

**Meteoritical Society Council Meeting**  
3PM EDT (7 PM UTC), March 12, 2018  
Scopia – Web Meeting

**Past President**

Michael Zolensky

**Council Members invited**

Trevor Ireland (Pres.)  
Mini Wadhwa (VP)  
Candace Kohl (Treas.)  
Mike Weisberg (Sec.)  
Catherine Corrigan (and Elements)  
Mario Trieloff

Caroline Smith  
Keiko Nakamura-Messenger  
Christine Floss  
Maria Eugenia Varela  
Francois Robert

**Council Member Regrets**

Pierre Rochette

**Guest invited**

Marina Ivanova (MetSoc 2018, Moscow)  
Jeff Grossman (NASA report)  
Erin Walton (Membership Committee)

Laurence Garvie (NomCom)  
Tasha Dunn (McKay Award)  
Karen Ziegler (MetSoc 2017 –final report)

**Submitted reports to Council for discussion**

Philip Heck (MetSoc 2021)  
Lydia Hallis (MetSoc 2020 Glasgow)  
YoshiYurimoto (MetSoc 2019)  
John Spray (Barringer Award Com)  
Brad Thomson (Pellas-Ryder)  
Uwe Reimold (Endowment Committee)

Tim Jull (MaPS)  
Fiona Sarne (Wiley)  
Tasha Dunn (McKay Award)  
Sara Russell/ Rich Binzel (Leonard Medal)  
John Spray (Barringer Award Committee)

Time (EDT)

0 Welcome and introductions	Ireland	15:00	05
1 Minutes last Council Meeting	Weisberg	15:05	05
2 President's report	Ireland	15:10	05
3 Secretary's report	Weisberg	15:15	05
4 Treasurer's Report	Kohl	15:20	20
5 Meetings reports			
5.1 2018 Moscow	Ivanova	15:40	30
5.2 2017 Santa Fe	Ziegler	16:10	10
<u>Future Meetings</u>		16:20	10
5.3 2019 Sapporo			
5.4 2020 Glasgow			
5.5 2021 Chicago			
5.6 2022			
6 Awards Status			
6.1 Leonard Medal (+ Nier Prize, Fellows)		16:30	05
6.2 Barringer Medal Com		16:35	05
6.3 Pellas-Ryder		16:40	05
7 Endowment Committee report	Reimold/Kohl	16:45	10
<b>BREAK</b>		<b>16:55</b>	<b>10</b>
8 Membership Com and Service Award	Walton	17:05	10
9 Elements	Corrigan	17:15	05
10 McKay Award	Dunn	17:20	05
11 MaPS		17:25-	05
11.1 Editor's report			
11.2 Wiley report			
12.0 GCA			
12.1 Outstanding Issues		17:30	10
12.2 Elsevier report		17:40	5
13 Nomenclature Committee report	Garvie	17:45	10
14 New business		17:55	05
15 Adjourn		18:00	



Christine Floss (Washington University) - *replaced by Kuljeet Mahras as of May 10.*  
Pierre Rochette (CEREGE, France)  
Mario Trieloff (Universität Heidelberg, Germany)  
Maria Eugenia Varela (ICATE, Argentina)

New committee members are now in place for 2018

Review of actions taken by e-mail.

Council voted to approve the Endowment Committee's recommendation of \$5000 travel support for the Meteorite Curator's Meeting - R. J. Macke and L. Ferrier but not to support the 2018 Astrobiology Graduate Conference.

Council voted to approve the ECs recommendation of \$6000 in early career scientist/student support for the Annual Meeting in Moscow and \$4000 from the TIM for scientists from low-income countries.

Additional activities.

The Society Newsletter was published in November.

A report was submitted to the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS). – The Society is an affiliate member of the IUGS..

The *Grants and Gifts* section of the website was updated.

The Society domain name was renewed at the end of last year.

Hosting of The Society website needs to be renewed. The Website is currently hosted by Techneco Services and our contract with them ends in July 2018. We have to either renew with Techneco or contract another administrator. Hiroshi Kaiden will submit a report on this.

Suggested alternatives for the website include hosting by LPI, The American Museum of Natural History (New York), The Natural History Museum (London), looking into the service providers for the Geochemical Society. (Since the writing of these minutes, The Society has signed an agreement with Websanity, the company that designed and hosts the website for the Geochemical Society.)

Mini Wadhwa suggested we consider a form of payment for the webmaster.

Candace Kohl motioned to accept the Secretary's report, Cari Corrigan seconded and all present voted in favor of approving the report.

