

Minutes of the Meteoritical Society Council Meeting

Sunday, August 7, 2011

Scheduled for 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Edinburgh Room, Queen Anne Building, University of Greenwich, UK

Council members present:

Ed Scott (Pres)

Greg Herzog (Sec)

Rhian Jones (Treas)

Gretchen Benedix (Councilor)

Nancy Chabot (Councilor)

Hasnaa Chennaoui (Councilor)

Harold Connolly (Councilor)

Alex Deutsch (Councilor)

Luigi Folco (Councilor)

Keiji Misawa (Councilor)

Regrets:

Monica Grady

Hiroko Nagahara

Kevin Righter

Guests present:

Byeon-Gak Choi (McKay Award)

Cari Corrigan (Elements)

Chris Herd (NomenCom; Edmonton, 2013)

Gary Huss (Membership Cmte)

Trevor Ireland (Cairns, 2012)

Tim Jull (MAPS Ed.)

Hiroshi Kaiden (Website)

Chris Koeberl (Barringer Cmte)

Tim McCoy (Leonard/Nier)

Dave Mittlefehldt (PublCom)

Fiona Murphy (MAPS/Wiley-Blackwell)

Frank Podosek (GCA)

Uwe Reimold (AICAC II, Casablanca, 2014)

Tim Swindle (Endowment Cmte)

Guests regrets:

Andy Davis (Audit Committee)

Hap McSween (Elements)

Agenda

	Lunch		12:00
	Welcome and introductions	Scott	12:30
1	Minutes of the last council meeting	Herzog	12:31
2	President's Report	Scott	12:35
3	Secretary's Report Sharing of mailing list	Herzog	12:40
4	Treasurer's report Rates for 2012	Jones	12:50
5	Endowment Committee Travel funds for members in low-income countries	Swindle	13:00
6	Meeting reports a) 2011 Greenwich b) 2012 Cairns c) 2013 Edmonton d) AICAC II 2011 and 2014 Casablanca	Benedix Ireland* Herd Chennaoui/Reimold	13:10 13:20 13:30 13:35
7	Awards Leonard Medal Nominations Membership (rules for chair selection) Nier Prize Barringer Medal Nomination Membership – (replacement and new selections) Service Award McKay Award?	McCoy* McCoy Koeberl Huss Choi	13:40
	Break		14:10
8	GCA JPC EE's report	Grossman Podosek	14:20 14:30
9	MAPS Editor's report Wiley report	Jull Carey	14:45 14:55
10	Publications committee report	Mittlefehldt	15:15
11	Membership Committee MetSoc Discussion Group/List Serve Meteorite magazine proposal	Huss Huss/Herzog	15:25 15:40
	Nomenclature Committee	Herd	15:50
12	Break		16:00
13	Elements Membership poll Newsletter, CosmoElements, and special issues	Herzog Corrigan	16:10 16:20
14	Website	Kaiden/Herzog	16:30
	New business		16:40
	Adjourn		

