

Meteoritical Society Council Meeting
12:00 noon, Sunday, March 18, 2012
Indian Springs Room
The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center
The Woodlands, Texas

-1) Preliminaries

Listed below are the people who attended and those who were invited but were unable to attend The Council of the Meteoritical Society, which was scheduled to meet in the Indian Springs room of The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, The Woodlands, Texas, on Sunday, March 18, 2012.

Council members invited:

Hiroko Nagahara (Past Pres)	Nancy Chabot (Councilor)
Ed Scott (Pres)	Harold Connolly (Councilor)
Greg Herzog (Sec)	Alex Deutsch (Councilor)
Monica Grady (VP)	Keiji Misawa (Councilor)
Rhian Jones (Treas)	Kevin Righter (Councilor)
Gretchen Benedix (Councilor)	

Council members regrets

Hasnaa Chennaoui (Councilor)	Luigi Folco (Councilor)
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Guests invited:

Conel Alexander (Leonard/Nier Cmte)	Trevor Ireland (MetSoc 2012)
Marc Caffee (Endowment Cmte)	Tim Jull (MAPS Ed.)
Fiona Murphy (Wiley-Blackwell)	Marc Norman (MetSoc 2012)
Rick Carlson, (GS pres., GCA)	Frank Podosek (GCA)
Cari Corrigan (Elements)	Alex Ruzicka (Membership Cmte)
Andy Davis (Audit Cmte)	Kai Wünneman (2016 meeting)
Cyrena Goodrich (PubCom)	Brigitte Zanda (JPC)
Jeff Grossman, (NASA/Archives)	Mike Zolensky
Chris Herd (NomenCom; 2013 meeting)	

Guests regrets:

Jon Friedrich (MetSocCom)	Hiroshi Kaiden (website)
Joanna Morgan (Barringer Cmte)	

Prior to the meeting, the Secretary sent to the Council the documents listed as Appendixes in Table 1. These Appendixes are not part of these minutes.

Table 1. Agenda and list of attachments

0	Welcome and introductions	
1	Minutes of the last council meeting	Appendix01 - MinutesGreenwich20120227.pdf ¹
2	President's Report	Appendix02 - President's report 12-1.pdf ²
	Wiley contract addendum	Appendix02a - MAPS - Addendum (WJN 11_16_11).pdf ³
	Bylaw change - Article 10	Appendix02b - BylawsArticle10FellowsElec.pdf ¹
	Bylaw change - Article 15	Appendix02c - BylawsArticle15PellasRyder.pdf ¹
3	Secretary's Report	Appendix03 - SecretaryReport20120127.pdf ¹
		Appendix03a – MetSocCom Report ¹
4	Treasurer's Report	Appendix04 - Treasurer Report LPSC 2012.pdf ³
5	Audit Committee	Appendix05 - MetSocAuditCommReportFY11.pdf ¹
6	Website	Appendix06 - Website_report_March2012GH.pdf ¹
7	Meeting reports	
	a) 2011 Greenwich	Appendix07a - Greenwich 2011AnnMtgRepMarch2012. pdf ¹
	b) 2012 Cairns	Appendix07b - CairnsMetSoc75 Report at LPSC2012. pdf ¹
		Appendix07c - CairnsMetSoc75 Draft Budget Mar10.xls ¹
	c) 2013 Edmonton	Appendix07d - Edmonton in 2013 for Council March18_2012.pdf ¹
	e) 2015 Berkeley	
8	Meeting bid/Berlin	
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9	Membership Committee	Appendix09 - MemComReport-2012-LPSC.pdf ¹
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11	Elements	Appendix11 - Elements Council Mtg Spring 2012.pdf ¹
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	Editor's report	Appendix13 - MAPS Editor's report 03-05-2012.pdf ¹
		Appendix13a - MAPS Wiley Editor's 2013 Budget Final (2).pdf ¹
	Wiley report	Appendix13b - MAPS - WB report for MetSoc council (LPSC 2012).pdf ³
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		Appendix14b - March_18-Appendix-1GH.pdf ³
	JPC	Appendix14c - Report to GS-MS from JPC 20120126.pdf ²
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18	Fellows candidates	Appendix18 - FellowsNominations20120302.pdf ²
19	Pellas-Ryder Award	Appendix19 - PellasRyder Report.pdf ¹
20	Barringer Award	Appendix20 - BarringerNomination2012 CoverLetter.pdf ¹
		Appendix20a - BarringerNomination2012 Documentation.pdf ¹
20	New business	

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¹ Immediate release – unrestricted;

² 30-year embargo unless otherwise indicated by an officer of the Society;

³ Restricted.

0) Welcome and introductions. Ed Scott convened the meeting at noon and welcomed the Council and guests.