**4.0 Treasurer's Report (Candace Kohl)**

This Report summarizes The Society's financial activity, during Fiscal Year-2018 (FY18), from 1 June 2017 to 31 January 2018, the current FY18 budget and the budget for FY19.

### Tax Reporting

The year FY17 taxes are on extension and close to finished.

### Assets

Operating Fund money is distributed between several accounts as follows: The main Operating Fund is held in two accounts with Bank of America: a checking account and a related savings account that accrues interest. Electronic transfers between these two accounts are straightforward.

Membership dues are collected and managed by the Mineralogical Society of America (MSA): funds collected by MSA are deposited in a Wells Fargo checking account, and then transferred periodically to the Bank of America account.

The Society has a PayPal account, which is used occasionally.

Overall, the bank balances of all four Operating Fund accounts stood at \$ 260,408.59 at the end of January 2018.

The Merrill Lynch Investment Fund had a Portfolio Value of \$1,351,054.70 on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018. The Investment Fund is now distributed among five different endowed funds: the Endowment Fund, the Nier Fund, the Gordon A. McKay Fund, the Travel for International Members (TIM) Fund, and the new O. Richard Norton Fund (see section below). The Investment Fund also holds the Reserve Fund that was established in 2013, with a flat value of \$100,000.

At the end of January 2018 a total of \$6,846.26 was being held in the Investment Fund, waiting to be transferred to the Operating Fund. As of January 31<sup>st</sup> we had received \$14,315 from members, as donations to the different funds through the Wells Fargo account.

Taking into account the equity balance, the effective balance of the Operating Fund is \$267,254.85.

### Investment Fund

The Portfolio value of the Investment Fund as of January 31, 2018 was \$1,351,054.70. The Meteoritical Society Endowment Fund returned 10.4% through Jan 31, 2018. By the end of February the return for the fiscal year was 7.7%

During the period 1 June 2017 to 31 January 2018 the \$10,000 from Tim Swindle was added to the TIM fund. TIM Fund: The intention of the Endowment Committee is that these grants will continue during the period of time that the TIM Fund is building up its full corpus. The grants are offset by donations from members who are invited to donate to this fund on the membership renewal form. A total of \$1,570 was raised to support travel to MetSoc 2018 as of 31st January 2018.

A total of \$1,850 was donated by members to the McKay Fund, \$1,805 to the Nier Fund and \$9,090.00 to the General Endowment Fund through the MSA website. In addition \$450 was deposited as checks directly into the Merrill Lynch account.

New travel fund: Dorothy Norton Kashuba and John Kashuba have established the O. Richard Norton Fund to be used for travel to the annual meeting at a rate of \$10,000 per year. They started with a gift of \$50,000 and plan to add to it as the years go by.

"This award promotes Meteoritics and Planetary science by providing scientists with transportation assistance to Meteoritical Society annual meetings to present papers and posters. The fund was established in 2017 to honor the memory of science author and public educator O. Richard Norton, and is supported by John H. and Dorothy Norton Kashuba."

We have also received a generous contribution of \$10,000 into the General Endowment from Bevan and Mary-Hill French.

The current (31 January 2018) distribution between the five endowed funds is approximately as follows: 75% is in the General Endowment Fund 6% of the money is in the Nier Fund, 6% is in the Gordon A. McKay Fund, 3% is in the Tim Swindle Travel Fund and 4% in the O. Richard Norton Fund. The Reserve Fund is held at a flat value of \$100,000.

#### Wiley account and budget

A significant amount of the society's financial turnover is associated with the cost of publishing MAPS. Wiley's accounting is on a calendar year basis.

The society pays Wiley for member subscriptions, which are collected as a part of membership dues. The actual cost, for which the Society was billed in January 2018, was \$33,460.

The Society receives a contribution towards the MAPS editorial office expenses from Wiley. This sum began at \$85,000 in 2010 and increases by 3% each year, so that in 2018 it stands at \$107,699. The Society also receives royalties from Wiley, calculated as 11% of Wiley's revenue (income). The projected amount for 2017 is \$42,136 according to a revised preliminary budget. As per the agreement with Wiley, we receive 75% of this sum in advance, and the balance for 2017 will be settled in April 2018.

Wiley gives \$2,500 to support the Wiley Awards to students presenting at MetSoc meetings as well as an annual payment of \$500 to the society as a travel grant, as detailed in the Wiley agreement. This money has been received.

Candace Kohl posed a question to Council, if we should distribute 5 Wiley awards (\$500 each) instead of 4 awards as in the past.

Council discussion showed an overall approval of this suggestion and Caroline Smith motioned to vote on distributing a 5 Wiley Awards. Mike Zolensky seconded and all present voted in favor.

