

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 1985 MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE METEORITICAL SOCIETY

Prepared and submitted March, 1985, by D.D. Bogard, Secretary.

Attending Council Meeting:

The Council meeting was called to order by President Eberhardt at 7:35 PM at the Lunar and Planetary Institute, Houston, Texas. Council members present were: P. Eberhardt, G. Wetherill, E. King, D. Bogard, G. Wasserburg, H. Palme, C. Hohenberg, A. Kracher, R. Taylor, L. Grossman, and D. Brownlee. Invited guests present were: P. Pellas, D. Shaw, J. Wasson

President Eberhardt welcomed new members of the Council.
Minutes of the last Council meeting were approved.

Report on the Society meeting in Bordeaux, France: (Paul Pellas)

About 280 responses to the first circular have been received, with about 240 persons indicating that they plan to attend. Most sessions in the meeting will be three concurrent sessions, plus there will be several invited presentations. A welcome party will occur on Monday, July 15.

More persons have requested to participate in the field trip than can be accommodated. Pellas asked Council for some guidelines by which persons could be selected for this field trip. Several criteria for selecting participants were discussed by Council, but Council emphasized that the final decision would have to be made by the meeting organizers.

On behalf of the organizing committee of the Bordeaux Society meeting, Pellas requested \$2,500 from Council to help in the support of student travel grants for student members to attend the Society meeting. Pellas indicated that these student travel grants would be available for students in both Europe and in the USA and other non-European countries and would be selected based on the merit of submitted abstracts.

Motion #1: (made, C. Hohenberg; second, G. Wasserburg)

That a \$2,500 grant be made to the organizers of the 1985 Society meeting in Bordeaux, France to provide for student travel to the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

Discussion of Proposed Article 11: (see Attachment A)

A discussion of proposed Article 11 to the Constitution was led by John Wasson. Council made one small change in wording in the proposed article for the purpose of clarifying the language, and it was agreed that this wording change did not alter the meaning of the article. The proposed article was determined to have met all requirements for possible adoption by Council.

Motion #2: (made, A. Kracher; second, G. Wasserburg)

That proposed Article 11 in the form given by Attachment A be approved for inclusion to the Bylaws of the Society Constitution.

Motion passed unanimously.

Article 11, concerning the Nomenclature Committee, will become part of the Bylaws of the Society Constitution.

Treasurer's Report: (E. King)

See Attachment B.

Some discussion ensued whether the Society should keep as large a bank account as at present. Some ideas were given for possible ways to spend part of these funds. It was decided that no action would be taken on this subject at this time.

English Invitation to Host 1987 Society Meeting: (see Attachment C)

The invitation from S.K. Runcorn to host the 1987 Society meeting at Newcastle, England was discussed. At this time no other offer to host the 1987 meeting has been received.

Motion #3: (made, G. Wetherill; second, C. Hohenberg)

That the Council accept the offer presented by S.K. Runcorn to host the 1987 Society meeting at Newcastle upon Tyne, England.

Motion passed: yes-8, no-2

Action Item: President Eberhardt will write Runcorn to officially accept the Newcastle offer on behalf of the Society.

Discussion of payment of travel expenses to attend Council Meetings:

At the request of Dennis Shaw, some discussion was made whether the Society should support the travel expenses of those asked to attend Council meetings, especially those who are not Society members such as the current Chairman of the Joint Publications Committee. The general consensus was to take no official action at this time. If future occasion indicates that travel expenses might be appropriate, the specific case could be decided by the Executive Committee or brought before Council.

Other Business: A brief discussion ensued whether the Society should issue a membership card. No official action was taken.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.