

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
CLEAR LAKE CITY, TEXAS MARCH 16, 1980

Members Attending: J. Wasson, M. Lipschutz, E. Gibson, L. Schultz, L. Wilkening, K. Marti, E. Scott, G. Crozaz

Invited Guests: D. Shaw, C.B. Moore, B. French, G. Kurat

In the absence of President Wasson, Secretary Gibson called the Council Meeting to order at 1917.

Secretary's Report: E.K. Gibson

The minutes of the previous Council Meeting in Heidelberg, Germany, were submitted to Council and approved. The Council was given a breakdown of the Society's membership by country (Attachment 1). The updated listing of Fellows was also available (Attachment 2).

Treasurer's Report: M.E. Lipschutz

Attachment 3 shows the present financial status of the Society and a summary of the 1979 fiscal situation. The Treasurer noted that 18 members had not paid their 1979 dues. A second notification letter is to be sent reminding them that if the dues are not paid immediately, they will be dropped from the membership rolls.

Meteoritics Editor's Report: C.B. Moore

C.B. Moore presented a summary of *Meteoritics* operations for the 1979 year. Attachment 4 shows the costs of Volume 14 of *Meteoritics*. During 1979, four volumes were published with 29 articles, 1 Meteoritical Bulletin, and 193 abstracts, for a total of 573 pages. The Editor reported that the publisher was still in the process of obtaining alternative publication costs.

Geochimica Editor's Report: D. Shaw

Attachment 5 provides a summary of the GCA Editor's report to Council. The Council recommended that the indexes for the 9th and 10th LPS Proceedings be decoupled from GCA. It was suggested that the announcement regarding the Bern Meeting of the Meteoritical Society be delayed until at least the September issue of CCA so that no confusion will occur with the San Diego meeting. The question of student rates for GCA (item 9 in Editor's report) was tabled until a later meeting.

President Wasson arrived around 2000 and began presiding over the Council Meeting.

Nominating Committee Report of New Officers: E.K. Gibson

The Secretary reported to Council the results of the Nominating Committee's work toward a new slate of officers. Attachment 6 lists the nominees.

Publications Committee Report: Letter from E. Anders

Ed Anders provided Council with a report (Attachment 7) of the Publications Committee's progress in securing a new contract with Pergamon Press for GCA. The attached letter and draft of the proposed contract were discussed by Council. It was

noted that the Publications Committee appeared to be moving in the proper direction and final discussion of the contract with the Council would occur at the San Diego meeting.

Leonard Medal Committee Report: G. Kurat

The Leonard Medal Committee is beginning to become active again after the transfer of records from M. Dence to G. Kurat. The attached letter (Attachment 8) provides a summary of the present status of the LM Committee. At the San Diego meeting, the LM Committee will report a list of recommended fellows for consideration to the Council, in addition to a recommendation on the question of additional awards by the Society.

Leonard Medal Acquisition: Council

The Council directed the Secretary and Treasurer to order ten additional Leonard Medals from the Southern California Trophy Company, Los Angeles, CA. The order will increase the total number of medals owned by the Society to twelve.

San Diego Meeting Report: K. Marti

The meeting will be held from the afternoon of September 2nd until Saturday noon, September 6th. At the present time it appears that approximately 200 members and guests will be in attendance.

Planetary Funding Status within NASA: B. French

B. French reported that at the present time nothing is known about the President's 1981 Revised Budget and how it will affect the SR&T programs within NASA. The original FY 1981 budget proposed that \$6.5 M be spent for lunar and meteorite programs (\$5.8 M new funds and \$0.7 M forward funding). Upgrading of existing laboratories will occur at a level of \$400 K during FY 1981.

Concerns about Funding Cuts: J. Wasson

President Wasson will draft a letter and obtain Council approval regarding concerns about funding cuts which have occurred within the research programs of the Office of Space Sciences--particularly the meteorite and lunar programs.

President Wasson and L. Wilkening requested that no discussion occur on the two agenda items regarding support for the NASA-ESA Comet Mission and support for long-term planetary research programs.

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 2200.

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