#### Operating Fund Account, FY18 (over the period 1 June 2017 – 31 January 2018).

##### *Revenue - notes*

Membership dues collected to 31 January total \$68,231, similar to \$61,376 at the same time last year.

Revenue from Wiley is discussed above. Wiley pays royalty advances that total 75% of projected royalties, on a quarterly basis.

Abstract fees were collected by the MSA Office. They are significantly lower than the amount owed to Wiley. Total abstract fees paid in FY17 and FY18 for the Santa Fe meeting are \$8,820.

The Society received several donations towards grants and awards. Funds for the 2017 Barringer Award were received from the Center for Meteorite Studies, ASU. Wiley provided a grant of \$2,500 to fund student awards at MetSoc 2017. Travel awards for MetSoc 2017 from the International Meteorite Collectors Association (IMCA) and the Planetary Studies Foundation (PSF) were also processed through the Operating Fund, as was a donation from the Macovich Collection. The Barringer Student Travel Awards and the Barringer Lecture Honorarium were reported for the last fiscal year. For the first time we received grant money from Elsevier.

Funds were received from Elsevier. Additional profit was received from the MetSoc meeting in Berlin. Interest was received on the Bank of America savings account.

##### *Expenses – notes*

Abstract fees were paid to Wiley for 2017.

MAPS editorial office. Society support for the editorial office is made in four equal quarterly payments. The amount is based on the MAPS budget provided by Editor Tim Jull.

Elements magazine. Payment for member subscriptions to Elements is made on a calendar year basis. Payment is made in two estimated installments, plus one payment for the balance at the end of the calendar year.

Awards. The travel awards money for MetSoc 2017 was wired to the organizer. This included the Barringer funds, the Wiley and Elsevier donations, the IMCA travel funds, the Planetary Studies Foundation travel funds, the Macovich Collection travel funds, the money from the TIM Fund and the Endowment Fund. Cash was withdrawn to pay travel awards in USD to international recipients of some travel grants and prizes

Loan was given for the Moscow meeting.

MSA membership services - fees for handling subscriptions and the membership database. MSA charges a monthly maintenance fee of \$300. The 2017 invoices include membership processing (\$5 per member), as well as charges for sending paper renewal forms, postage, and internet services.

Fees for credit card payments of membership dues are debited directly from the Wells Fargo account.

Website fees. The website is administered by Techneco, Japan. The Society pays a monthly fee of JPY6,000 plus tax (approximately \$70 per month).

Other expenses include wire transfer and tax preparation fees.

#### Operating Fund Balance

The Operating Fund, for FY18 to 31 January 2018 has a net loss of \$16,143.54.

#### FY18 Operating Fund Budget (current status).

The total revenue for membership dues is estimated at \$80,000. This assumes that we maintain membership at around 1000 members.

The contract with Elsevier started on January 1, 2016. Elsevier is also giving a grant for student travel as described in the Endowment report, £3,000.

The budget shows a gain of about \$45,000. There may be other loans to meetings within this fiscal year.

#### FY19 Proposed Operating Fund Budget

Most amounts are similar to those in FY18. Estimated revenue from membership dues is \$80,000.

Income from Wiley is reasonably close to the cost of running the MAPS office (\$127,800).

\$40,000 is estimated as a loan to future MetSoc meetings.

Overall, this budget shows a profit of about \$37,000.

Christine Floss motioned to accept the proposed budget for the next fiscal year, Mini Wadhwa seconded and all present voted in favor.

Mike Weisberg motioned to approve the treasurer's report, Cari Corrigan seconded and all present voted in favor of the report.

## **5.0 Meetings reports**

### **5.1 2018 Moscow (Marina Ivanova)**

Marina Ivanova provided an update on the 2018 Annual Meeting in Moscow

The meeting website is operating and abstract submission is open

VISA information is provided on the website.

Two workshops are planned for Sunday: NEO's Hazards and Modeling and Experiments and Modeling

Guy Consolmagno will give the Barringer Lecture

Artem R. Oganov is an invited Lecturer

Welcome party will be held at the Vernadsky Geological Museum

Council showed concern about the size of the size of the Program Committee and voting was tabled until May. Marina agreed to modify and resubmit by May.

Candace added Darryl Pitt to the list of sponsors for the meeting.

Marina presented the registration fee of \$570. Based on 300 registrants.

The registration fee for non-members was discussed by Council and a non-member registration fee of \$650 was suggested to encourage membership.

Candace Kohl motion to accept the registration fees, Michael Weisberg seconded and all present voted in favor of the registration fees.

