

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the Meteoritical Society, 1958 August 30

The meeting was called to order by President Barringer at 9:00 p.m. in the dining room of the La Posada Hotel, Winslow, Arizona. In addition to the President, Councilors Buddhue, Crozier, and Russell were present, constituting a bare quorum.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was moved by Russell, seconded by Crozier, that the papers submitted for presentation at the 21st meeting be approved. The motion carried.

Approval was given the action of the Executive Committee in admitting 18 new members to the Society during the past year. The names of four prospective members were also approved.

Barringer and Russell, in the absence of Editor Leonard, summarized the current status of the publicational problem of the Society. Negotiations leading to the possible publication of Meteoritics, or a successor, by the University of California Press are still being carried on by the Editor. A large number of people in the University are involved in such a decision, and progress was retarded by the unavailability of some during the summer months and by the retirement on June 30 of President Sproul, with whom the Editor had met personally on June 9. It was the consensus of the Councilors present that every effort should be made to obtain a decision one way or the other well before the first of the year. It was hoped that if the decision was negative, it might be obtained considerably sooner.

Of the other alternatives, the most desirable seemed to be publicational arrangement with some other journal, in which our contributions would be published serially and reprinted in fascicle form at the end of the year for distribution to the membership as was done thru Popular Astronomy before that journal went out of existence. The Astronomical Society of the Pacific was approached on this subject last winter, but their editorial board felt that all of the contributions of the Meteoritical Society do not fit the astrophysical bias of the P.A.S.P. Other journals that were suggested for a possible publicational agreement were the American Journal of Science, the oldest scientific journal in the country and one that has published a considerable amount of Meteoritical material in the past, or the Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, which has had a meteor section for many years. In view of the common practice of many leading scientific journals of making page charges to cover a portion of the printing costs, the Councilors present felt that a page charge sufficient to keep the Society solvent was probably inevitable and should be approved. The Society would, of course, reserve the right to print at its expense particularly valuable material submitted by writers without institutional financial backing.

A letter from member Paul M. Sears was read and discussed in which Mr. Sears expressed the hope that the Society might sponsor a program of translation of Russian meteoritical material with the financial assistance of the N.S.F. or some other public or private source. Altho fully agreeing with the importance of the plan, the Council felt that the resumption of its own publicational program should be the Society's first obligation. It was also noted that the N.S.F. had disapproved a request by the Society for \$553 to underwrite our deficit on the last issue of Meteoritics. It was hoped that further consideration can be given to Mr. Sears' suggestion in the near future.

Some preliminary discussion was given to a possible location of the next meeting. Future meeting locations of the AAAS were reviewed, but the period between Christmas and New Years was not considered most desirable; at least our Berkeley meeting with the AAAS was poorly attended. It was felt that the next meeting should be in the east.

Washington D. C. or Cambridge, Mass. were mentioned as likely spots. Further discussion of the subject was postponed until the meeting of the new Council.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan A. Russell, Secretary

Minutes of the Meeting of the Incoming Council of the Meteoritical Society,  
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The first meeting of the Council for the 1958-62 term was called to order by President Russell shortly after lunch at the Barringer Meteorite Crater. In addition to the President, Councilors Barringer, Buddhue, Crozier, Foster, Monnig, and Rowland were present.

The action of the outgoing Council, at its meeting on 1958 August 30, was summarized for the benefit of the new councilors by President Russell (v., copy of those minutes, attached).

The next order of business was the appointment of representatives to the various sections of the A.A.A.S. and of members for the several committees of the Society for the 1958-62 term (v., the list of these appointments, attached).

The location and time of the next meeting were discussed, with the Council favoring an eastern meeting. Councilor Barringer volunteered to contact Dr. Fred Whipple at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory concerning the possibility of holding the next meeting in Cambridge, Massachusetts. It was thought best to let that institution suggest a time which would be convenient for them--if they agree to host our 1959 meeting.

The names of 6 prospective members of the Society were approved by the Council.

It should be mentioned that the Society voted to retain the full dues (\$4 per year) for the interval in which we are without a journal.

Lastly, it was moved by Monnig, and seconded by Buddhue, that the Council of the Meteoritical Society pass a resolution approving the present general management of the Barringer Meteorite Crater and the presentation of facts and theory concerning it by the present owners and lessees and approving its continuing under private ownership as opposed to any form of public ownership. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerald L. Rowland, Secretary