

# Minutes of the meeting of the Council of the Meteoritical Society

**Held at the Lunar and Planetary Institute, Houston at 2.00 p.m. on Sunday, □□  
March 14, 1999.**

**Present:** M. Drake (President), G. Kurat □□ (Vice President), D. Stöfler (Past President), E. Scott (Secretary), L. Grossman □□ (Treasurer), A. Davis, W. Hartmann, T. McCoy, U. Reimold, L. Schultz, P. □□ Warren.

**Guests:** M. Lipschutz (items 4-6), M. Wadhwa (item 7), G. □□ Consolmagno (item 7) R. Scorzelli (item 7), T. Stephan (item 7), J. Goldstein □□ (item 7), D. Sears (item 5).

**Absent:** P. Jakes and B. Zanda. Zanda □□ voted by proxy on motions in items 5 and 7. □□

## 1. Introduction

The President warmly thanked the Past President and □□ other officers of the last Council for their outstanding services to the □□ Society.□□

## 2. Minutes and approval of Agenda.

The Minutes of the last meeting, □□ which had been circulated by the Past Secretary were approved. There were no □□ matters arising.□□

## 3. Publications Committee

3.1. The President reported that the □□ Joint Publications Committee had unanimously recommended to the Geochemical and □□ Meteoritical Societies that F. Podosek be appointed as the next Editor of GCA to □□ succeed Karl Turekian (Appendix 1).

**Motion:** Council approves the □□ nomination of F. Podosek as Editor of GCA for a three-year period commencing on □□ January 1 2000 (Davis; unanimous).

Podosek will be invited to future Council □□ meetings. [The Geochemical Society has also approved Podosek's nomination □□ according to M. Drake, 4.5.99.]

3.2. The President reported that the current □□ six-month delay in the production of GCA had been caused by problems in the □□ production office. Elsevier will be moving the production office to New York in □□ 1999 and hope that the production schedule will be back to normal by mid-1999.□□

## 4. Treasurer's Report

4.1. The Treasurer circulated a statement of □□ income and expenses for 1998 (Appendix 2). The transition from the past Treasurer □□ had gone smoothly. The Society will continue to pay a low commission for visa □□ payments of annual dues as the favorable arrangements negotiated by the Past □□ Treasurer with Bank Boston would be continued.

4.2. After some discussion □□ about the actual number of paid-up members, the Council directed the Treasurer □□ to write letters to all members who have failed to pay their annual dues. □□ [The Society's policy according to Hazel Sears, the MAPS Managing Editor, is □□ to remove members from the MAPS mailing list if they have not paid their annual □□ dues by May 31. Thus delinquent members receive the January, March and May □□ issues before they are removed from the mailing list. The constitution says □□ delinquent members should be removed after April 1 but Hazel Sears says that □□ this proved to be horribly inefficient in terms of office workloads and mailing □□ costs because of the large

number of members who paid after the □□ deadline.]

4.3. The membership application form should be modified:

a) □□ Optional air shipment outside US: \$15: change *U.S.* to *U.S. and □□ Canada*.

b) The requirement that applicants be nominated by two members □□ would be discontinued.

4.4. The Treasurer reported that ~\$12K had been □□ donated to the "Pellas Memorial."

Action: the Secretary will contact B. Zanda □□ and G. Wasserburg asking them to compose a letter to the Director of the Musee □□ d'Histoire Naturelle from the President to accompany the check for the proceeds □□ of the "Pellas Memorial".

4.5. The Treasurer recommended that the Society □□ consider whether Treasurers should take office in the middle of the year. □□

## 5. Meteoritics & Planetary Science

5.1. Finances. The □□ MAPS budget for 1995-2000 had been circulated to the Council by M. Lipschutz □□ (Appendix 4). The \$27K deficit in 1998 had been caused mainly by the hiring of □□ new office staff and an increase in the number of pages from 1012 to 1368. □□ Lipschutz noted with concern that although the total number of pages was □□ expected to decrease in 1999, a similar deficit was predicted. After much □□ discussion on the size of the increase in the library rate for 2000, it was □□ finally decided that as a temporary measure, a portion of the Elsevier royalties □□ would be used to balance the MAPS budget for 1999 and 2000; the remainder would □□ go to the Endowment Fund.

**Motion.** The Council proposes to raise the □□ MAPS library rate for 2000 from \$360 to \$550 (Hartmann, seconded Warren; 2 □□ against, carried).

The MAPS Editor will compose a letter to librarians □□ explaining the need for the increase in the library subscription rate. The □□ Council instructed the Treasurer to balance the MAPS budget for 2001 and □□ successive years without using any Elsevier royalties.

5.2. Editor's □□ report. Sears reported that the current submission rate of papers is above □□ that needed to support monthly publication. The possibility of simultaneous □□ publication of electronic publication was briefly discussed. Sears was asked to □□ submit a detailed recommendation to the Joint Publication Committee so that the □□ Council could consider the matter at its next meeting. Sears suggested that the □□ Annual Meeting organizers be informed that the \$35 abstract charge is actually a □□ charge for the meeting abstract volume, which should be paid by all □□ registrants.