### **5.2 2017 Santa Fe (Karen Ziegler)**

Karen Ziegler reported on the the 80th Annual Meeting of The Meteoritical Society, held in the Santa Fe Convention Center from July 23rd to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

With 378 registered participants, the Meeting was average in size. Of the 378 registered participants, 216 were members, 36 non-members, 68 student members, 16 non-member students, 34 guests, 6 one-day registrations, and two complimentary registrations.

In total, 400 abstracts were accepted for 246 oral and 154 poster presentations. Oral presentations were scheduled in three parallel sessions from Monday till Friday, and all posters were on display for the duration of the entire conference week.

There were three workshops offered, two pre-conference (impact structures, Mars sample return), and one post-conference (martian meteorites under the microscope).

Field trips to the Santa Fe Impact structure were offered pre- and mid-conference, and two post-conference field trips went to the Rio Puerco volcanic field (1 day) and the Meteor Crater and Northern Arizona (3 days).

A total of 41 travel awards could be allocated to student members, early career scientists, and scientists from low-income countries.

#### Finances:

Two accounts were used: a university index account, and a Bank of America account (in Karen's name) specifically opened for MetSoc purposes.



Loans from the Society of \$25,000, which will be returned, went into the UNM account. Registration money received from LPI went into this account.

This account was used to pay for all the expenses of the meeting. The final payment to the La Fonda hotel was only processed last month. The current balance in this account is \$37,310.85.

\$44,891 received from The Society for the awards, went into the BofA account. Cashier's checks were drawn for all the foreign-based awardees.

Due to the extreme inflexibility and regulations of the UNM account, Karen was forced to use awards money also for other purposes (hotel in Flagstaff, National Park entrance fees) and use personal funds to distribute money to the awardees. The current balance of the BofA account is \$854.65.

There is one outstanding payment to make, and that is \$2,500 for Mark Boslough, the special speaker.

To resolve the issue, it was suggested that The Society send invoices to UNM for various amounts, and then reimburses Karen and sends payment to Boslough.

Final accounting is still in progress, but we will have a slight surplus or break even.

### **5.3 2019 Sapporo**

Hisayoshi Yurimoto sent a file with updated information on the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting to be held at the Conference Hall, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan.

Meeting dates are July 7-12.

Most of participants outside Japan will fly into Tokyo Haneda (HND) or Tokyo Narita (NRT). There are many flights from Haneda (HND) to New Chitose (CTS) airport (a few flights per hour on average). The flight time is about one hour, 40 minutes.

Rooms w/ 310, 200, and 150 seats for sessions. Five meeting rooms for 10-50 people.

#### Local organizing committee:

Hisayoshi Yurimoto (HU/JAXA) – Chair  
Shogo Tachibana (U. Tokyo) Naoya Sakamoto (HU)  
Ken'ichi Bajo (HU) Akira Yamaguchi (NIPR)  
Takashi Mikouchi (U. Tokyo) Tim Fagan (Waseda U.)  
Tetsuya Yokoyama (TiTech) Motoo Ito (JAMSTEC)  
Tomohiro Usui (TiTech) Hikaru Yabuta (Hiroshima U.)  
Ichiro Onishi (JEOL Ltd.) Wataru Fujiya (Ibaraki U.)  
Aki Takigawa (Kyoto U.) Tomoko Arai (Chitech)  
Marina Ivanova (Vernadsky Inst.) Society President  
Society Secretary 2020-Meeting Organizer

#### Potential Science Program committee:

Shogo Tachibana (U. Tokyo) – Chair  
Hisayoshi Yurimoto (HU/JAXA)

#### List of potential members:

Rhonda Stroud (US), Liping Qin (China), Kuljeet Marhus (India), Martin Bizzarro (Denmark), Maria Schönbächler (Switzerland), Monica Grady (UK), Lydie Bonal (France), Orthous-Daunay (France), Zita Martins (UK), Ming-Chang Liu (US), Fred Ciesla (US), Ed Young (US), Andreas Pack (Germany), Kazu Nagashima (US), Sasha Krot (US), Noriko Kita (US), Yves Marrocchi (France), Byeon-Gak Choi (Korea), Myriam Telus (US), Sara Russell (UK), Rhian Jones (UK), Caroline Smith (UK), Laurette Piani (France), Henner Busemann (Switzerland), Takashi Mikouchi (Japan), Tim McCoy (US), Ai-Cheng Zhang (China), Tomoko Arai (Japan), Tsuyoshi Iizuka (Japan), Audrey Bouvier (Canada), Mini Wadhwa (US)

Barringer Invitational Lecture (Monday evening): Prof. Kazuyuki Shiraishi (Director, NIPR). Topic: 'Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition'

Welcome Reception: July 7 (Sun) at Hokkaido University

Wednesday-afternoon excursions (TBD): City tour: Hokkaido Jingu Shrine, Odori Park, Okurayama Ski Jump Stadium, Mt. Moiwa etc., City walk with Sushi lunch, Harbor city and Stained Glass Museum (Otaru), Whiskey Distillery (Yoichi), Volcano and Lake in Shikotsu area, Hokkaido Museum – Nature, history and culture of Hokkaido, Arte Piazza Bibai – Kan Yasuda sculpture park.

