

Meteoritical Society Council Meeting Minutes
Houston, Texas, March 13, 1977

Members Present: P. Pellas, J. Wasson, U. Marvin, E. Gibson, J. Goldstein, P. Eberhardt, D. Stöffler, L. Wilkening, E. Olsen, C. B. Moore

Invited Guests: R. Brett, W. Quaide

President Pellas called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's report for the October 17, 1976 meeting held at Bethlehem, PA was approved with the following corrections: Page 2. Motion: "The Meteoritical Society Council approves the appointment of two new associate editors for GCA." The minutes stand corrected.

Treasurer's Report: In absence of the Treasurer the Secretary presented to the Council the financial statement for the 1976 calendar year. The statement is Attachment 1 to the minutes.

The Council recommended the following policy statement for the Treasurer to operate under: No monies are to be given to the Group hosting a forthcoming meeting. A loan can be made by the Treasurer, with approval of the Council, to the group hosting an annual meeting and the loan to be repaid after the completion of the meeting.

The following motion was made and seconded: The Treasurer is instructed to transfer any additional money to the savings account that is not needed as operating expenses.

The Treasurer's report was accepted by the Council.

Report on Bethlehem Meeting: J. Goldstein presented a final report on the Fall 1976 meeting. His report is given as Attachment 2 to the minutes.

Invited Presentation by William Quaide of NASA Headquarters: J. Wasson invited N. Hinnens of NASA to brief the Meteoritical Society Council on the present situation on funding for meteorite and lunar sample research. The letter of invitation is Attachment 3 to the minutes. Dr. Wm. Quaide on behalf of Dr. Hinnens presented to the Council the current and future funding expectations for meteorite and lunar sample research which NASA will be making. Attachment 4 is the present NASA funding guidelines. It was obvious to the Council that the funding levels for Sample and SR&T research was decreasing at an alarming rate. Quaide reported to the Council that funding in 1978 and 1979 would be lower than current funding levels. NASA hopes to keep the funding level for meteorite and lunar sample work at a constant level (inflation taken into account) after 1979. For the fiscal year 1977 the level of meteorite research funding within NASA was \$1,064,000.

The following motion was made and approved unanimously by the Council: "The United States Members of the Meteoritical Society Council are authorized to use Meteoritical Society stationery to write to the appropriate Congressmen or NASA officials to express

their concerns about the projected reduction in NASA's 1978 funding for meteorite and lunar sample research."

In addition, the following motion was made and approved by the Council: "The Meteoritical Society President should write to the appropriate NASA officials expressing concerns on the projected reductions in NASA funding for meteorite and lunar sample research for FY-1978 and strongly urges that funding be restored to the levels of the past few years. Similar letters should be written to the scientific support organizations of other countries, as needed."

Meteoritics Editor's Report: C. B. Moore reported that in 1976 four issues of *Meteoritics* were published totalling 399 pages (down 113 from 1975). Twenty articles were published, one issue of *Meteoritical Bulletin*, 131 abstracts from the annual meeting. Eight manuscripts were rejected by the Journal.

Mr. George Boyd, Managing Editor for *Meteoritics* will be retiring on June 30, 1977. The President of the Society was instructed to write Mr. Boyd a letter of appreciation for his many years of service to *Meteoritics*.

To assist with the publication of the Society's journal, the following motion was made and seconded: "Move that the Meteoritical Society authorize the Editor of *Meteoritics* to spend up to \$2,000 for editorial assistance during the academic year July 1977-July 1978."

The President of the Society asked that the Publication Board of the Society look into problems associated with the delay in publishing the *Meteoritical Bulletin*.

Geochemica et Cosmochimica Acta Editor's Report: No report was given in the absence of the GCA Editor. However, the report from the Ad Hoc publications committee given by R. Brett concerns GCA situation.

Report on Forthcoming 1977 Meeting in Cambridge, England: The Secretary presented to Council the Second Circular for the Cambridge meeting. The circular is given as attachment 5 to the minutes. The Cambridge program committee was instructed to try to save the maximum amount of money so that a profit would result which could be used for student travel grants to the 1978 meeting,

Because of the profit generated from the 1976 meeting in Bethlehem, PA, the Treasurer was instructed to: "Make \$900 available for Student Travel Subsidies [sic] to the Cambridge Program Committee. The Cambridge Program Committee would select three non-European students (\$225/each) and three European students (\$75/each) as winners for the travel grants based upon the scientific merit of their submitted abstracts. The students are to collect their awards at the meeting in Cambridge.

Dates for the 1978 meeting in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada are August 14-18, 1978.

Report on Meeting with Mineralogical Society of America Officials: U. Marvin reported on her meeting with MSA officials. Prior to the 1978 G.S.A. meeting in Toronto, Canada

a short course on Shock Metamorphism will be given. In addition, MSA officials were informed about how the Meteoritical Society operated because MSA officers were trying to improve the membership participation and benefits from their Society.

Yamato Meteorite Report: President Pellas reported on his correspondence with the Japanese concerning the Yamato meteorites and their study. It was suggested that our concerns for a proper study of the Yamato meteorites be expressed to individual Japanese meteorite workers in the hopes that joint work can begin on a scientist-to-scientist basis.

Pergamon Press Negotiations: R. Brett reported on problems and advances with the negotiations for a new contract for *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*. A summary of the situation is given in Attachment 6.

Post Council Meeting information: The letter received by Brett from Maxwell of Pergamon Press and Brett's response are given as Attachment 7. It appears that progress is being made on the new contract.

New Business: The Council made the following recommendation for the Leonard Medal Committee. "The Leonard Medal Committee should provide the complete dossier of the finalists to the Council at the time of the Council meeting which chooses the Leonard Medal recipient." The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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