1) Minutes of the Council meeting held in London, England at the Greenwich meeting. Acceptance of the minutes was moved by Connolly and seconded by Grady. The motion passed unanimously.

In discussion, members asked that minutes be circulated as soon after meetings as feasible.

2 President's Report

Scott thanked the officers and council members for their participation. He highlighted several items included in his more detailed report (Appendix02).

- An addendum to the Wiley contract which dealt with procedures for members who renew late and for new members who join during the year had been approved by the council in 2009, but inadvertently had not been signed. Selene Carey at Wiley and Ed Scott agreed on minor grammatical corrections and signed this contract addendum in November, 2011.
- The Elements contract was finally signed in October, 2011.
- The Society needs to keep track of and store formal agreements. He cited specifically agreements with Wiley (Appendix 02a); Elements; and Elsevier.
- The J. Lawrence Smith award of the US National Academy of Sciences, which was awarded to Hap McSween this year, will be awarded again in 2015. An announcement will probably be sent in August 2014 with little time for nominations as the deadline will be mid-September, and the Casablanca meeting will be held in early September. Members need to be notified as quickly as possible and encouraged to make nominations.
- At the Greenwich meeting Council members had agreed to pursue a possible agreement with *Meteorite* magazine under which the Society would offer members the option to subscribe. In subsequent discussions with Derek Sears at the Greenwich meeting, the Council members were unable to reach a satisfactory arrangement. While further progress seems unlikely, the Membership committee was encouraged to continue the effort.
- The Society has several sources of funds to support travel to the Cairns meeting. Scott summarized them in an effort to make it easier for the Local Organizing Committee to know how the awards should be distributed. Benedix commented that Rhian Jones had helped the organizers of the Greenwich meeting in this respect and suggested that it would be a good idea to centralize this task in the Treasurer's office. Scott said he would put his summary of travel award on Google Docs.
- The need for new committee members is steady. Council members suggested that calls for volunteers should be placed on the website and on the membership renewal form as well, despite a modest cost for modifying that form.
- As an international society, MetSoc is happy to take public positions to encourage support of planetary science. Scott summarized recent actions taken to urge the US Congress to restore cuts in the NASA budget for Planetary Sciences. He noted that US law allowed the Society to spend a small amount (up to 5%) of its budget on such activities. Deutsch urged that the Council letterhead be modified to show the home countries of Councilors in order emphasize the Society's international character.

Amendment to Bylaws: Article 10, Election of Fellows

A modification to the Bylaws was introduced (Appendix 02b) concerning the date by which the Leonard Medal Committee must forward the names of nominees for Fellows to the Council. The changes were moved by Grady and seconded by Connolly. The motion passed unanimously.

Amendment to Bylaws: Article 15, Pellas-Ryder Award.

Changes to the existing bylaws were proposed (Appendix02c) in order to recognize that the Pellas-Ryder award is now jointly given by only the Meteoritical Society and the Planetary Geology Division of the Geological Society of America. When the bylaws were written, it was envisaged that other sponsoring societies might join. Dave Williams, the chair of the Planetary Geology Division of the GSA has also suggested that in the list of topics, “planets” be changed to “planetary and satellite surfaces.”

Also, since the nomination procedure wasn’t mentioned in the bylaws a sentence covering this has been added from the committee guidelines.

The amendments were moved by Connolly and seconded by Deutsch. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Secretary’s Report

For the record, Herzog noted that the Council had discussed and passed electronically nine motions since the last council meeting in Greenwich.

Motion 1. Approval of D. Harries as winner of McKay Award for 2011. Moved by Herzog, seconded by Connolly, and passed unanimously.

The Council voted to approve the report and recommendation of the McKay Award Committee for 2011 to present the McKay Award to Dennis Harries (Univ. Bayreuth) for the presentation made at the 74th meeting of the Meteoritical Society and entitled “Nanocrystalline P-Bearing Pentlandite and Chromium Nitrides from CM2 Chondrites Y-791198 and Y-793321” (abstract #5165).

Motion 2. Creation of a List Serv for the Meteoritical Society. Moved by Herzog, seconded by Connolly, and passed by a vote of 11 to 0 (one not voting).

The Council voted to create a ListServ called MetSocCom, with the following provisions.

The purpose of the ListServ is to provide members with a forum to discuss Society matters of mutual interest.

MetSocCom is for members of the Meteoritical Society.

Participation in MetSocCom is voluntary; subscribers may unsubscribe at any time.

The ListServ will operate under Ground Rules now available at

<https://metsoc.meteoriticalsociety.net/lists.html>.

The server for the list will be maintained by the Mineralogical Society of America.

The first manager of the ListServ will be Jon Friedrich (Fordham University).