Banquet (Wednesday evening): possibly at Sapporo Park Hotel.

Potential Budgets were presented.

#### **5.4 2020 Glasgow**

Lydia Hallis sent an up date for the 2020 Meeting:

A professional conference organiser (PCO) is being selected in order to arrange financial matters, sponsorship, and website design. 12 PCOs have bid for the meeting, and we plan to interview 4 and make a selection in March.

The LOC has been working with Glasgow Convention Bureau, in particular Wendy Russell (International Sales Manager) to arrange PCO interviews, and select the correct company based on their experience and track record with the SECC venue, and with similar scientific conferences.

The LOC has looked into the best way of paying the SECC venue deposit. Two options exist. Firstly, wait until a PCO is in place and then pay the MetSoc loan to the SECC through the PCO. Secondly, utilise the London MetSoc 2011 UK bank account, with Sara Russell as current account holder. This bank account is registered as a charity bank account, hence is not subject to tax.

#### **5.5 2021 Chicago**

Philip Heck provided an update of the 2021 Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Tentative meeting dates: July 17-24, 2021

The potential venue is currently the Swissôtel Chicago

This Location offers:

Blocking classic rooms for \$200 (which is a good rate for the Chicago high season) and government rated rooms at \$192

Conference center with meeting rooms on two floors all accessible with short walks. We will reorganize the use of the rooms to make sure we assign space for 2 parallel sessions.

Rooms for poster sessions and exhibits.

A/V package will be charged (currently in negotiation)

Complimentary high speed internet in the guestrooms

Complimentary access to Penthouse Fitness Center

Complimentary meeting space with F&B minimum achieved

Additional concessions can be discussed, depending on group's needs

## 5.6 2022

The Society is expecting bids from Perth and Paris as potential locations for the 2022 Annual Meeting.

## 6.0 Awards Status

### 6.1 Leonard Medal

Leonard Medal Committee is on schedule for selecting candidates for both the Leonard Medal and Nier Prize.

### 6.2 Barringer Medal Committee (John Spray, Chair)

John Spray sent a report to Council to review. He reminded Council of a suggestion made to council in 2010 which has since been tabled:

*Suggested but tabled July 2010: 5. As soon as the committee has presented its candidate for the Medal to the Council, the Chair of the Barringer Medal Selection Committee in consultation with the other members shall provide to the President a list of no fewer than four names of Society members who are recommended to fill the upcoming vacancy on the Committee. The materials shall include each person's contact information and a brief statement of their qualifications to serve on the Barringer Medal Selection Committee. Any additional requests for recommendations of potential Committee members shall be discussed by the entire Selection Committee. The President shall appoint the new Committee member, preferably by September 30, and notify the incoming Committee Chair.*

This will be addressed at Council Meeting in July.

For the 2018 Barringer Medal, the committee has five nominations.

## 7.0 Endowment Committee report (Uwe Reimold, Chair)

Uwe Reimold prepared a report for Council to review.

Since the Newsletter report appeared in November 2017, Endowment related activities entail:

The General Endowment is currently standing at approx. \$800,000. As recommended by the EC at its August meeting in Santa Fe, the annual expenditure for 2018 should be 4% of that, i.e., ca \$32,000.

Below is the summary of what we have allocated so far

For fiscal year 2018 the following has been allocated (so far):

- \$1000 for 2 Pellas-Ryder Awards.
- \$2,500 Special Speaker for the 80th Meteoritical Society Meeting in Santa Fe.
- \$6,000 for travel support for professional participants to 80<sup>th</sup> Meteoritical Society Meeting, held in Santa Fe.
- \$2,000 to support a lecture series in Brazil on meteorites and impact structures given by Uwe Reimold.
- \$3,121 for student travel to the conference/workshop/exhibition entitled "Meteorites China 2017" held in September 2017. A sponsorship of \$ 6,000 had been granted, unused funds of which have been repaid.

An application by the Organizers of a Postgraduate Student Symposium on 'Astrobiology' was not deemed appropriate for support by the Endowment Committee.

However, a recommendation has been made to Council to support an inaugural 'Meteorite Curators Meeting' with \$ 5,000 for travel grants.

