

Meteoritical Society Council Meeting
March 21, 2023, 3 pm - 5 pm (UTC)
online only

Minutes for the 2nd Meeting of the Meteoritical Society in 2023

Council Members Invitees

Nancy Chabot (President)	Elena Dobrica
Guy Consolmagno (Vice President)	Lan-Anh “Ann” Nguyen
Brigitte Zanda (Past President)	Denton Ebel
Tasha Dunn (Treasurer)	Alvaro Crosta
Jutta Zipfel (Secretary)	Marina Ivanova
Henner Busemann	Byeon-Gak Choi (excused)
Sarah Crowther	

Guests

Gordon Osinski (Outreach Committee)
Rhian Jones (Endowment Committee)
Kevin McKeegan (Los Angeles 2023)
Ming-Chang Liu (Los Angeles 2023)
Dominik Hezel (OneGeochemistry)

The following documents were sent to councilors prior to the Meeting:

1. EC Research Grant Proposal to Council March 2023.pdf
2. 2023_MetSoc_Meeting_Budget_for_council.xlsx
3. MetSoc_Meetings.2023-01-31.xlsx
4. MetSoc2022_AnnualMeeting_Report.pdf
5. OneGeochemistry in a Nutshell.pdf

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome from President | 3:00 pm UTC |
| 2. Society and Committee Reports | |
| 2.1. Outreach Committee (Gordon Osinski) | 3:05 pm UTC |
| 30 min | |
| 2.2. Endowment Committee (Rhian Jones) | 3:35 pm UTC |
| 30 min | |
| 3. Report on the Annual Meetings: | |
| 3.1. Budget Los Angeles 2023 (K. McKeegan and M.-Ch. Liu) | 4:05 pm UTC |
| 30 min | |
| 4. New Business | |
| 4.1 OneGeochemistry (Dominik Hezel) | 4:35 pm UTC |
| 10 min | |

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| 5. Other business | 4:45 pm UTC |
| 6. Adjourn | 5:00 pm UTC |

Minutes

The Meeting started at 3 pm (UTC).

1. Welcome from President

The president welcomed all attendees. Further she announced all electronic votes that had been approved by council since the last meeting in January 24.

1. Nomenclature Committee - Proposed bylaw and rules changes - take 2 (25th Jan 2023). Approved; received 11 votes and all were in favor.
2. MetSoc vote to support the Elements budget (25th January 2023). Approved; received 10 votes and all were in favor.
3. Council supports dates of July 14-18, 2025 – Perth, Australia (30th Jan 2023). Approved; received 11 votes and all were in favor.
4. Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting on 24th Jan 2023 (1 Feb 2023). Approved; received 9 votes and all were in favor.
5. Funding of Endowment Grants as recommended by EC (5 Feb 2023). Approved; received 12 votes and 11 were in favor, 1 abstain.
6. Susanne Schwenzer for Publications Committee, Chair (7 Feb 2023). Approved; received 12 votes and all were in favor.

2. Society and Committee Reports

2.1. Outreach Committee

Gordon Osinski reported on the latest activities from the Outreach Committee (OC):

- In addition to prior members Cari Corrigan, Philippe Claeys and Gordon Osinski, nine new members were selected with the goal for members to cover a wide range of age, status, and geography.
- A first meeting was held on March 20th.
- Existing ideas were evaluated and three major objectives were formulated on how the OC can contribute to the well-being of The Meteoritical Society: 1) support Membership Committee objectives to attract students and early career scientists; 2) to attract non-scientists; 3) present The Meteoritical Society as an open, diverse, and inclusive society.
- Website and social media were identified activities for the near-time.
- Ian Sanders will write a scheme for the Ed Scott lecture series. The lectures should cover broad general topics of members' interests.
- Gordon Osinski asked council for statistical numbers on the membership. Tasha Dunn will provide statistics based on how members register, e.g., students, professionals, etc.
- Social media, i.e. Twitter, Instagram, Facebook accounts will be activated as long-term activities with maximized output on all platforms. LinkedIn and a YouTube channel could be further options.

Following this report, council discussed how the proposed activities will be received if only about 50% of the members are active on social media? The target group of students and early career scientists as well as non-scientists are likely to be active and reachable on social media. Another string of discussion developed that addressed content that could/should be distributed. Annual meetings should be covered on Twitter moderated by meeting organizers or similar to LPSC meetings by micro-bloggers and tweeters that could receive a discount on registration fees for their activities; recordings of prior award and business meetings could be posted on a YouTube channel; combining Twitter accounts from MetSoc and MAPS, as fewer accounts could be better than more; using slack workspace for exchange among MetSoc members. Pay some members to do social media as part time job for long term commitment was also discussed as a future topic to consider.

2.2. Endowment Committee

Rhian Jones shortly presented the proposal from the Endowment Committee (EC) for The Meteoritical Society Research Grant. The grant will be open to early career students until 10 years after their PhD. The Meteoritical Society Research Grant aims to promote collaborative research in the fields of Meteoritics and Planetary Sciences. It will provide funding in areas where other sources for funding are rare. Council members had familiarized themselves with the proposal prior to the meeting.

Specific questions raised were:

- Timeframe to submit final report? 2 years
- How to control how grant money is spent? No policing from The Meteoritical Society is intended. Money should go to the institutional grants office accompanied by documents that specify which costs are eligible or not to be covered by the research grants.

Move by Brigitte Zanda: Approve the proposal of the EC as presented and with an initial test run for 3 years. Second by Tasha Dunn.

Motion was approved with 11 votes in favor.

3.1. Budget of the Annual Meeting in Los Angeles 2023

M.-Ch. Liu and K. McKeegan presented the budget for the upcoming Annual Meeting in Los Angeles.

Question and Answers:

- Banquets costs are comparably low, why? Costs can be kept reasonable because organizers use the UCLA catering and buffet style food and buy their own wine.
- What is included in the registration fee? Everything.
- What is the biggest uncertainty in the calculation? Number of attendants but the estimate of 400 is about reasonable compared to prior meetings. Any loss will be covered by the society.
- How about the hotel? The conference hotel must be filled to 90 %, a contract accordingly was signed. LPI will be managing the registration and will be setting up the option for room sharing. Less expensive dormitories will be advertised on the webpage.

- LPI received NASA grant to support student travel grants for the annual meetings in 2023-2025.
- Sponsors? Sponsorship should balance contingency. Denton Ebel will provide a list of sponsors that supported the 2010 meeting in New York.
- The option to invite dealers to display meteorites was discussed.
- Why is the registration fee for virtual attendance relatively high? All basic costs should be shared by all attendants. The fee reflects the full registration minus costs for food.
- Should there be reduced rates for retired members? Given the high percentage of retired members, reducing rates will not be possible.

Move by Denton Ebel: **Approve the budget as presented.** Second by Brigitte Zanda.

Motion was approved with 11 votes in favor.

4. New Business

4.1 OneGeochemistry

Dominik Hezel reports on the OneGeochemistry initiative which has the basic goal to making data "fair" with the objective to develop standards for reporting geochemical/cosmochemical data. He reports that all other societies asked had endorsed the initiative, and that this is work in progress. Endorsement would be beneficial for The Meteoritical Society as it gets involved early on in developing standards for cosmochemical data.

Move by Jutta Zipfel: **Endorse the One Geochemistry initiative as proposed.** Tasha Dunn second.

The motion was approved by 11 votes in favor.

5. There was no other business.

6. The meeting ended at 5 pm (UTC).