**Motion:** The instructions to Annual Meeting organizers □□ should be revised to state that "the registration fee (except for guests) □□ includes a charge for the MAPS abstract volume (currently \$35) that is remitted □□ to the Treasurer." (Hartmann, seconded Grossman; unanimous).

5.3. The □□ President praised Sears for his continued drive to raise the quality and □□ prestige of MAPS.

**Motion:** The Council moves to reappoint Sears as the □□ Editor of MAPS for a four-year term starting on January 1, 2000 (Hartmann, □□ seconded McCoy, unanimous).

The President asked Sears to let him know within □□ a month whether he wishes to continue as Editor. □□

## 6. Investments Committee

Lipschutz reported on the investments that □□ had been made by the Investments Committee (Appendix 5).

The rules submitted by □□ the Committee at the last meeting were approved except that the third sentence □□ of rule 5 was revised for clarity: "The Executive Committee of the Council may □□ approve small grants (<\$500), if time constraints dictate." □□

## 7. Society Annual Meetings

7.1. 1999 Johannesburg (Reimold). □□ 50 people have already registered for the meeting. Reimold hoped that over 250 □□ would attend but he had budgeted for 200 and hoped to break even if 150 people □□ attended. The Treasurer approved the budget for the meeting. It had proved □□ necessary to charge an abstract fee of \$35 instead of including this charge in □□ the registration fee to ensure that abstract charges could be transmitted to the □□ Treasurer after the meeting. Updated information about personal security at the □□ meeting had been added to the meeting website.

7.2. 2000 Chicago □□ (Wadhwa and Davis). The Chicago meeting had been rescheduled to August 28 to □□ September 1 to take advantage of better hotel room rates in August. It will be □□ held in the beautiful and historic Intercontinental Hotel and the registration □□ fee was expected to be about \$300. Room rates of \$120 (single or double □□ including all taxes) had been negotiated for the meeting and three days before □□ and after. The poster session will be held at the University of Chicago. □□ Scientific sessions will be held in adjacent hotel meeting rooms as at the Maui □□ meeting.

**Motion:** The Council moves to approve the membership of the □□ Program Committee for the Chicago meeting (Scott, unanimous).

7.3. 2001 □□ Rome (Consolmagno). The site of the meeting has been changed from the □□ Pontifical Academy of Sciences to the Gregorian Pontifical University, which is □□ technically in the city of Rome though administered by the Vatican. New hotels □□ will be needed as the site is close to the center of historic Rome. Dates are □□ unchanged: September 10-14.

7.4. 2002 Southern California. Warren □□ reported that J. Wasson is not able to reserve meeting space until January 1, □□ 2000. Wasson was asked to report to Council in March 2000 on the arrangements. □□ The likely dates are 21-26 July.

7.5. 2003 and 2004. Formal □□ invitations had been received from the Physics Institute in Rio de Janeiro, □□ Brazil (Rosa Scorzelli) and from the Institute for Planetology in M • ster, □□ Germany (Elmar Jessberger).

**Motion:** Council votes to accept the □□ invitation to M • ster for the Annual Meeting in 2003 (Hartmann; □□ unanimous).

**Motion:** Council votes to accept the invitation to Rio de □□ Janeiro for the Annual Meeting in 2004 (Hartmann; 2 against, □□ carried).

Invitations from Tucson and Zurich for the Annual Meetings in 2005 □□ will be considered at a future Council meeting.□□

## 8. Nomenclature Committee

8.1. The report of from the Chair, T. □□ McCoy was noted (Appendix 8).

8.2. The need for revisions to the Bylaws for □□ the Nomenclature Committee was discussed. The proposed revisions had been □□ circulated to Council prior to the meeting.

**Motion:** Council moves to □□ accept the proposed revisions to the [Bylaws](#) □□ (McCoy; unanimous).□□

## 9. President's Report

The President proposed that the membership of □□ the Nominating Committee to nominate people for the next Council should be T. □□ Dickinson, M. Grady, L. Leshin, G. MacPherson, H. McSween, and R. □□ Taylor.

**Motion:** Council moves to accept the proposed Nominating □□ Committee (Grossman, seconded Reimold; unanimous).

[After the Council meeting □□ was held, the President requested that Dickinson be appointed to chair the □□ Committee as MacPherson had declined to act as chair. The Council approved this □□ by email vote.]□□

## 10. Secretary's Report

The Secretary noted that Paul Benoit had □□ updated the Society website and would be including all the committee membership □□ lists. Roy Clarke is kindly updating the list of current and past Fellows that □□ was published in the last Newsletter. He estimated that about 150 past Fellows □□ had been omitted□□

## 11. Any Other Business

There was no further business and the □□ meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.□□

Ed Scott

4 April 1999