An application for \$ 6,000 for travel support for professional participants in the 81st MetSoc meeting in Moscow has been received and the recommendation to support this has gone to Council.

The EC’s recommendation to Council that applications for Endowment support should be vetted and decided twice per year, on 15 January and 15 June, had been posted in the 2017 Newsletter, but had not been added to the webpage until mid-January 2018. Therefore, and rather unfortunately, the Committee had to decide that the current modus of ad-hoc applications would have to be continued until June. However, a first round of competitive applications should be invited by mailshot to the membership and prominent posting on the web in good time before this 15 June deadline.

**8.0 Membership Committee and Service Award (Erin Walton, Chair)**

Membership Committee: Erin Walton, Chair. Gretchen Benedix, Ludovic Ferrière, Tomas Kohout, Matthias Meier, Devin Schrader

**New Committee member:** Mendy Ouzillou

**The membership:** Assuming typical patterns of renewal (Table 1) the Society is on track to exceed 1,000 members this year. One more electronic reminder will be sent out in mid-March reminding members who have not yet renewed of the \$15 (USD) late fee deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. After March 31<sup>st</sup> the names and contact information of all un-renewed members will be forwarded to the committee and we will send out personal emails encouraging them to renew their membership status. This is quite a successful strategy based on past experience, particularly useful in cases where contact information is not up-to-date. A simple Google search can track down the most current information, ensuring that they receive at least one email from the Society encouraging renewal.

**Table 1. Meteoritical Society membership statistics as of February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

Member Type	Paid	Un-renewed Members	Total
Members	539	158	697
Students	67	52	119
Retired members	148	33	181
Life Members	27	—	27
Developing Country	13	5	18
Complimentary	2	—	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>1,044</b>

**Service Award:** The deadline for new nominations for this years’ Service Award was January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. We are pleased to report that this year the Committee received one new nomination package.

**Membership Committee Update on Initiatives:** In the past, our discussions have centered on two main issues: (1) an increase in student involvement and membership with the Society, and (2) continued ways to encourage timely renewal of overall membership. In the past we had discussed the idea of hosting a low-key Student Reception, Student Night or Meet-and-Greet at the Annual Meeting of the Meteoritical Society. We are pleased to report that at this past summer’s meeting in Santa Fe, the first free Student Lunchtime Meet & Greet event was hosted on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Students were provided with a free deli lunch sandwich buffet and a free drink. An estimate of the number of students who attended is between 40–50. This event provided an excellent forum where students could interact with their peers and meet with senior scientists in the community. The goal was for students to gain insight into what to expect from a career in meteoritics, to establish contacts and even find opportunities for collaborations and internships. The event was, by all accounts, a success and we encourage Council to continue this initiative at future meetings.

In Santa Fe, the Membership Committee met for lunch. Most of our discussion centered around student recruitment, and two main issues were brought up: 1) the website is not doing as much as it could to engage the broader public. For example, if you click on “about meteorites” this takes you to a gallery with 29 images. Development of this aspect of the website would help to explain the science background and would also help to increase the number of random “hits” the website receives when someone searches for information on meteorites. 2) The social media presence at MetSoc could be improved, which would appeal to a younger demographic. We discussed the possibility that recipients of travel awards might be charged with writing about their conference experience and posting on The Society’s Facebook page, as well as the website. Conference microbloggers similar to LPSC would also boost the profile of the conference. The possibility of a “meteorite of the week” or “meteorite of the month” page (including a photograph and a short story) was also discussed to encourage people to visit more regularly the website; Details would need to be further discussed. Those members of the Membership Committee attending LPSC plan to meet for lunch on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, to continue discussions in Santa Fe. We are anticipating these discussions will be bolstered by our new addition to the Committee – Mendy Ouzillou – who is a board member of the IMCA.

Erin and Cari will meet at LPSC to discuss the student Facebook page.

### **9.0 Elements (Cari Corrigan)**

New ideas for Cosmo Elements are needed.

Comets issue is coming in April.

### **10.0 McKay Award (Tasha Dunn)**

This past summer, a total of 33 oral presentations were considered for the McKay and Wiley awards at the Meteoritical Society Meeting in Santa Fe. The number of talks that were judged at the Santa Fe was similar to the Berkeley meeting (29) but less than meetings in Berlin (37) and Casablanca (40). Oral presentations were judged in 17 of the 22 science sessions, indicating that students from a wide range of scientific backgrounds participated.

