

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE METEORITICAL SOCIETY
held at Los Angeles, Calif., Sat., 17 Nov. 1962

PRESENT: President Peter M. Millman, Past-President John A. Russell, Editor Dorrit Hoffleit, Councilor C. H. Cleminshaw, and Secretary Gerald L. Rowland.

Since Peter Millman and Dorrit Hoffleit were both in Los Angeles at the same time, and since it was possible to get a quorum of the Council together, President Millman called a Special meeting of the Council for Sat., 17 Nov. 1962.

The last Council minutes (of 4 Sept., 1962) were read in order that those present might know the business that was transacted at Socorro, New Mexico.

After some discussion, it was moved, seconded, and approved that arrangements be made for the transfer of a suitable number (approximately 40) of the 4 issues of Vol. I of Meteoritics from Springer Transfer Co. in Albuquerque, N. M., to John Russell at U.S.C. The Council approved the expenditure of whatever funds are necessary for this operation.

John Russell reported that the Leonard Memorial Medal, which was displayed at the Socorro meeting, was unsatisfactory and that it is being re-done by the Southern California Trophy Co. The Council was reminded that the fund established for the Leonard Memorial Medal is still open for contributions. The cost of engraving and striking each individual medal to be presented will call for a nominal expenditure from time to time.

The Council next suggested the following chairmen (subject to the individual's acceptance) for the standing committees of the Society: Eugene Shoemaker (Membership and Fellowship); Oscar Monnig (Finance and Endowment); Editor Dorrit Hoffleit (Publications).

Discussion was held on the annual meetings of the Society for the next four years. (1) After hearing the tentative plans from President Millman for a meeting in Ottawa, Canada, probably the first week in October (Mon. & Tues., Oct. 7th & 8th), on motion of John Russell, it was RESOLVED THAT the Council accept with pleasure the Ottawa invitation for the 1963 Meeting of the Society. The meeting would be hosted by the Associate Committee en Meteorites of the National Research Council of Canada with Ian Halliday and Peter Millman acting as a local committee on arrangements. A symposium on Meteorite Craters was suggested and strongly endorsed. (2) The Society was invited to have a meeting in Tempe, Arizona, by Dr. Carleton B. Moore of Arizona State University. It was suggested that the Secretary write Dr. Moore, telling him of the policy of alternating the Society's meetings between east and west whenever possible, and inquire into the possibility of holding the 1964 meeting in Tempe. (3) Washington D. C. was mentioned, if arrangements could be made, as a good place for the meeting in the east in 1965. (4) The La Jolla - San Diego, Calif., area was mentioned as a possibility for the 1966 meeting, since there are several new members of the Society from that vicinity.

Publicational matters concerning the revival of Meteoritics, were discussed next. Editor Hoffleit suggested that the journalistic style be that of the Astronomical Journal which follows the American Institute of Physics Style Manual. It was decided to let Edwards Bros. do the final typing and to let the Editor read proof for the publication. On motion by John Russell, seconded by C. H. Clemimshaw, it was RESOLVED THAT the expenditure of up to \$100.00 for secretarial assistance in preparing the first issue of the revival of Meteoritics be authorized.

After a discussion of the Society's financial status, the Council recommended that each member should be billed annually by the Treasurer for his dues.

Two topics were mentioned for future study; (1) the possibility of a committee to keep the catalog of the meteorites of the world up-to-date; and (2) the necessity of some central place (probably in the United States) for telegraphing information concerning meteors, detonating fireballs, etc.

The meeting was adjourned, after those present expressed their appreciation officially for the pre-meeting luncheon which was served and hosted so graciously by Phyllis and John Russell.

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