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	Welcome and introductions	
1	Minutes of the last council meeting	Appendix 01 - MinutesLPSC20110621.pdf Appendix 01a - AgendaListAttachLPSC20110621.pdf
2	President's Report 2011 Greenwich-March update Audit Committee bylaws	Appendix 02a - 74th Annual Meteoritical Society_update_Mar2011.pdf Appendix 02b - Article 19 AuditCommBylawRev20110623.pdf
3	Secretary's Report Report from Greenwich submitted after LPSC	Appendix 03 – Secretary's report.pdf See Appendix 02a
4	Treasurer's report Interim report of treasurer FY12 budget – preliminary	Appendix 04 - Treas Report MetSoc 2011.pdf Appendix 04a - Bylaws Article 4.3; Annual Meetings.pdf
5	Endowment Committee	Appendix 05 - Endowment Committee report August 2011.pdf
6	Meeting reports a) 2011 Greenwich – August update b) 2012 Cairns c) 2013 Edmonton d) 2014 Casablanca	Appendix 06a - MetSocCouncilUpdateAug2011.pdf Appendix 06b - Cairns2012Report.pdf Appendix 06c - Edmonton in 2013 for Council.pdf
7	Awards	
	Leonard Medal	Appendix 07ab - Leonard Nier Council Letter 2011_FINAL.pdf Appendix 07a1 – Leonard1.pdf Appendix 07a2 – Leonard2.pdf Appendix 07a3 - LeonardNierBylawRecom20110623.pdf
	Nier Prize	Appendix 07ab - Leonard Nier Council Letter 2011_FINAL.pdf Appendix 07b1 – Nier1.pdf Appendix 07b2 – Nier2.pdf
	Barringer Medal	Appendix 07c1 – Barringer1.pdf Appendix 07c2 – Barringer 2011 Nomination-List.pdf
	Service Award	Appendix 07d - Service Award Rec 2012.pdf Appendix 07d1 – Service1.pdf
	McKay Award	
	Break	
8	GCA JPC EE's report	Appendix 08a – Elsevier Contract20110726.pdf Appendix 08b - Report of the Joint Publications Committee 25 July 2011.pdf Appendix 08c - GCA-EE-report-Greenwich-August-2011.pdf
9	MAPS Editor's report Wiley report	Appendix 09 - MetSoc meeting reportSC (2011).pdf
10	Publications committee report	Appendix 10 – PubComSummer2011.pdf
11	Membership Committee MetSoc discussion group/List Serve	Appendix 11 - Membership_Com_Rep_Greenwich-2011.pdf Appendix 11a – DiscussionGroup
12	Nomenclature Committee	Appendix 12 - NomenclatureCommitteeReport
13	Elements Newsletter, CosmoElements, special issues Membership poll	Appendix 13 - Elements20110715.pdf Appendix 13b - Survey20110729.pdf
14	Website	Appendix 14 - website_report.pdf

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. The incoming councilors who were in attendance were welcomed and introduced. The President thanked everyone for attending.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Council meeting of the Meteoritical Society held Sunday, March 6, 2011 at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in The Woodlands, Texas, which had been distributed by e-mail, were accepted unanimously on a motion by Rhian Jones, seconded by Harold Connolly.

2. President's report

A change in the wording of the bylaws, Article 19, concerning the appointment of members of the Audit Committee had previously been circulated to the Council (Appendix 2b). The intent of the change is to make wording describing these appointments consistent with the wording for the appointment of other Society Committee members.

A motion to approve the change was made by Rhian Jones and seconded by Harold Connolly. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Secretary's report

Motions passed

In the time period since the Council Meeting of March, 2011 the Council considered and passed the motions described below.

1) With the proviso that the political situation in Morocco be judged stable, the Council approved a recommendation from the Endowment Committee to provide \$3,500 for support of The Second Arab Impact Cratering and Astrogeology Conference (AICAC II) to be held 13-20 November 2011, in Casablanca. Moved by Herzog; seconded by Grady and Folco; 10 yes, 0 no, 2 abstaining. (3/18/2011)

2) The Council of the Meteoritical Society voted to accept the budget (Appendix 2a) for the annual meeting to be held in Greenwich, August 2011. Moved by Jones; seconded by Herzog; 10 yes, 0 no, 2 abstaining. (4/5/2011)

3) David Williams sent us the unanimous recommendation from the Pellas-Ryder committee for the winner of the 2011 Pellas-Ryder award, Andrew W. Beck. The Council voted to approve this recommendation. Moved by Herzog; seconded by Connolly; 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining. (4/12/2011)

4) The Meteoritical Society and the Geochemical Society (GS) are sponsors of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* (GCA), which is published by Elsevier. The terms of the relationship between MetSoc, GS, and Elsevier are defined by a contract, which must be approved by both Societies. Elsevier terminated the contract as of the end of 2010. After discussions lasting many months during which MetSoc and GS had twice rejected contract language proposed by Elsevier, Elsevier offered another modified version. Council concluded that the new contract was acceptable if imperfect. The Council voted to approve the contract with Elsevier (Appendix 8a). Moved by Jones, seconded by Herzog; 10 yes, 0 no, 2 abstaining/not voting (6/1/2011)

5) At the Council meeting in March, 2011, the Council voted to hire a lawyer to examine the then-available version of the GCA contract proposed by Elsevier. Subsequent improvements made by Elsevier

made this step seem unnecessary. The Council therefore voted to rescind its previous motion to hire a lawyer. Moved by Herzog, seconded by Benedix; 10 yes, 0 no, 2 not voting.