Motion 3. Approval of \$3K to support a Kauai workshop, “Formation of the First Solids in the Solar System,” to honor Klaus Keil and to be held November 7-9, 2011. Moved by Herzog, seconded by Connolly, and passed unanimously.

Acting on a strong recommendation from the Endowment Committee, the Council voted to provide \$(US)3,000 to support a workshop in Kauai, which Sasha Krot organized in honor of Klaus Keil.

Motion 4. Creation of *ad hoc* committee to design details of a Legacy Program. Moved by Herzog, seconded by Connolly, and passed unanimously.

The Council approved a motion intended to lead to the establishment of a Legacy Program for the Society. Specifically, as a preparatory measure, Council approved the creation of an *ad hoc* committee to design a Legacy Program and report back to the Council via the Endowment Committee. Council asked that the report include a plan for dealing with legal issues that can reasonably be anticipated and that is detailed enough to serve as a blueprint for the initial operation of the Legacy Program. Council's intention is to consider this report, and upon approval, to charge the *ad hoc committee* with initiating operations of the Legacy Program.

Motion 5. Approval of a second* loan of \$(AU)17,643 to Trevor Ireland for support of the Meteoritical Society meeting in Cairns, Australia. Moved by Jones, seconded by Herzog, and passed unanimously.

The Council approved a motion to lend Trevor Ireland as organizer of the Society's meeting in Cairns Australia, a sum of \$(AU)17,643 to cover advance costs of the meeting. The requested loan amount represents 10% of the estimated costs at the Cairns Convention Center. Rhian Jones reviewed the detailed invoice and approved the request. The invoice sum includes room rental, audio-visual, IT and catering, and includes lunch every day for all conference participants. (In March 2012, 1 AUD = ~1.05 USD)

*As indicated in the Minutes of the Council meeting held 6 March 2011, on 18 October 2010, council had voted 10-0 by email to approve a loan of A\$5000 to the LOC of the 2012 annual meeting in Cairns to reserve the Cairns convention center. At that time the exchange rate was 1.00 USD = 1.03657 AUD.

Motion 6. Approval of modification to MAPS contract with subsequent oversight by the Publications Committee. Moved by Herzog, seconded by Nagahara, and passed unanimously.

The Council approved an addendum (Appendix 01a) to the Society's contract with Wiley to publish MAPS. The addendum allows advertisements placed with the Wiley Job Network to appear on the MAPS web page (<http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-MAPS.html>). The motion also calls for continuing oversight of the advertisements by the Publications Committee.

Selene Carey at Wiley had requested that the Society approve an addendum to the MAPS contract to allow Wiley to place recruitment advertising and job listings on the MAPS website in spaces that are would otherwise be blank. A portion (11%) of the income received by Wiley from the ads will be returned to the Society. The MAPS editor raised no objections and the chairperson of the Publications Committee, Duck Mittlefehldt, recommended approval. Mittlefehldt also suggested that if the Council were to approve the addendum, the Council then ask the Publications Committee to monitor the advertisements periodically and report back to the Council.

Motion 7. Lifetime membership given to Frank Podosek. Moved by Herzog, seconded by Jones, and passed unanimously.

The Council voted to give Frank Podosek a lifetime membership in the Society. The award recognizes his 12 years of extraordinary service to the Society and the broader scientific community as Executive Editor of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, a role that he performed with great distinction.

Motion 8. Award of expenses for Podosek to attend LPSC 43 and report to Council. Moved by Herzog, seconded by Jones, and passed unanimously.

The Council approved the award of a sum of up to \$1000 to reimburse Frank Podosek for expenses he incurs while attending the Council meeting and advising Council members at the 43rd Annual Lunar and Planetary Science Conference meeting.

In light of the recent changes that Elsevier has made in the editorial operations of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, the Council believes that a report from and discussion with former Executive Editor, Frank Podosek are unusually important.

Motion 9. Approval of the report and recommendations of the Joint Publications Committee concerning *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*. Moved by Herzog, seconded by Nagahara, passed with 11 in favor and one abstention.

The Joint Publications Committee (JPC) recently concluded a search for candidates for the position of Executive Editor of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* (GCA). During the course of the search the JPC also considered the structure of the staff support for the journal. Based on their thoughtful and insightful report, the Council resolved that

the names of two candidates recommended by the JPC be passed to Elsevier as our first and second choice for the new Executive Editor of GCA;

the candidate for the position of Executive Editor be advised to consider strongly and discuss with Elsevier the likely need for two paid deputies to help manage the workload;

until the appointment of a new Executive Editor, the president of the Meteoritical Society, working with the Geochemical Society president, should continue to try to identify, and urge Elsevier to appoint three interim Executive Editors from among the Associate Executive Editors.

