

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 1986 MEETING OF  
THE METEORITICAL SOCIETY COUNCIL

Prepared and submitted by D.D. Bogard, Secretary

Attending Council Meeting:

The Council meeting was called to order by President Eberhardt at 2:20 PM at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. Council members present were: P. Eberhardt, D. Bogard, E. King, G. Wetherill, C. Hohenberg, A. Kracher, H. Palme, M. Prinz, and A. Graham. Invited guests present for part or all of the meeting were: H. McSween, E. Gibson, J. Wasson, D. Sears, D. Shaw, R. Hutchison, J. Larimer.

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Minutes of the March, 1986 Council meeting were approved.

Secretary's Report: (D. Bogard)

The newly elected officers and Council members for 1987-1988 were named; two were present at the meeting as observers.

As of June, 1986 the Society had 871 members.

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

Although the financial report shows a net Society loss of \$9767 through August of this year, King pointed out that this would not necessarily reflect the year-end totals. For the 1985 calendar year the Society did lose \$7445 due to an increase in the cost of publishing Meteoritics.

Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta Report: (D. Shaw) See Attachment B

Meteoritics Report: See Attachment C, handout sent by C. Moore

New York Society Meeting: (M. Prinz)

A total of 276 persons registered and were in attendance at the meeting. A total of 225 abstracts were submitted; 191 oral presentations were scheduled. A total of \$8800 was given to 15 students to support their travel to the meeting.

Report on 1987 Meeting in Newcastle England: (A. Graham)

The meeting will be on July 20-24 at the University. The banquet will be the evening of July 23 (Thursday), with a trip on the afternoon of July 22 to Durham cathedral. Field trips are planned for July 18-19 (Sat. and Sun.). On July 24 a 6-day field trip will begin to the Isle of Skye. The Royal Society is sponsoring a meeting on the solar system in London on July 15 and 16.

Graham requested a \$2500 grant from the Society to support student travel to the Newcastle meeting.

Motion #1: (Made, C. Hohenberg; 2nd, M. Prinz)

That the Meteoritical Society make to the organizers of the Newcastle meeting a \$2500 grant to be used to support student travel to this meeting.

The motion passed unanimously

Selection of the 1988 Society Meeting Site:

Two offers for the 1988 meeting site were before Council: D. Sears at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and J. Reynolds at the University of California at Berkeley. Letters from both Sears and Reynolds were sent to Council members before the meeting and additional information of the two meeting sites was circulated at the Council meeting. Merits of the two sites were discussed. President Eberhardt called for a vote.

The vote was 7 to 0 in favor of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Secretary Bogard was charged with notifying John Reynolds of the choice.

Leonard Medal Committee Report: (R. Hutchison)

The first and second choice of the committee for the 1987 Leonard medal was presented to Council. Council voted on the first choice.

Motion #2: (Made G. Wetherill; 2nd A. Graham)

That Masatake Honda be awarded the 1987 Leonard Medal of the Meteoritical Society.

The motion passed unanimously

Hutchison presented a list of nine candidates for Society Fellows: Frank Podosek, Larry Haskin, Dieter Stoffler, Sue Kieffer, J.D. MacDougall, Ian Hutcheon, Robert Reedy, Paul Warren, and Colin Pillinger. The Secretary has confirmed that all are Society members.

Motion #3: (Made H. Palme; 2nd A. Graham)

That the nine candidates given by the Leonard Medal Committee (and listed above) be elected as Fellows of the Meteoritical Society.

The motion passed unanimously

Barringer Award Committee Report: (J. Larimer)

Larimer reported the nomination of Wolf von Engelhardt by this committee and discussed the reasons for his selection.

Motion #4: (Made E. King; 2nd G. Wetherill)

That Wolf von Engelhardt be awarded the 1987 Barringer Award of the Meteoritical Society.

The motion passed unanimously

\*\* Action item for President Eberhardt: Write Masatake Honda and Wolf von Engelhardt to officially notify them of their awards, and request that they each prepare a short scientific paper to be presented at the Newcastle meeting.

Misprint in Article 6 of the Published Constitution:

Article 6 of the published constitution states that up to 2% of Society membership (rounded up to the next whole digit) may be elected as Fellows in even-numbered years.

Secretary Bogard has examined the text of past published constitution and minutes of previous Council meetings and cannot find any evidence that a value of 2% was ever discussed or adopted. The previous value was 1%. The value of 2% is believed to be a misprint.

Motion #5: (Made C. Hohenberg; 2nd A. Graham)

That Article 6 of the constitution should state that 1% of Society membership, not 2%, may be elected as Fellows.

The motion passed unanimously

A letter to Gerry Wasserburg from Charles Sclar which invited the Society to contribute \$500 for the support of the Goldschmidt Centenary Committee was introduced to Council and discussed.

Motion #6: (Made A. Graham; 2nd E. King)

That the request for \$500 from the Society to support the Goldschmidt Centenary Committee be denied.

The motion passed unanimously

\*\* Action item for Gerry Wasserburg: Write C. Sclar of Council's action.

Discussion on Changes in Meteoritics: (J. Wasson)

The new Meteoritics will closely resemble Geochim. Cosmochim. Acta in format. Negotiations are currently underway with Allen Press. Six Associate Editors will probably be chosen to represent various technical fields. Wasson proposes that institutional subscription rates be raised beginning with the 1988 journal year. Additional details on Meteoritics should be available by the March, 1987 Council meeting.

Two agenda items were identified for the March Council meeting: 1) whether the \$6000 editorial funding support to Wasson should begin in July, 1987, the time when Wasson expects to begin handling papers for Meteoritics, or in January, 1988, the time when Wasson officially takes over as Editor, and 2) whether institutional subscriptions should be raised and by how much.

A brief report was given by K. Burke on the status of future publication of the Proceedings of the Lunar and Planetary Science Conferences. Negotiations are still underway with a few publishers.

Invitation for 1989 Society Meeting:

A letter of invitation from W. Kiesl, C. Koeberl, and G. Kurat to host the 1989 Society meeting in Vienna, Austria, was presented to Council. The preferred time was given as the third week of September. All Council members were requested to check for any serious conflicts for this time.

Motion #7: (Made H. Palme; 2nd C. Hohenberg)

That Council gladly accepts the preliminary invitation from Vienna to host the 1989

Society meeting and invites the prospective hosts to submit their preferred meeting dates to Council for approval.

The motion passed unanimously

\*\* Action item for President Eberhardt: Notify Vienna of Council's decision and send a copy of the "Guidelines for Society Meeting Hosts".

G.C.A. Book Series:

M. Drake was unable to attend the Council meeting to lead this discussion. Consequently, the topic was postponed until the March, 1987 meeting.

Council adjourned at 6:15 PM