6) Rhian Jones reported that our accountants advised us that the opening and closing of checking accounts in the name of the Meteoritical Society must be approved by the Council, and is technically necessary for tax reporting. Denton Ebel had opened and closed a checking account in connection with activities associated with the 2010 meeting in New York. Acting on the advice of the accountants, the Council passed the following motion. "The Meteoritical Society Council retroactively approves the actions of Denton Ebel, Alan Rubin, and Jeff Grossman in opening the New York City Account (with Citibank) in the name of the Meteoritical Society. Council also approves closure of this account, with all money balances to be transferred to the main Meteoritical Society Operating Fund (Bank of America) Account. All activity in the New York account is to be reported to Rhian Jones, current Meteoritical Society Treasurer, and all financial and compliance reporting is to be amended appropriately." Moved by Jones, seconded by Herzog; 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining. (6/16/2011).

7) Again, acting on the advice of our accountants, the Council passed the following motion: "The Meteoritical Society Council retroactively approves the actions of Alan Rubin and Rhian Jones to move the main Operating Fund bank account from Citibank in Los Angeles to Bank of America in Albuquerque." Moved by Jones, seconded by Herzog; 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining. (6/16/2011)

8) In November, 2010, the Council was asked to vote electronically on a motion to approve a report from the Audit Committee (Grossman e-mail of November 30). Only 4 members voted, so the motion did not pass. To fix the problem, Herzog re-moved the original motion, which was seconded by Grady; 9 yes, 0 no, 2 abstaining, 1 not voting.

"It is moved that we accept the report of 2010 of the audit committee, approve the revised report of the treasurer, and warmly thank the audit committee and treasurers for their sterling work!"

Membership list

Herzog reported that he had received a number of requests to share the membership list of the Society, noting that some of these requests were from creditable organizations with legitimate purposes. Nonetheless, it was felt that as a rule the membership list should not be shared with third parties and that exceptions should be made only with Council authorization.

Herzog moved that the membership list not be shared with third parties without authorization by the Council. Harold Connolly seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee membership

A need for new members of several committees was noted. Members were urged to suggest possible new members of committees.

Website activity

Several news items were posted on the Society's web page, including an obituary for Betty Pierazzo, an expert on cratering. Other announcements concerned a workshop in Hawai'i on The Formation of the First Solids in the Solar System, a re-scheduled meeting in Japan on Asteroids, Comets, Meteors (2012), and a special AGU session, 'Follow the Water' to be held at the Fall AGU meeting..

Interest in a MetSoc Discussion Group

The Secretary's first attempt to use a bulk-mailing program had some unexpected consequences. That bulk mailing program is no longer in use but in the aftermath some Society members expressed interest in the creation of a List Server in which members could have discussions.

4. Treasurer's report

The operating fund budget is close to being balanced. Since we anticipate receiving the profit from the New York conference in FY12, the Treasurer recommends that the Society keep membership dues at current rates for 2012.

Since Table 6 also includes payment of fees for subscription to Elements from the Operating Fund, the Treasurer also pointed out that there is no need to increase membership dues to cover the cost of Elements subscriptions for FY12.

The Operating Fund currently holds ~\$213,000 of which ~\$140,000 is essentially a cash surplus and \$60,000 is from FY11. The final Elsevier royalty check of ~\$56,000 was received in FY11, which contributed significantly to this surplus.

Budgeted annual expenditures for 2012 are ~\$234,000, and Society bylaws require a reserve of approximately \$25,000. Accordingly, the Treasurer recommends a transfer of at least \$60,000 from the Operating Fund to the Endowment Fund. This would still leave a cash reserve of ~\$80,000 in the society's Savings Account.

The treasurer noted that the organizers of the New York annual meeting expected to return a profit of \$35K to the Society (the \$25K advance had already been repaid). Three possible uses for this profit were discussed: a) add to the Endowment Fund, b) start a special fund, c) return funds to the members by either reducing the annual dues or the registration costs of the next annual meeting. In discussion it was noted that the profits from the New York meeting nearly balance the \$40K loss from the Tucson meeting. There was general agreement that the New York profit should not be used for b) or c) but should be used to help provide a cushion against possible future losses at annual meetings.