President's Motion

The material of this section was taken from the Secretary's report as modified on June 7, 2012. It was not discussed at the Council meeting, but is included here for the record. On August 24, 2011, Rainer Wieler submitted the report of the Nominating Committee (Rainer Wieler (chair), Joseph I. Goldstein, Candace Kohl, Gordon Osinski, Akira Yamaguchi, and Brigitte Zanda). The committee recommended the following slate:

Vice-President: Mike Zolensky

Treasurer: Rhian Jones

Secretary: Greg Herzog

Councilors

Nancy Chabot

Hasnaa Chennaoui

Luigi Folco

Kevin Righter

Jay Melosh (Purdue)

Larry Nittler (DTM)

Maria Schönbacher (Univ. Manchester)

Hisayoshi Yurimoto (Hokkaido Univ.)

Also on August 24, Ed Scott circulated the Committee's report to the Council and asked that they certify that the nominations had been made in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, and Committee rules. On September 7, Ed informed the Council that the vote to certify had been unanimous.

Other matters

Herzog summarized briefly the substance of Jon Friedrich's report on MetSocCom (Appendix03a). The Society's new list serve has been functioning for some months; activity has been light. Deutsch suggested that members be encouraged to announce jobs. Chabot commented that discussion of new falls such as Tissint might be of interest and that she would encourage members of SBAG (NASA Small Bodies Analysis Group) to submit items.

Herzog summarized some of the comments received as part of the *Elements* survey. While a large majority of those responding to the survey were favorably disposed toward Elements, cost was a recurrent concern for a few members. Also noted was duplication of subscriptions and the non-receipt duplicate copies.

4 Treasurer's Report

This Treasurer's Report (Appendix04) summarized the society's financial activity during Fiscal Year 2012 (FY12) from 1 June 2011 to 31 January 2012, the current FY12 budget, and the budget for FY13.

Rhian Jones called out the following highlights of the report.

- Tax forms were submitted for 2011. An amendment had to be filed to report a bank account that had been set up for the NY meeting.
- A duplicated transfer between the Operating Fund account and the Endowment Fund account will be straightened out.
- The generous contributions of several members for travel support were noted gratefully
- As specified in the contract, Wiley is increasing MAPS office support by 3%.
- Wiley will raise the price of subscriptions to institutions; a portion of that increase will be returned to the Society?
- Council was reminded that we had decided in Greenwich to keep \$36,000 profit from NY meeting in the Operating Fund.
- The current operating budget shows a profit of \$29,000 for 2011. The two main items are the profit from the NY meeting, which is offset by \$7,000 owed Elsevier for member subscriptions to *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*. As Elsevier will itself collect these fees in the future, the expense will not show up again on the Society books.
- An estimate of the FY13 budget has been prepared and appears to be in balance.

Grady moved approval of budget as reported. Benedix seconded. Approval was unanimous.

In discussion Chabot: how much is now in the Operating Fund now? Jones replied that the current balance is ~\$150,000. The question of how much to keep there will be re-visited at the Cairns meeting.

5. Audit Committee

Ed Scott noted that the report of the Audit Committee had been received circulated to the Council (Appendix05).

Andy Davis named the members of the Audit committee (A. Davis, M. Wadhwa, and S. Taylor). Paul Warren had been replaced as the bylaws required (Warren and the former Treasurer, Alan Rubin, are both at UCLA).

Davis pointed out that Rhian Jones' superb records made it easy to understand the finances and that all the relevant bank statements were available. The Audit Committee concluded that all is kosher, although Davis cautioned that none of the members is an accredited accountant.

Scott asked whether it would be helpful to have a write up of the procedures followed by the Audit Committee. Chabot replied that future committees can simply use recent reports as a template.

Grady asked whether it was desirable for the Audit Committee to have members from the US only. The consensus seemed to be that having one member from outside the US would be useful.

Grady moved that the Council accept the well-laid-out report of Audit Committee. Deutsch seconded. Jones abstained; all others voted to accept.

6. Website

In the absence of Hiroshi Kaiden, Keiji Misawa presented a report concerning the current status of the Society's website, also described in Appendix06. Kaiden had created a beta version of the new Society website with a view to transferring from the old one on or about January 1, 2012. The transfer required new arrangements to register the name 'MeteoriticalSociety.org'. In the course of attempting this transfer to NIPR, the files of the new website were corrupted and it became necessary to extend the agreement with the old website host, OnlineCorp.

Since then, Hiroshi Kaiden has identified a commercial company in Japan with the ability to support the files of the new website, which were written in 'NetCommons' format. At present the Society is waiting for a formal bid from the commercial company.

