, 2011. The NomCom recommended that Laurence Garvie be asked to become the new Editor.

Monica Grady moved that the Society formally thank Michael Weisberg for his sterling service and approve the nomination of Laurence Garvie as the new Editor.

Kevin Righter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

13. Changes in Awards Bylaws

Proposed changes to the Bylaws concerning Awards had been sent to the Council 30 days in advance of the meeting (Appendix 13 - Award bylaw changes ESGH20110204).

Jones moved the adoption of the proposed changes and Connolly seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Elements

Ed Scott reported on the discovery that the formal agreement with Elements had not been signed when it was sent in July 2010 and that it required a minimum three-year period with one-year notice of withdrawal. Since the society had promised members that the decision to join Elements would be reconsidered this year, we suggested to Hap McSween, one of the four

principal editors, that the society should have a probationary period of two years starting in July of 2010. This suggestion was favorably received by Hap and managing editor, Pierrette Tremblay, and forwarded to the chair of the executive committee, who has yet to respond.

Monica Grady has replaced Jeff Grossman as the society's representative on the executive committee of Elements. The society has been invited to contribute a new feature page to *Elements* by the managing editor, Pierrette Tremblay, that we have called "*CosmoElements*." This will feature new discoveries in cosmochemistry. Cari Corrigan, the society news editor, will edit and coordinate contributions for *CosmoElements* which should occupy three journal pages per year.

Cari Corrigan reported that four pages of Society news have been published or are in press already and showed a plan for the duration of 2011 (Appendix 14b). It was anticipated that the society would be allocated two pages per issue in 2011 including one page in alternate issues for *CosmoElements*. The February issue of Elements features six articles on cosmochemistry with Dante Lauretta as editor. Hap McSween explained the procedure for submitting themes and possible authors for an upcoming issue of Elements (these are on the Elements website).

Gary Huss commented on ways to inform the membership about the value of Elements. He urged the Council to call attention to the "Cosmochemistry" issue and to opportunities for members to publish or suggest topics for articles in the magazine. Hap McSween noted that Elements has a circulation of 15,000.

15. New business

No new business was brought up.

16. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn from Harold Connolly was seconded unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.