Harold Connolly moved that we transfer \$60,000 from the Operating Fund to the Endowment Fund. Alex Deutsch seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

Herzog moved that dues for 2012 be maintained at current rates (US\$):

	Printed and online MAPS	Printed MAPS only
Regular members	110	80
Retired and student members	55	40
Members in developing countries	24	24

Folco seconded the motion. Jones commented that dues for regular members have not increased since 2002. The motion passed unanimously.

Change in bylaws, Article 4

Article 4.3 of the Bylaws (Appendix 04a) deals with the finances of the Society's annual meetings. It is incomplete in several respects. The proposed changes in wording, which are based on current practice, make the Society's expectations explicit. These changes were circulated to the Council more than 30 days in advance of the meeting.

Rhian Jones moved approval of the amended bylaw; Alex Deutsch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Endowment committee report (this section of the meeting was held after section 6a on the agenda.)

Tim Swindle reported that the Nier family had donated \$2,000 to the Nier fund. L. MacFadden and an anonymous member of the Society both donated \$1,000 to support the attendance of Sudanese scientists at the Greenwich meeting.

6. Meeting reports

Greenwich (Gretchen Benedix)

Gretchen Benedix and Ed Scott reported that the field trip, held Tuesday through Saturday, had been a great success. Gretchen Benedix previewed the organization of the Greenwich meeting.

- As of 8/7/2011, 518 people had registered for the Greenwich meeting.
- Oral presentations were requested for 339 of the 529 abstracts submitted. To help meet this unprecedented number of requests, the program committee decided that, contrary to the annual meeting guidelines, three parallel sessions would have to be held throughout the week, allowing for 284 oral presentations. Although three parallel sessions had been scheduled for part of the week at some previous meetings, the Greenwich meeting was the first to have three parallel sessions throughout.
- The topics of impact studies and differentiated meteorites were the most heavily subscribed.
- A total of about \$52K in travel awards was distributed. As part of the travel award for members from low-income countries, registration fees were waived.
- A question arose as to whether the names of travel award recipients would appear in the electronic MAPS supplement with the meeting abstracts. Gretchen offered to check this point and they have since been added.

Cairns (Trevor Ireland)

Trevor Ireland summarized conditions and arrangements expected for the 2012 meeting in Cairns. The meeting will take place from August 12-August 17 during the dry season; temperatures of about 26°C are typical. The meeting locale is near a beach. Possible trips include: a Skyway Train through tropical forest, which also has an aboriginal center; a one-day reef trip from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on the Sunday preceding the meeting; a post-meeting field trip to Central Australia, described as introduction to craters and lasting 7-8 days. Participants may fly to Alice Springs, which will serve as the base location.

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is aiming at a US\$500 registration fee. Efforts will be made for the registration fee to include the cost of the banquet. The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) has offered support for the meeting. The LOC has been exploring ways to ease the travel costs,

possibly through pooling frequent flyer miles, and is looking for ways to support some participants on field trips.

Trevor Ireland expressed interest in seeing an updated Meeting Handbook, which will be made available on GoogleDocs, and plans to consult with the organizers of the Nancy and New York meetings.

Edmonton (Chris Herd)

Chris Herd summarized conditions and arrangements expected for the 2013 annual meeting in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. The meeting will take place from July 29 to August 2. The location for the meeting is likely to be the Crowne Plaza Hotel – Chateau Lacombe, although a final contract had not been signed at the time of the report. It was tentatively agreed that the Crowne Plaza will set aside 150 rooms at a cost of \$150/night for single occupancy and \$165/night for double occupancy; the room rates include breakfast. Rental of the hotel meeting rooms costs \$5k to \$20k depending on occupancy; there is no food and drink minimum.

There are at least two options for posters. Space is available, for example, at Enterprise Square, which is a University of Alberta facility and is two blocks away. Both the Crowne Plaza and Enterprise Square locations are about one half mile from the heart of Edmonton, Churchill Square. The area has many other hotels so meeting participants will have options for lodging. McEwan University has dormitory accommodations available for students.

The Art Gallery of Alberta should be open by the time of the meeting and may be used for the opening reception.

Mary Cloud, who recently retired from LPI, has offered, at no charge to the Society, to review the contract with the hotel.

Casablanca (Hasnaa Chennaoui/Uwe Reimold)

The dates of the 2014 meeting in Casablanca will be September 7-14, 2014. These dates, although conflicting with some academic schedules in the United States will result in lower hotel rates and better weather.