7. Meeting reports

Scott noted the growing complexity associated with MetSoc's annual meetings and a concomitant need to re-organize a handbook for Local Organizing Committees. The plan is to put this handbook on Google docs and to invite previous organizers to update it. For ease of use, the new text will be broken into pieces with specific assignments and tasks listed.

2011 Greenwich

Gretchen Benedix submitted a report of the 2011 meeting at the University of Greenwich (Appendix07a).

The Greenwich meeting realized a net profit of about £6930 or \$(US) 11,000. An imbalance of ~£2300 (\$(US) 3700) is under investigation. Most of it is probably associated with free registrations given by the Society for various purposes. An appropriate note will be added to the final budget table.

A question arose about what to do with travel award funds that were not allocated, as a Sudanese student was unable to get a visa to attend the meeting. Council members concluded that the donors should be asked their preferences, and whether they might be willing to roll the funds over to the Cairns meeting.

2012 Cairns

Trevor Ireland reported on preparations for the 2012 meeting in Cairns, Australia (Appendix07b). The 75th Annual Meeting of the Meteoritical Society will be held in Cairns from Aug 12-17, 2012. The meeting will be held at the Cairns Convention Centre. The Barringer lecture on Monday evening will be presented by Emeritus Professor Ross Taylor. There may be two poster sessions on Tuesday and Thursday. The Wednesday excursion and banquet will be held in the small town of Kuranda (25 km northwest of Cairns in the top slopes of the table lands. Optional excursions are planned for the Great Barrier Reef on the Sunday preceding the conference and the Saturday following. Two field trips to impact craters are planned after the meeting, one of general interest and the other aimed at specialists.

It was noted that the membership of the Local Organising Committee must be approved by the Council. The list will be sent to the Council for approval by mail ballot.

The registration fee will include all costs associated with the meeting, the Wednesday excursion, and dinner. The registration fee does not include the costs of the field excursions or the trip out on to the Great Barrier Reef. The current budget is based on a registration fee of A\$525 or ~\$(US)560.

Jones moved approval of the proposed budget for the Cairns meeting (Appendix07c). Grady seconded. The motion was approved with two abstentions.

A special reception may be arranged after the Barringer Invitation Lecture by Ross Taylor on Monday evening

2013 Edmonton

Chris Herd reported on preparations for the 2013 meeting in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (Appendix09c).

Herd confirmed that the meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza hotel. Univ. Alberta Conf. Services will assist with meeting logistics, i.e., with registration, financial management, and budgeting

The Local Organizing Committee will include Chris Herd, Rob Hiltz, Erin Walton, and Amy Riches. The members of the LOC have not yet been approved by the Council.

The registration fee works out to be \$435 based on an estimated total cost \$174,192. The LOC plans to tour the proposed banquet site this summer. Budget estimates at present do not include sponsorship from outside organizations.

Possible field trips include one to an impact crater and one to the KT boundary layer at Drum Heller.

Jones asked whether the LOC will need a loan. Herd replied that funds will be needed as a deposit for the Crowne Plaza Hotel and for the Art Gallery, where a reception will take place.

2015 Berkeley

Herzog relayed the substance of a conversation with Berkeley meeting organizer Kuni Nishiizumi. The meeting will take place in July at a time when no conflict with the Goldschmidt Conference is expected. Arrangements for lodging have been made that will allow participants who so

wish to stay on campus. In order to reserve lodging on campus, a deposit may be required well in advance of the meeting.

8. Meeting bid/Berlin

Kai Wuenneman presented greetings from the Naturkunde Museum, Berlin, and an offer to host the 2016 meeting of the Meteoritical Society in Berlin. He recalled that the last meeting in Berlin was 20 years ago. The proposed committee members are as follows:

Organizing Committee

Co-chairs Harry Becker, Freie Universität Berlin, Wolf Uwe Reimold, MfN, Kai Wünnemann, MfN; other members: Adolf (Addi) Bischoff, University of Münster, Jörg Fritz, MfN Ansgar Greshake, MfN Lutz Hecht, MfN Falko Langenhorst, University of Jena Ralf-Thomas Schmidt, MfN, and Tobias Salge, Bruker AXS, Berlin.

Scientific Committee: Alexander Deutsch, University of Münster; Harry Hiesinger, University of Münster; Thomas Kenkmann, University of Freiburg; Jan-Michael Lange, Senckenberg Museums, Dresden; Uli Ott, Max-Planck (Cosmochemistry), Mainz; Andreas Pack, University of Göttingen; Michael Poelchau, University of Freiburg; Mario Trieloff, University of Heidelberg; Jutta Zipfel, Senckenberg Museums, Frankfurt.

The likely location for the meeting will be at the **Freie Universität Berlin** in Dahlem, which lies to the south of the central portion of Berlin but is easily accessible by public transportation (about 30 minutes).

