

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE METEORITICAL SOCIETY

Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, March 12, 1989
Lunar and Planetary Institute, Houston, TX

Councilors Attending: S. R. Taylor, G. J. Wasserburg, H. Y. McSween, R. H. Hewins, G. Kurat, G. W. Lugmair, E. K. Gibson, D. W. Sears, M. M. Grady, D. S. Woolum, O. Eugster

Invited Guests: G. Faure, C. Koeberl, P. Englert, M. E. Lipschutz, J. T. Wasson

(1) President's Introduction:

Taylor announced new committee appointments (list attached).

ACTION: Taylor should coordinate with the President of the Geochemical Society to fill a vacancy in the Joint Publications Committee.

(2) Secretary's Report:

MOTION: The Council accepts the minutes of the last meeting, with minor corrections suggested by P. Eberhardt (McSween, seconded by Wasserburg, passed unanimously).

(3) Treasurer's Report:

Hewins notified the Council that he has computerized the Society's membership records and will supply a diskette for mailing labels when required.

ACTION: Hewins should notify Fran Waranius (LPI) that duplication of the Society's records is no longer required.

The Treasurer's statement (attached) indicates a net loss of \$1,245 for the year 1988. He noted that the present system for payment of abstract printing fees in *Meteoritics* is not working well. Council discussed possible changes in the abstract fee requirement.

MOTION: Council should delete the requirement for abstract publication fees (Sears, failed for lack of a second).

MOTION: Council accepts the Treasurer's report (Sears, seconded by Gibson, passed unanimously).

(4) Future Meetings:

(a) Monterey, CA, 1991 - Englert invited the Society to Monterey for its 1991 meeting (letter attached). Host institutions are San Jose State University, Caltech, California State University at Fullerton, NASA-Ames, University of

California at Berkeley, and Lawrence Livermore National Lab. The meeting date would be in July to mid-August.

MOTION: Council accepts this invitation (Gibson, second by Lugmair, passed unanimously).

ACTIONS: Taylor should send Englert a letter officially accepting this invitation. McSween should send Englert a meeting planning guide. Englert should propose a specific date for the meeting for consideration at the next Council meeting.

(b) Copenhagen, 1992 - Wasserburg informed the Council that the 1992 Copenhagen meeting is confirmed (letter from Buchwald attached). Buchwald's letter indicated that he plans to hold the meeting in the second half of August.

ACTIONS: Taylor should negotiate an acceptable date with Buchwald. McSween should send him a meeting planning guide.

(c) Vienna, 1989 - Koeberl described information provided in the second circular. No problems were noted.

ACTIONS: Koeberl should transmit the place for the Council meeting to McSween. Taylor should ask E. Olsen to send Koeberl specifications for the Nomenclature Committee meeting.

(d) Perth, 1990 - Taylor noted that the approved dates for this meeting are September 16-21. The Shoemaker field trip now has a firm commitment from an outfitter. The cost for this trip will be approximately \$2000 Aus (\$1600-1700 U.S.). The trip will last 16 days, and they expect 40 participants. An LPI-sponsored workshop on Precambrian impact cratering will precede the meeting, and an Archean workshop will run concurrently in Perth. McSween reported on results of discussions with NSF concerning possible travel support for American students.

MOTION: McSween and Hewins should submit a proposal to NSF on behalf of the Society for \$10,000 to support 5-10 American students' participation in this meeting. Funds awarded would be assigned by the meeting program committee (McSween, seconded by Sears, passed unanimously).

ACTION: McSween and Hewins should submit this proposal by the June 1 deadline.

(5) Report of the Joint Publications Committee:

Lipschutz estimated a loss of \$16,000 by GCA in 1988, which will be covered by Pergamon's reserve fund. A serious problem is that individual subscriptions are apparently down. The 1989 subscription rate will be critical, since this is the year that increased rates take effect. His projection is that we will break even in 1989, but 1990 will be costly because a decennial index will be

printed.

Faure reported that he is taking steps to decrease the current 7.8 month handling time for *GCA* manuscripts (detailed report attached). He also noted that approximately 70% of authors are not members of either society, and he is asking them to consider joining one or the other when they are identified.

Wasson reported that *Meteoritics* published 398 pages in 1988 (detailed report attached). Net loss for the journal for the year was \$4314 above the original estimate. Total cost of publishing *Meteoritics* was \$33,414. Wasson also provided a list of institutions which do not subscribe to *Meteoritics* but have society members. Council noted that we need to do something to offset projected losses. The President appointed an ad-hoc committee (Hewins [chair], Taylor, Sears, Wasson) to recommend actions to correct this problem.

ACTION: The Hewins committee should evaluate the possibility of increasing dues and restructuring abstract fee payments, and report their recommendations to Council in Vienna.

ACTION: Taylor is encouraged to write letters to identified Society members, soliciting their support for library subscriptions to *Meteoritics* at their institutions.

(6) Barringer Award Developments:

Wasserburg reviewed the actions he has taken to rectify the problems with this award. His efforts to communicate with Mr. Barringer have not had any positive results. Council discussed how to proceed with this matter. There is a motion on table from the Fayetteville meeting that the bylaws be changed to combine the present Leonard Medal and Barringer Award Committees, following the procedures of the Leonard Medal Committee.

MOTION: The President or his representative should make one final attempt to explain the Society's position to Mr. Barringer (Wasserburg, seconded by Gibson, passed 9 to 1 with no abstentions).

ACTION: Taylor should contact Mr. Barringer before the Vienna meeting and explain what the Council proposes to do and why. Taylor (the proposer of the motion) should prepare a written statement of the proposed bylaws change wording to be circulated to Council by the Secretary in advance of the Vienna meeting.

(7) Other Business:

Taylor noted that 1993 is the centennial of Harold Urey's birth, and that the Society should do something to commemorate this event.