In previous years, students were able to indicate their interest in applying for the McKay and Wiley awards on the Travel Grant Application. However, in 2016 we realized that students who didn’t apply for travel grants were not being considered for the awards (as they had no way to indicate their interest in applying). So, this year the indication of interest for the McKay award was purposely left off the travel grant application. However, the indication of interest was mistakenly left off the abstract submission form, so students were not able to indicate their interest in applying for these awards. As a result, Erin had to contact all 50 students who were assigned talks to confirm their participation. Though this worked out fine, Erin recommend that the option to apply for the McKay/Wiley awards be included on the abstract submission form for the Moscow meeting.

This year, 21 MetSoc members, including Erin, served as judges for the student awards. This is about the same number of judges that served during the Berlin meeting (23). So, fortunately, there is continued interest from the society in serving as judges. This year the option for MetSoc members to express their interest in judging was mistakenly left off the abstract submission form. So, instead judges were solicited from previous volunteers and former award winners who have since earned their degrees. Erin indicated that this worked fine, but she encourages the society to give members the opportunity to volunteer when they submit their abstracts. This gives the committee chair a larger pool of volunteers to solicit from.

Each judge was responsible for judging 7-8 talks, most of which in sessions that they planned to attend. This assures that judges do not have to leave a session they are interested in to judge a talk in another session. However, all judges also saw a few talks that were outside their area of expertise, to ensure that each talk appeals to a wide audience. The number of talks per judge was consistent with the previous MetSoc meeting in Berlin.

As in previous years, talks were judged on overall excellence in presentation, the soundness of the science, originality, and ability to answer questions. Each category was judged on a scale of 1 – 10, and judges also provided comments about each talk. These comments have proven useful in the past when breaking ties. Each talk was seen by at least five judges, with one judge being a “non-expert” to ensure that the talk appeals to wide audiences.

After the Santa Fe meeting, Erin compiled the scores and considered the comments. Based on this information, Erin (with the support of the judges) recommended that the McKay Award go to J. Greer and the four Wiley awards go to D. Dunlap, M. Verdier, J. Pape, and L. Vacher. These recommendations were approved by the council.

Tasha will once again serve as the McKay Committee chair for the 2018 meeting in Moscow, but will not be in attendance. At the suggestion of the MetSoc Council, Tasha will designate one of the judges to serve as a de-facto onsite chair. This person will address any conflicts or problems that arise in real-time. Tasha will still coordinate the scheduling prior to the meeting and compile scores afterwards. As long as the meeting runs smoothly and there are no changes from the initial program to actual meeting program, this arrangement should work fine.

## **11.0 MaPS**

### **11.1 Editor’s report (Tim Jull, Editor)**

Tim Jull submitted a report updating the status of our journal, Meteoritics and Planetary Science, for Council to review.

#### Paper submission summary for the last year.

The journal submission rates continue to be good and similar to that reported in the Minutes from July 2017. In the last year, we received 240 new papers, of which some are resubmissions, as well as 260 different revisions of other papers in process. During the last year, the “accept” ratio was 79.5% (159 out of 200 papers in one year; compared to 299 of 377 papers over a 2yr period). The acceptance ratio has remained approximately constant for several years. The number of published papers in 2017 is a record at 153 papers, plus several book reviews and conference reports not counted in that total. Submission and review data: Average turnaround from submission to first decision is 70 days, average time from submission to final decision is 98 days.

The 2-yr impact factor is 2.391 for 2016. The 2-year value for the past several years were 2015: 2.819; 2014: 3.104; 2013: 2.827; 2012: 2.80; 2011: 2.719, 2010: 2.624. The more stable 5-year index is 2.587.

#### Online journal.

All back issues of the journal are available online at the Wiley website. Members can access this through their member identification. The meteoricalsociety.org website now offers access to MAPS through a direct link – the user needs their email and password (which is their membership number).

#### ORCID identification of authors.

All first authors of papers need to have an “ORCiD” identification when they submit a paper. They are prompted to do this if they don’t have one. This allows indexing services (e.g. Webofscience) to track author information correctly, and avoid misidentifying authors in library and database systems. This has been running since last year – no complaints.

### Open Access

Open Access continues to be an expanding question. Some authors are paying open-access fees. Open-access fees do not include “print color” fees. There are no color fees for a paper published in color online and B&W in print.

### Production and Typesetting of Papers.

There are no production delays in the production of papers to report. Recent issues have appeared promptly.

### Print Statistics.

Summary of Number of Papers Printed since 2003 (note the increase in the electronic/print ratio mainly due to abstracts.)