Several hotels, including the Sheraton, are under consideration; all of them are in the 5-star category.

The LOC is considering a five-day field trip after the meeting. A trip to Tunisia is possible but may be difficult to arrange.

Reporting at the request of the Council, Uwe Reimold noted that conditions in Casablanca seem stable; Reimold will continue to monitor developments and will report to the Council again after November.

Second Arab Impact Cratering and Astrogeology Conference (AICAC II)–

AICAC II will be held 13-20 November 2011 at Casablanca Hassan II University. The second announcement is out. At the time of the Council meeting, the AICAC II website was unavailable, but was subsequently restored.

7. Awards

Leonard Medal. Tim McCoy presented the Leonard Medal committee's recommendations for the Leonard Medal and Nier Prize.

Harold Connolly moved approval of the committee's recommendation that Don Burnett receive the Leonard Medal for 2012. Rhian Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Nier Prize – Greg Herzog moved approval of the committee's recommendation that Frederic Moynier receive the Nier Prize for 2012. Harold Connolly seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed changes of rules for the Leonard Medal Committee.

- 1) Tim McCoy proposed that the member of the committee who is in his/her fourth year should normally be appointed as chair of the committee by the president. Four years of service was considered adequate training, and the presence of a former chair on the committee would ensure continuity.

Specifically, current bylaws say, "Each year the President shall designate one member of the Committee to serve as chairman."

Rhian Jones moved that the rules be revised as follows: "The Chair of the Leonard Medal Committee, who is appointed by the President, will normally be the committee member who is serving in their fourth year." Connolly seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- 2) Current committee rules stipulate that a nominee for the Leonard medal may be considered for five years without any revision of the nomination package, but that after five years the nomination expires and that the candidate is not eligible for reconsideration until after three years have passed and a new nomination package has been prepared. The committee recommended a new rule for expired nominations that eliminated the three-year waiting period.

Specifically, current rule A7 says, "Renominations require the same documentation as original nominations. For the Leonard Medal, renominations must be at least three years after the original nomination has expired."

Rhian Jones moved acceptance that this text be revised as follows: "After 5 years of consideration of a candidate by the Committee, the Society Secretary will advise the nominator that continued consideration of the candidate for the award requires that a new nomination package be submitted that includes a new letter of nomination, a biographical sketch of the candidate, a list of publications covering the work to be considered for the award, and new seconding letters. The new letters should focus on the most crucial contributions of the candidate for the award."

The motion passed unanimously after a second from Harold Connolly.

It was noted that women seem to be underrepresented among the recipients of the Leonard Medal. Rhian Jones urged members of the Leonard Medal Committee to be proactive in soliciting nominations of female candidates.

Service award: Gary Huss presented the recommendation of the membership committee that the 2012 Service Award be given to Ursula Marvin.

After some discussion of the criteria for awarding the Service Award, Harold Connolly moved approval of the committee's recommendation that Ursula Marvin receive the Service Award for 2012. Greg Herzog seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Barringer Medal

Chris Koeberl presented the recommendation of the Barringer Medal Committee that the 2012 Barringer Medal be given to Jan Smit.

Connolly moved approval of the committee's recommendation that Jan Smit receive the 2012 Barringer medal. Alex Deutsch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris Koeberl Committee noted sadly the death of member Betty Pierazzo. He also reported that the Barringer Medal Committee will need new members.

McKay Award

Byeon-Gak Choi, co-chair of the McKay Award Committee, announced the committee's membership for the Greenwich meeting. The committee had made plans to meet on Wednesday, August 10 and hopes to have its recommendations made a week or two after the meeting ends.

It was agreed that the procedures developed by the committee should become part of the Meeting Handbook.

8. Report of the Executive Editor of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* (GCA)

GCA

Frank Podosek reported that Meteoritical Society and the Geochemical Society had signed a new contract with Elsevier in May. He described the contract as acceptable, if not wholly satisfactory. The new contract gives the Societies the power to recommend Associate Editors, but gives Elsevier final say. Elsevier appears amenable to resumption of publication of the Goldschmidt abstracts under the same terms that existed prior to 2010. The 2011 Goldschmidt abstracts were not published in *GCA*. Under the new contract, members wishing to subscribe to *GCA* through the Society will be separately billed by Elsevier. Individual subscribers will receive only the electronic version of *GCA*; they will no longer receive a printed version.