A banquet dinner with dinosaurs at the Naturkunde museum is under consideration, but the hall may not be big enough.

The dates of the meeting are tentatively scheduled during the first two weeks of August

Excursions may include one to Ries crater, a Scandinavian crater tour with Henning Dypvik and colleagues; a tin mine at Freiberg; and/or the Morasko crater Posznan, Poland.

Grady: moved acceptance of the proposal; Connolly seconded. Deutsch abstained, but otherwise the motion passed unanimously.

9. Membership Committee

Alex Ruzicka presented the report of the Membership Committee (Appendix09). Growth has been steady in paid memberships, with total members reaching over 1000 for the first time last year. Renewal rates start off high but tend to slow. The Membership Committee is exploring ways to encourage earlier renewal. One possibility is automatic renewal, which is implemented by several other scientific societies.

The committee is actively considering several nominees for the 2012 Service Award.

Various Membership Committee members have expressed interest in three projects. (1) being involved with ideas for a potential redesign of the MetSoc webpages, to make them more attractive and interesting while keeping their functionality. Herzog welcomed suggestions and noted that the new web page design should be back online soon. (2) Exploring potential ties with IMCA (International Meteorite Collector's Association), to reach out to non-scientists. (3) Promotional efforts, which might include advertizing on the reverse side of the MAPS mailing labels and/or a campaign to sign up new members.

10. Nomenclature Committee

Chris Herd reported on the activities of the Nomenclature Committee (Appendix10) and announced that the Committee's next meeting would be on Monday, March 19, at LPSC. Highlights of the report follow:

- The Meteoritical Bulletin 99, which includes listings of 1500 meteorites will be online in MAPS as a pdf file. MAPS Editor Tim Jull has approved this mode of presentation.
- The membership of the Committee is unchanged from last year and now numbers 15, in accordance with the recently changed bylaws.
- In a poll of 134 repositories of meteorite type specimens, 50 responded. The replies have been compiled in the Meteorite Database. Herd distinguished between repositories that are part of institutions that may be private but are open to the public, such as the American Museum of Natural History, and those that are completely private. Herd expressed some apprehension about how available and responsive private repositories may be.
- The Committee has implemented software for voting electronically.
- The Committee is considering how to encourage the placement of representative specimens of a meteorite in its country of origin. Committee members took the view that such a motion would be hard to enforce and may be outside of its purview. However, they agreed to work with Herzog to see how such a recommendation could be placed on the Society's website.

Jeff Grossman commented that the Society should be thinking about a possible successor to him as Editor of the Meteoritical Bulletin DataBase.

11. Elements

Cari Corrigan presented the reports from Elements (Appendix11). Members remarked favorably on the recent impacts issue. Corrigan noted that a special issue on asteroids is planned.

Chabot commented that the Society should be looking to the future and possibility of creating an official position for the *Elements* Society news editor and mentioning it on the website.

12. Publications committee report

Cyrena Goodrich presented the report of the Publications Committee (Appendix12) and called out the following items.

Wiley ads – Under the terms of an addendum to the Wiley Contract, Wiley may occasionally post advertisements for jobs on the MAPS web page during a trial period of 6 months. The dates for the trial were not specified and to date (March 18, 2012) no ads have been posted. Members concluded that the 6-month period would begin with the appearance of the first ad.

Members asked how the rates for the ads are set. Murphy replied that rates are subject to discussion and depend on the nature of the advertisement.

PubCom recommended that abstracts be published online only. LPI now handles the initial submissions and requires that they be submitted as pdf files. The Committee concluded that to be consistent with these procedures, in the future MAPS should accept the abstracts in pdf file format, and not ask for a separate doc file for type-setting.

PubCom further recommended that the current abstract format be retained, i.e., that abstracts be limited to one column with a minimum font size of 10 points. The pdf file number would be used for bibliographic referencing. Council members asked who would monitor compliance with formatting requirements. It was suggested that the each Meeting's Program Committee could flag non-compliant abstracts as they read them.

Council Members noted that in order to collect abstract fees as painlessly as possible, it would be desirable to have a secure server available. No such server appears to be set up for this purpose at present.

Goodrich announced that on the recommendation of the Editor, two new Associate Editors, Gretchen Benedix and Ingo Leya, had been selected and had agreed to serve.

PubCom discussed with the Editor the question of whether MAPS checks routinely for plagiarism.

13. MAPS

Tim Jull presented the MAPS' Editor's report (Appendix13) and budget request (Appendix13a).

