

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the Meteoritical Society, 1957 Sept. 2

The meeting was called to order by President Barringer at 7:45 p.m. in the Meteoritical Museum, U.C.L.A. In addition to the President, the following officers and councilors were present: Bauer, Brady, Buddhue, Crozier, LaPaz, Leonard, Russell and Tombaugh.

The reading of the minutes of the previous Council meeting was waived.

The Secretary read the names of nine members admitted to the Society by the Executive Committee since the last meeting of the Council. The action of the Executive Committee was approved by the Council.

The Secretary announced that Mr. John Davis Buddhue had been unanimously elected to a Vice-Presidency in the Society to fill the vacancy created by the death of Vice-President Stuart H. Perry. The election of Dr. Peter M. Millman and Dr. Gerald S. Hawkins to fellowship was also announced.

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Medallic Art Company that the Society was not interested in their services in connection with the forthcoming 25th Anniversary of the Society.

In reply to the request of Benjamin Adelman, Editor of the Junior Astronomer, a publication of the Astronomical League, for copies of papers presented at the 20th Meeting, the Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the program and to explain that the Society could not comply with the request as made, altho it appreciated the interest shown by the Astronomical League in its meeting.

Upon motion of Editor Leonard, all papers submitted for presentation at 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved for presentation.

A request for exchange of periodicals with the North Jersey U.F.O. Group as discussed. It was moved by Leonard and seconded by LaPaz that the Committee on publications be authorized to decide on the advisability of exchanges. Motion carried.

The Secretary reviewed correspondence with the International Cooperation Administration regarding a contractual agreement with the Society. After discussing the matter, the Secretary was instructed to write the I.C.A., reiterating the reasons why the Society felt it inadvisable to enter into the agreement and stating that the Council will communicate with the I.C.A. if and when it changes its mind in the matter.

The Secretary announced that a number of members of the Society had voluntarily sent donations to the Treasurer upon receipt of his notice that the Society was pressed financially in connection with the underwriting of Meteoritics, No. 4. The Secretary was authorized to write the donors expressing the appreciation of the Council for their generosity.

The report of the Treasurer was considered, in the unavoidable absence of the Treasurer. The "cash-on-hand balance" was \$1152.96, as of 1957 August 28. This included all 1957 dues paid to date. The Society owes the University of New Mexico Printing Plant \$1235.61 for the 1956 issue of Meteoritics. La Paz announced that he had been informed by the Director of the U.N.M. Printing Plant that the Society need not feel under pressure of time in completing payment of the bill. He reported further that there was a possibility that the bill might be reduced if the U.N.M. approved the pro-rated distribution of the Printing Plant's profits among the various organizations that had paid for its services during the year. Russell reported on his negotiations with the National Science Foundation for a subsidy of \$553 to cover the calculated deficit on the '56 issue. The request had been encouragingly received, but no word had yet been forthcoming on the action of the Advisory Panel on Astronomy. It was moved by Russell, seconded by

La Paz, that the Treasurer be instructed, upon receipt of an itemized statement satisfactory to him, to pay the U.N.M. Printing Plant \$682.61, the difference between the bill and the \$553 requested of the National Science Foundation. Motion carried.

There followed a discussion of possible ways of publishing Meteoritics within the financial limitations of the Society. La Paz reported on his inquiry of the Buneido Press of Japan. Their bid on a number duplicating Meteoritics, No. 4, was \$770 plus \$185 shipping charge. This is to be compared with approximately \$2300, the total bill of the U.N.M. Printing Plant for the same issue. The most obvious disadvantage of this arrangement is the distance of the printer. Russell gave some figures obtained from Edwards Bros., Lithographers, of Ann Arbor, Mich. For duplicating C.M.S. Vol. 4, No. 4, a 104 Page issue, the composition charge would be \$550 and the lithoprinting, \$307. Shipping charges were not determined for this possible arrangement. Against these figures, the estimated income of the Society per year is \$575. LaPaz said that he did not know how much assistance could be obtained from the U.N.M. on behalf of the I.O.M. if the journal is not published by the U.N.M. Printing Plant. He did not feel that publication elsewhere completely closed the door on assistance from the U.N.M. Leonard stated that the University of California Press was not totally out of the picture. Another possibility was to get UC Press to act as a jobber for the Society. Leonard pointed out also that among astronomical journals it is almost a rule to have a page charge for publications. Brady expressed the hope that the old format could be retained as nearly as possible.

It was moved by Leonard and seconded by LaPaz that Russell be appointed a member of the Committee on Publications. Motion carried. President Barringer made the appointment.

It was moved by Leonard and seconded by Tombaugh that a Sub-committee on Methods of Printing be appointed of the Committee on Publications, to consist of: Leonard (Chairman), Barringer, LaPaz, and Russell. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Russell, Secretary