Harold Connolly moved that the Editor be encouraged to pursue the resumption of Goldschmidt abstracts in *GCA* under the same terms that existed prior to 2010. Luigi Folco seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Joint Publications Committee (JPC)

Frank Podosek reported on some recent activities of the JPC. Despite urging by the Presidents of both the Meteoritical Society and the Geochemical Society, Bill Casey, former chairperson of the JPC, resigned from the committee in the aftermath of a dispute over whether the advice of the JPC had been properly considered prior to signing of the contract with Elsevier and whether the JPC had been informed when the two society councils were voting on the *GCA* contract.

Podosek noted that the new Elsevier contract makes no mention of a JPC. Currently, the JPC evaluates and approves, or not, new AE candidacies, makes recommendations to the societies regarding candidates

for Executive Editor, serves as the Societies' designated representative for future negotiations with Elsevier, and offers advice as needed on journal operations. Under the terms of the contract, however, the Editor need not pay attention to a JPC and the primary way in which the societies can enforce policy appears to be by removal and replacement of the Editor. Podosek noted that as long as he is Editor he intends to follow current policy, i.e. to seek JPC approval for AE candidates, to seek and pay heed to JPC advice on occasional policy issues, and more generally to view the JPC as the conduit by which the societies may affect journal policy. Since the Editor is not contractually bound to do so, Podosek recommended that the societies develop a firm understanding on this point with candidates for Editor.

Podosek announced that he will retire as Executive Editor of *GCA* at the end of 2012. For this purpose it is important that the JPC membership and leadership established as soon as possible.

9. Meteoritics and Planetary Science (MAPS)

Tim Jull, the Editor of MAPS reported that publication is on schedule and up to date. Published abstracts for the Greenwich meeting will be available online only, although meeting participants will have them on memory sticks. Wiley will bill first authors \$35 for each abstract. Jull explained why the Tucson office could no longer collect abstract fees while complying with credit card regulations. Next year the LPI will require that abstracts be submitted in pdf format.

About 94% of institutional subscribers have renewed for 2011. The global economic recession has slowed some negotiations for licensing (subscription) with Wiley. Overall, subscription income, which reflects numbers, price, and currency exchange rates, has been flat.

Greg Herzog will send a copy of Appendix 9b (the Wiley report) to the Publications Committee members and Tim Jull will forward copies to AEs of MAPS.

10. Publications Committee

Duck Mittlefehldt reported that Mike Zolensky has been approved as an Associate Editor of MAPS. To help fill a need for additional AEs, the committee sent Tim Jull a preliminary list of possible candidates.

The Wiley-Blackwell representative sent the proposed 2012 price increase for institutional subscriptions for MAPS to the Editor and the PubCom, and asked for their thoughts. The proposed price increase is within the scope of our contract with Wiley-Blackwell, and did not require Met Soc approval. No serious objections were raised by the PubCom, and this information was transmitted to Wiley-Blackwell and the Editor. The new institutional prices will vary with the details of negotiated arrangements (many institutions purchase discounted packages with several journals), but the base, one-year price for print+online for 2012 will be ~\$1550, a 6% increase over 2011.

The PubCom Chair had informed the President that the terms of two PubCom members will expire at the end of the year (Mittlefehldt, Zanda). The Chair does not wish to serve a third term, and at least one new member will need to be appointed.

11. Membership committee-

Report from the Membership Committee chairperson

Gary Huss reported that the Meteoritical Society has passed the 1000 member mark. In answer to a question from Rhian Jones, Huss recommended that the \$15 fee for renewing membership late be retained.

Turnover rates for Society memberships partly reflect the number of students who join for reduced meeting registration fees and may not renew depending on their career paths.

The 'electronic-only' option for subscription to MAPS is gaining popularity. Currently about 35% of the members have chosen this option.

It was suggested that the timeline for renewal notices be revisited and that we investigate the possibility of multi-year memberships.

Meteorite Magazine

Huss summarized negotiations with Derek Sears, the Editor of Meteorite magazine to reach agreement on a way that the Society might offer subscriptions to that magazine. All issues were resolved but one. Sears insists that the Society include a link to Meteorite magazine on its home page.