Jones moved the approval of proposed budget for 2013 and Grady seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Fiona Murphy presented the MAPS report from Wiley (Appendix13b). She noted that despite a difficult international market in journals, sales of MAPS are holding. About 95% of the subscribing institutions have renewed. 75% of the the libraries that take MAPS are licensed for online usage and downloads of full-text articles are higher for 2011 than for 2010). Readership is also up. The impact factor is being watched closely. Ontime publication helps impact factors by making the content available to readers sooner. MAPS recently has had a very good ontime record. Current review-cycle times for papers are being tracked. It was noted that Invited Reviews are a good way to raise the impact factor of a journal.

Fiona Murphy announced the creation of four new Wiley-Blackwell awards for \$500 to be given to four students who submit outstanding abstracts to the annual meeting of the Society.

Council members expressed appreciation to Wiley Blackwell.

In further discussion it was suggested that we put pictures of the award winners on the website and publish them in *Elements* as well.

Murphy reported that the creation of an award recognizing excellence in reviewing for MAPS is under discussion with the Editor.

Murphy noted that the Contract with Scholar One for handling of manuscripts online is up for discussion and renewal.

14. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*

Part of this section of the meeting was held in closed session to discuss issues related to the management of GCA.

Scott noted that the recommendations of the report of the Joint Publications Committee (Appendix13c) had been approved in an electronic vote (see above, Secretary's Report, Motion 9).

In accord with Motion 7 of the Secretary's Report (above), Scott presented a Lifetime Membership to Frank Podosek in recognition of his outstanding and sustained service to the scientific community as Executive Editor of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*.

15. News from NASA HQ

Jeff Grossman reported news from NASA

The Wolf amendment bars all bilateral agreements with China. NASA legal has ruled that there may be no collaborations with persons affiliated with Chinese institutions on grants and that Chinese scientists may not receive samples from the NASA curatorial facility. Asked about the possibility of international collaborations, Jeff responded that each case would have to be considered individually.

Permission was granted on Friday (3/16) to release funding decisions on funding proposals submitted to the Cosmochemistry program in May, 2011. These decisions follow long negotiations with Congress. Jeff urged that in these tight budget times proposers would be well advised to diversify and to submit proposals to different programs. Funding for research on Near Earth Objects will increase. LASER will ramp down.

The NSF has asked NASA and the Smithsonian to update and revise the three-agency agreement under which the Antarctic Meteorite Working Group has operated for over 30 years. It may be that NSF is looking for more support from NASA.

Travel money at NASA has been tightly restricted in accordance with the President's directives.

Jim Green has indicated his intent to resist a proposed cut in the President's budget for Astromaterials research.

16. Archives

Ed Scott recounted the history of the Society's archives and recent developments. The Appendix to his report summarizes the nature and history of the archives, the Deed of Gift that was signed in 2000 to transfer our records to the Smithsonian Institution Archive, and the addendum signed in 2009 that stipulates that access to award committee reports and other sensitive material should be restricted for 30 years unless a society officer gives permission. Currently only a small part of the society's archives have been transferred to the society by Grossman (2007-2008 council records). The remainder are still in Roy Clarke's office at the Smithsonian where he has been sorting materials and adding to the archives. In November, Clarke informed Scott that he needed to empty his office and ship the records to the SIA within a month or so. Initial attempts to have Derek Sears look through and categorize the documents and remove identify sensitive material fell through. Subsequently, Scott corresponded with Jennifer Wright of the SIA about these problems and she assured him that they would organize poorly sorted materials and that award committee reports would be separated and restricted as the addendum requested.

Scott noted that the Society's document retention policy needs to be modified to clarify which documents need to be restricted for 30 years, those that are forever restricted (agreements with Elsevier and Wiley, publisher's reports), and those that can be made public immediately. The Appendices are now divided into these three categories. Herzog suggested that in future contracts the confidentiality clauses should be time-limited.

The Secretary now holds two other boxes of documents. It was generally agreed that it would be a good idea to digitize these documents.

The Council agreed that it would be appropriate to recognize Roy Clarke's service to the Society. Monica Grady agreed to draft appropriate text.

17. Endowment Committee Report

The Council took up proposed changes to the Bylaws Article 14; these changes had been sent to the Council by e-mail well in advance of the meeting. The primary purpose of the changes is to make the terminology consistent with current practice whereby the endowment funds consist of general endowment, Nier, and McKay funds. In the course of discussion, it was agreed that article 14.2 needed to specify more clearly that the committee was to consist of 6 members.

Grady moved that the modifications be approved subject to clarification of the definition of committee membership. Benedix seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Marc Caffee presented the report of the Endowment Committee (Appendix 17) which is excerpted below.

1) The restricted funds of the Meteoritical Society (including the Endowment, the Gordon A. McKay Prize fund, and the Nier Prize fund) contained approximately \$735K as of the end of January 31, 2012. Overall, the fund has tracked stock market gains more so than it has tracked losses, a trend we hope continues.

