

MINUTES OF THE 22nd COUNCIL MEETING OF THE METEORITICAL SOCIETY  
at Harvard Observatory, Cambridge, Massachusetts

On Wednesday evening, September 9 at 8 P.M., President Russell called to order a meeting of the Council of the Meteoritical Society in the Conference Room of Harvard College Observatory. Present were Councillors D. M. Barringer and Peter M. Millman, and Editor Dorrit Hoffleit. Dr. F. Behn Riggs, Jr., of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, our host organization, who had been mainly responsible for the planning and program for the 22nd meeting of the Society, was there to report on the plans and to bring remaining questions before the Council.

As Secretary Rowland was not able to come from California to the meetings, D. Hoffleit was appointed secretary pro tem. for the duration of the Cambridge meetings.

Dr. Riggs reported that Connie Cohig of the Smithsonian had mimeographed all that abstracts of papers that had been received. In addition to the copies to be distributed to those coming to the meetings, 150 sets had been prepared for distribution to the membership at large.

It was suggested and approved that all except specially invited guest speakers be assessed a registration fee of \$2.00 to help defray the costs of four coffee breaks and other items incidental to the meetings.

It was noted that publicity and press releases, if any, would be handled by Mrs. Rene of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory.

Mr. Barringer reported that several Defense Department people had been invited to attend the meetings and that his letter of invitation had been posted in the Pentagon.

Announcements to be made at the regular meeting were discussed. Dr. Fireman of the Smithsonian wished to make an announcement regarding the need for obtaining fresh meteorite specimens within 60 days of fall. It was suggested that time be allotted for interested members to get together with Dr. Fireman to discuss the feasibility of plans for accomplishing this. Miss Frances Wright of Harvard wished to make an announcement concerning a new bibliography on meteoritic dust, now being compiled. Miss Hoffleit planned to make a few informal comments on the editorial policies and procedures planned for the Society.

Upon Dr. Riggs' departure from the Council meeting, the usual more formal procedures were followed.

Dr. Russell had with him the minutes of the meeting of the new Council at the 21st Meeting of the Society. In view of the fact that copies of the minutes had already been sent to the councillors, it was moved by Barringer and seconded by Miss Hoffleit that these minutes be accepted without reading.

It was moved by Barringer and voted that the resolutions passed at the last Council meeting concerning business with the Crocker Bank be accepted.

It was reported that the Secretary had incurred expenses of \$31.29 for paper, stencils and postage. Barringer moved and Millman seconded that the treasurer be authorized to pay this amount.

Appointments of F. C. Leonard and Peter M. Millman as Associate Editors of the Society and D. Hoffleit as Chairman of the Publications Committee were approved.

Two applications for membership, by Frans E. Wickman of Stockholm and Colonel J. P. Barringer of Philadelphia (?) were brought before the Council. A motion by Miss Hoffleit seconded by Millman to elect them was unanimously carried.

The list of papers submitted for presentation at the regular sessions was approved. On a motion by Barringer seconded by Millman it was voted to Place at the end of the program all papers whose authors could not be present in person. There were three such papers, by F. C. Leonard, J. D. Buddhue and E. L. Krinov.

A report to the president from the treasurer indicated that the Society's financial assets are \$466.90, in addition to U.S. Bonds, and that there are no outstanding debts. No motion was taken.

Mr. Barringer showed us advance printed copies of his Address as Retiring President delivered at the 21st Meeting, which he had printed from funds derived from the tourist trade at Barringer Meteor Crater. He had likewise printed Meteor Notes of the American Meteor Society, by Dr. C. P. Olivier. Both these publications will be distributed to the members of the Meteoritical Society, the same mailing possibly to include the mimeographed Abstracts of the 22nd Meeting.

Mr. Barringer raised the question whether or not the Meteoritical Society is registered as a non-profit organization. If so, the printing and distribution of the printed material should be tax-free. He also inquired whether or not the Society is registered with the Treasury; whether or not any government organization has ever passed on its constitution and by-laws. Was the Constitution drawn up under the laws of the State of California, for example? The definitive answers was not available at the time of the Council Meeting.

Mr. Barringer discussed some of the problems of the American Meteor Society, particularly in regard to the preservation of its records (which will go to the Franklin Institute), their use, and the publication of its results.

Colonel Barringer was then given a hearty vote of appreciation for printing and circulating both his Presidential Report and the Notes of the American Meteor Society.

Miss Hoffleit brought up some problems in connection with her editorial work. Some helpful suggestions were made, but no formal action was needed. It was suggested that in some instances lithographic reproductions might prove preferable to reprints.

The matter of future meetings was the last item of business. President Russell

proposed that the 1960 Meeting be held at the University of Southern California, pending approval by the proper University authorities. For the 1961 Meeting, Miss Hoffleit suggested that the Society meet in Nantucket in conjunction with the June Meetings of the American Astronomical Society. The preferred time would be a few days before the meetings of the American Astronomical Society. Hope was expressed that sometime in the near future a meeting be held at Odessa, Texas,

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorrit Hoffleit,  
Sec. Pro Tem.