Nancy Chabot moved that the Society sign an agreement with Meteorite magazine that would include a link on its home page, but would exclude an ongoing commitment to purchase advertising. The Society would offer subscriptions to Meteorite Magazine (at the full rate) on the renewal page of the Society website. Alex Deutsch seconded the motion.

In discussion, Council members agreed that offering subscriptions to Meteorite Magazine might be appealing to many members. Members disagreed on the issue of a link on the home page. Some opposed it on the grounds that the home page had no comparable link to an external organization; some favored it, pointing to links, some of them commercial, on the home pages of other scholarly societies.

The vote was 3 in favor, 3 opposed, with 4 abstentions. The President noted that under Article 3.6 of the Constitution he was authorized to vote to break a tie but decided that this issue required further discussion and abstained so that the motion did not pass.

After the vote, Harold Connolly moved that the President pursue negotiations with Derek Sears to try to break the impasse. Alex Deutsch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ListServ/Discussion Group

Greg Herzog proposed that the Society start a new, separate, electronic discussion group for the Society. This group, in effect a moderated ListServe, would *not* be used for regular Society business. Participation would be strictly voluntary and for members only. The purposes would be to create a forum where members can easily communicate and to allow the Council to circulate messages that are not directly related to Council business, but which are related to the goals of the Society and appear worthy of members' attention. Herzog suggested that the ListServ be moderated, but that even so, some difficult issues related to content might arise. On balance, the risks seemed manageable.

Rhian Jones moved that a ListServ be established pending the development of written guidelines for the operation of the site and the identification of a moderator.

Luigi Folco seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

12. Website-

Hiroshi Kaiden reported that the new Society website is largely complete and available for viewing and proofreading at <http://polaris.nipr.ac.jp/~metsoc/NC2/html/htdocs/>)

When public, the new website will retain the old name: <http://meteoricalsociety.org> (no 'www' in front). A password structure will allow different people to edit different portions of the website. The new website will be easier to edit than the old one.

Greg Herzog will circulate the temporary web address to council and members of Nomenclature and Endowment Committees and invite them to suggest changes.

The goal is to go public with the new site in the September-October period. Herzog will check de-commissioning of the old web site.

13. Nomenclature committee

Chris Herd, chairperson, reported on recent actions of the Nomenclature Committee.

- 1) The Nomenclature Committee is carrying out business as usual and will have meetings on Monday, August 8th.
- 2) Laurence Garvie is now the Editor of the Meteoritical Bulletin. The format of MB99 is still being discussed. Jeff Grossman has demonstrated that a Bulletin can be generated from the MBDB in a semi-automated way. MB99 will have 1074 meteorites, with 467 of those being non-Antarctic. 90 meteorites have been approved so far since those that will be included in MB99.
- 3) The committee has produced an online questionnaire for discussion of Type Specimen repositories, although emails have not yet been sent out to curators. A poster will be presented on Tuesday evening in order to solicit community input.

In discussion the importance of selecting members with experience in meteorite classification was reaffirmed.

14. Elements

Status

Cari Corrigan reported on the status of Elements, which has 6 issues per year. News of our society appeared first in the issue of October 2010. We expect to have two pages in each issue. As currently scheduled, alternate issues will contain either a two-page society news article, or a combination of one page of society news and a 'CosmoElements' article. CosmoElements is a new feature that presents hot topics in meteoritics to a broad audience and first appeared in the June issue (page 152). Articles about Antarctic meteorites, Itokawa, Messenger, and Vesta are planned for future CosmoElements pages. Interactions with the managing editor, Pierrette Tremblay, have been going well and anecdotal evidence suggests that Elements has been having an impact with scientists outside of meteoritics.

Survey of members

Greg Herzog reported on the status of a survey of membership about their opinions of our involvement with Elements, a survey that was promised at the NYC meeting. An account has been opened with Rational Survey. Members with access to the web can be polled and their responses tabulated through this account. Members without e-mail addresses will have to receive the poll through regular mail. Council members had suggestions for the questions to be included on the survey. Herzog will send those members the current draft and ask for comments.

15. New Business

There was no new business.

16. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn from Harold Connolly was seconded by Herzog and passed unanimously at 5:45 pm.