

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE METEORITICAL SOCIETY
At Nantucket, Mass., 16 June 1961

Present: President John A. Russell, Ex-President D. Moreau Barringer, Councillors Dr. Dorrit Hoffleit, Dr. Peter A. Millman, George Foster.

On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes, as distributed by mail, of the previous meeting, held in Los Angeles, 1 September 1960, were approved as corrected.

The President reported that, after protracted negotiations, an income tax exemption was granted by the Department of Internal Revenue for contributions to the Society after 31 August 1960.

On motion of Mr. Barringer, seconded by Mr. Foster, it was **RESOLVED THAT** the action of the officers in spending money without specific direction of the Council during the past year for mailing and printing of contributions to the Society be considered normal expenditures of the Society not requiring ratification, provided they are within the current means of the Society.

On motion of Mr. Foster, seconded by Dr. Hoffleit, it was **RESOLVED THAT** the action of the Executive Committee be ratified in the admission to membership during the past year of five new members, whose dues were now paid.

The annual report of the Treasurer was, on motion duly made and seconded, accepted as presented.

Consideration was given to arranging the order of presentation of the 12 papers submitted for delivery at the regular session of the Society 17 June 1961. It appeared that there were at least 12, and that these would require a full business day in presentation,

President Russell reported in detail on cost quotations he had obtained for casting the Frederick C. Leonard medal of the Society, as authorized at the previous annual meeting. These varied from \$650. for the die and \$12. to \$25. for each medal to \$350. for the die and \$7.50 for each medal, either gold plate, silver or bronze. After full discussion, it was, on motion of Mr. Barringer, seconded by Mr. Foster, **RESOLVED THAT** all funds obtained from the sale of Frederick C. Leonard fascicles be applied to the Leonard Medal Fund, that the President and the Secretary be authorized to order striking of the Leonard Medal on the basis of reported quotations, and furthermore, that an extra medal be struck initially and presented to Rhoda Leonard in honor of the distinguished contributions of her husband to the field of meteoritics and to the Meteoritical Society.

Discussion was held on the problems of a place for the 1962 meeting, plus consideration of the new officers due to be elected at that time. No specific suggestion was wholly acceptable. No invitations to hold the meeting have as yet been received, Mr. Barringer mentioned the possible desirability of holding it in the east-central Mississippi basin in view of the recent evidence of ancient meteorite craters in Tennessee.

The offer of The Barringer Crater Co. to subsidize, possibly up to \$2,000 annually, a revival of the Society's journal was also discussed, but it was not possible to frame specific means by which this could be utilized. The Council expressed its deep appreciation to the Barringers for this generous offer and instructed the President to appoint a committee to implement the revival of the Society's journal.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Richard W. Barringer
Acting Secretary