2) In the first year of a three-year trial the Meteoritical Society Endowment provided \$4000 to the organizers of the Greenwich meeting for travel for (non-student) scientists from low-income countries to the Annual Meeting. This fund was oversubscribed, indicating that we are addressing a genuine need.

To continue this program, the Endowment Committee proposes an allocation of \$4000 to the organizers of the Cairns MetSoc meeting for scientists from low-income countries. These expenditures may be offset by contributions made by members.

Grady moved acceptance of this recommendation for funding of scientists from low income countries; Benedix seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

3) The committee received one request for funds for an outreach program, the Arab Impact Cratering and Astrogeology Conference in Casablanca Fall 2011. The committee had concerns about the political stability of Morocco, given events occurring in North Africa at the time, we allocated \$3500. These funds have been sent to the organizing committee. The conference took place as planned and was well attended. The organization at Hassan II University was very good but suffered a bit from lack of wider representation. A report and analysis of AICAC II by David Baratoux (Toulouse), Uwe Reimold, and Hasnaa Chennaoui (Casablanca) is online in *Meteoritics and Planetary Science* (2012): <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1945-5100.2012.01368.x/pdf>.

4) Joe Goldstein has agreed to organize a Legacy Campaign. The Endowment Committee will be discussing this matter at the LPSC conference this week (March 19-23).

5) Derek Sears asked the Endowment Committee to fund his effort to catalog and re-organize the MetSoc archives now held at the Smithsonian Institution.. He requested \$5000 per year for two years. The committee concluded that the task is important but that the requested amount was more than we could fund. Ultimately, Derek withdrew the request.

18 Fellows candidates

Current membership figures permit the naming of 11 new Fellows. Conel Alexander presented the recommendations of the Leonard Medal Committee for 11 new Fellows of the Society and four possible alternates. He explained the procedures that the committee followed. After some discussion the Council decided to vote separately for each of the nominees.

Scott and Herzog counted the votes. All the votes were in favor of electing all the candidates except for cases where council members abstained to avoid conflict of interest issues. The new fellows are:

Makoto Kimura, Japan. For work on the mineralogy and petrology of primitive chondrites, impact high pressure minerals, and contributions to the society.

Christine Floss, USA. Numerous ion microprobe studies of isotopes and trace elements in a wide range of meteorites and in presolar grains, as well as contributions to the society

Hisayoshi Yurimoto, Japan. Numerous isotopic studies of chondritic components, particularly CAIs, as well as mentoring many to students.

Bernard Marty, France. For work on the noble gases and N in meteorites and Genesis samples.

Philip Bland, UK/Australia. Many original papers on a range of meteoritic problems, helping establish the Western Australia camera network, and contributions to the society.

Edward Young, USA. For work on the C, O and Mg isotopes in meteorites and protoplanetary disks, the hydrology of asteroids, and understanding the process of isotopic fractionation during evaporation.

Akira Yamaguchi, Japan. For his work on the petrogenesis of achondrites, leadership in the collection/curation of Antarctic meteorites at NIPR, and contributions to the society.

Thorsten Kleine, Germany. Fundamental work on the Hf-W-system and the chronology of the early Solar System.

Katharina Lodders, USA. For the application of theoretical thermodynamics to understanding Solar System process and the compilation of huge amounts of Solar System data so that it is readily accessible by Solar System scientists.

Jutta Zipfel, Germany. For innovative research, work on meteorite curation, and contributions to the society.

Yangting Lin, China. CAIs, petrology, and contributions to the society.

The President will notify the new Fellows of their election and find out whether they plan to be at Cairns for the awards ceremony..

19. Pellas-Ryder Award to D. Alex Pattoff

Shortly before the meeting, the chair of the Pellas-Ryder committee, David Williams, forwarded the recommendation of the Pellas-Ryder committee for the 2011 award for best student-authored paper of calendar 2011. The paper by D. Alex Patthoff entitled "A fracture history on Enceladus provides evidence for a global ocean" published in *Geophysical Research Letters* in 2011 (**38**, L18201, doi:10.1029/2011GL048387).was selected as the best student paper published in calendar year 2011.

David Williams reported that Simon Kattenhorn recused himself from the P-R committee before he submitted Patthoff's paper and application, and was replaced by the PGD Secretary-Treasurer Debra Buczkowski.

Connolly moved approval of the recommendation; Grady seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

20. Barringer Award

Scott called the attention of the Council to the recently received recommendation of the Barringer Award Committee and asked members to forward any questions they may have to him.

21. New business

No new business was introduced.

22. Adjourn

5:30 PM, Connolly moved to adjourn; Herzog seconded. Passed without dissent.