

**Meteoritical Society Council Meeting**  
**January 24, 2023, 3 pm - 5 pm (UTC)**  
online only

**Council Members Invitees**

Nancy Chabot (President)  
Guy Consolmagno (Vice President)  
Brigitte Zanda (Past President)  
Tasha Dunn (Treasurer)  
Jutta Zipfel (Secretary)  
Henner Busemann  
Sarah Crowther

Elena Dobrica  
Lan-Anh "Ann" Nguyen  
Denton Ebel  
Alvaro Crosta  
Marina Ivanova **not present**  
Byeon-Gak Choi

**Guests**

Kevin McKeegan (Los Angeles 2023)  
Ming-Chang Liu (Los Angeles 2023)  
Vinciane Debaille (Brussels 2024)  
Steven Goderis (Brussels 2024)  
Katarina Miljkovic (Perth 2025)  
Cari Corrigan (Elements) **not present**  
Francis McCubbin (Nomenclature Committee)  
Gordon Osinski (Outreach Committee)

The meeting started at 3pm (UTC)

**1. Welcome from president**

The president welcomed new members on council.

**2. Introduction of new council members**

Each member introduced herself/himself with a short statement as to affiliation and motivation for serving council and the Society.

**3. Report on the Annual Meetings**

**3.1.** Katarina Miljkovic reported on the planning for annual meeting of MetSoc in Perth in 2025.

- The meeting is scheduled for 14-18 July 2025. These dates are preferred as they are back to back with the *Meteoroids Meeting* in Perth and should be announced soon online. It was suggested to check whether these dates are in conflict with the Goldschmidt Conference in 2025. Henner Busemann volunteered to inquire.
- The question was raised as to consult a Professional Conference Organizer (PCO) with the organization which would have advantages for liability and insurance reasons.
- It was suggested to order on-site catering during session breaks, so that attendants would not need to leave the venue.

- The company Arinex (PCO) offers discount rates if booked early. Council advised that the local organization committee (LOC) should decide about PCO and catering at the venue.
- For the venue a 10% prepayment is required. Treasurer Tasha Dunn explains that Meeting organizers can ask for a loan from the Society to cover such costs.
- Next steps to be decided are: launching event placeholder webpage, and booking venue for the gala.

### 3.2. Vinciane Debaille and Steven Goderis reported on plans for annual meeting of MetSoc in Brussels in 2024.

- Dates are 28 July to 2 August 2024.
- There was discussion about number and potential members of the LOC and SOC teams.
- It was suggested to serve food during breaks from food trucks directly at the venue, which is very common in Belgium at similar events.
- The ice breaker will take place in the City Hall, if possible.
- No official gala dinner but a "not strictly seated" walking dinner. Council is in support of such a dining concept.
- Barringer lecture: Considering about TRAPPIST exoplanet system.
- Field trips to craters in Denmark and Germany were proposed.
- A Workshop about curation is planned.
- Estimated registration fees are about €300 for PhD students, and €400-500 for academics.
- A final question concerned financial loans, bank accounts, etc. Tasha Dunn will provide necessary advice.

### 3.3. Ming-Chang Liu and Kevin McKeegan gave an update on the planning for annual meeting of MetSoc in Los Angeles in 2023.

- The official meeting website is <https://metsco2023-la.com> – the page name has been reserved but the website is not up yet.
- All events will take place on campus. It is highly recommended not to rent a car because of traffic and high costs.
- Wednesday afternoon activity will be a *Symposium on Sample Return* followed by cocktails and banquet. Council was in support.
- The main venue will be at the UCLA Luskin Center which has 3 rooms for lectures. One room is already reserved for the council meeting on Sunday.
- The welcome reception will be in the sculpture garden.
- The Barringer lecture will be in the auditorium at the Fowler Museum at UCLA.
- 175 rooms were reserved at the Luskin Conference Center at \$269 + tax /night for single or double occupancy. The organizers committed to fill 85% of these rooms to have them reserved. In addition, 14 guest rooms at the guest house were reserved at \$299 + tax/night incl. continental breakfast. A larger number of dorm rooms can be reserved at the DeNeve Plaza at \$166 + tax(?) /night and single room, and \$199+ tax(?) /night and double room. The question was whether 50 dorm rooms are sufficient? It was suggested to ask organizer Lydia Hallis from the 2022 Meeting in Glasgow as to how many student dorm rooms were requested last year?

- The meeting will offer as on-line component Zoom/WebEx; there will be no virtual posters.
- Small excursions will be suggested for Friday, there are no plans for field trips.
- The estimated preliminary budget is about \$650/person. There was a tendency among councilors that the registration fee should be the same for virtual and in person attendees. The final registration will be, of course, depending on the total number of registrations. Typical US meetings were smaller than European meetings in the past 8 years.

#### **4. Society and Committee Reports**

##### **4.1. New chairs and members of committees**

- This item was skipped since time ran late and the information had been circled among councilors prior to the meeting. All names of new chairs and members of committees are listed on the website. Below is a summary of the items voted on by Council by email from the start of 2023 to this Council meeting:
  - To support the recommended McKay and Wiley award winners put forward by the McKay Committee for the 2022 Glasgow meeting – Council approved unanimously.
  - To support the appointment of Jerome Gattacecca for the Meteoritical Bulletin Editor – Council approved unanimously.
  - To support the appointment of Ludovic Ferriere for the Impact Cratering Database Editor – Council approved unanimously.
  - To support the appointment of Conel Alexander for the Chair of the Joint Publications Committee – Council approved unanimously.

##### **4.2. Nomenclature Committee (Francis McCubbin)**

- Francis McCubbin reported on suggestions from the Nomenclature committee to allow for better handling of the increasingly large number of submissions. He pointed out three suggestions: 1) add flexibility by allowing for 9-12 members at peak times; 2) add regional consultants who are familiar with the geography, language, and culture of regions where meteorites are found; 3) expand the list of meteorites to be approved automatically by experienced approvers and without voting from the entire committee. Text changes to the bylaws are required for point 1, and additional text for the rules are required for point 2 and 3. Frances McCubbin will draft wording accordingly that will be circled and voted on by Council electronically.

##### **4.3. Elements report (Corrigan)**

- Cari Corrigan couldn't attend the meeting. It was decided to vote electronically on the budget and the new editorial structure.

##### **4.4. Outreach Committee (Osinski)**

- Gordon Osinski had to leave as the meeting was running behind schedule. This item was therefore postponed for the upcoming Council meeting in March.

#### **5. Adjourn**

5:00 UTC