Year	No. of Papers	Paper Pages	Pages/Paper	Total Pages
plus electronic supplements <sup>6</sup>				
2017	153	2729	17.4	3237 <sup>13</sup>
2016	133 <sup>11</sup>	2458	18.5	3150 <sup>12</sup>
2015	124	2142	17.3	2957 <sup>10</sup>
2014	147 <sup>8</sup>	2304 <sup>7</sup>	15.7	2758 <sup>9</sup>
2013	142 <sup>4</sup>	2617 <sup>5</sup>	18.4	3011 <sup>3</sup>
2012	152 <sup>1</sup>	2287	15.1	2775 <sup>3</sup>
2011	116	1948	16.8	2212 <sup>2</sup>
Non-electronic supplements:				
2010	118	2015	17.1	2249
2009	122	1818	14.9	2047
2008	139	2107	15.2	2316
2007	142	2182	15.4	2375
2006	132	1994	15.1	2233
2005	117	1922	16.4	2187
2004	136	2067	15.2	2352
2003	127	1880	14.8	2123

1. Not including 6 award citations, 4 book reviews, 3 comments and 2 letters to the editor.
2. Including electronic supplements for abstracts
3. Including electronic supplements for abstracts and Meteoritical Bulletin.
4. Not including 5 award citations, 6 book reviews and 2 errata. Including 3 invited reviews, 4 oral histories, 5 reports and 2 comments.
5. Including 9 electronic-only pages.
6. including electronic-only pages.
7. Plus 2 errata, 1 comment, 3 oral histories, Meteoritical Bulletin announcement and 4 award citations. 101 electronic-only pages are included here.
8. includes 10 reports, 2 letters, 2 book reviews and 4 awards.
9. Including 454 abstract pages.
10. Including abstract volume (385 abstracts, with 414 pages), 2 announcements, 4 awards, 2 book reviews.
11. Excluding 2 memorials, 1 book review and 4 award citations.
12. Including 692 abstracts and conference electronic pages.
13. Including 2 book reviews, 408 electronic abstracts, one meteoritical bulletin announcement and 2 conference reports.

### Electronic Supplements and Meteoritical Bulletin.

This year is the 6th year for the electronic-only abstracts. There were 408 abstracts for Santa Fe. This compares to Berlin (549), Berkeley (358), Casablanca (454), Edmonton (394) and Cairns (360). Two editions of the Meteoritical Bulletin (101 and 102) have been published in print as an announcement page and 384 pages of electronic supplement. Met. Bull 104 has been received.

### Payment for Abstracts

Abstract payments are made through the Mineralogical Society of America, although there is currently no way to enforce payments.

### Payment of page charges for Medalists.

In the past, all page charges for Leonard and Barringer medalists were waived. After Wiley became the publisher, Fiona Murphy continued the policy of waiving color charges for medalists. It may be a good idea to ask the Publications Committee to come up with a policy for page-charge waivers for Leonard and Barringer medal papers.

### Electronic publication of Meteoritics and Planetary Science

At the current time, there are only 5 remaining print subscriptions for libraries and 6 “traditional” subscriptions (according to the Wiley report) – all other subscriptions are online. However, 53% of members (about 500 persons) still get the print version of MaPS..

### Budget.

The total budget request for 2019 of \$121,500, a reduction from the previous \$129,990 is attached. It reflects salary changes, ERE and a reduced debt-reduction payment.

METEORITICS PROPOSED BUDGET - 2019		
		2019
<b>Salaries</b>		
Managing Editor support		\$53,500
Editor summer salary support		\$10,000
Benefits/ERE		\$20,490
Student assistants	\$11/hr x 20hr x 35 weeks.	\$7,700
Temporary		\$0
Deficit Reduction		\$5,000
Telephone/Fax/Email/Internet fees	(University charge)	\$800
Mailing/Shipping		\$350
Copying		\$150
Supplies for office, computers, software, etc.		\$1,500
Equipment		\$0
Partial funding of Travel to LPSC and MetSoc		\$5,000
Financial Services Admin. Charge(s)		\$17,010
<b>Total MAPS budget</b>		<b>\$121,500</b>
<b>Estimated Revenue</b>		<b>\$0</b>
		\$0
<b>Payment from Treasurer to MAPS</b>		<b>\$121,500</b>
Quarterly Payment		\$ 30,375
Revenue less Expenditures		0

### **11.2 Wiley report**

Fiona Sarne submitted report for Council to review that included information on sales, circulation and readership of MaPs. The global reach of the journal continues to be good as reflected in text downloads from the Journal website.

### **12.0 Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta**

The Joint Publications Committee will review candidates for a new Executive Editor for GCA.

### **13.0 Nomenclature Committee**

Laurence Garvie is stepping down as chair and will need to be replaced.

### **14.0 New business**

No new business



### **15.0 Adjournment**

Mini motioned that the meeting adjourn, Candace Kohl seconded and all present voted in favor of adjourning.