

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Meteoritical Society

32nd Annual Meeting

October 28, 1969

NASA Manned Spacecraft Center
Houston

The meeting was convened at 3:15 p.m. with President Klaus Keil presiding. In attendance were Vice Presidents Brandon Barringer and Robert S. Dietz, Secretary Roy S. Clarke, Jr., Treasurer Ursula B. Marvin, Editor and Past President Carleton B. Moore, Director of Meteor Section Peter Millman, and Councilors Edward Anders, Robin Brett, Donald E. Gault, Ian Halliday, Brian H. Mason and John A. O'Keefe. Louis Walter attended briefly as a visitor.

Minutes

The minutes of the Council meetings of October 8, 1969 and October 10, 1969 were approved as presented. The Secretary noted that the official minutes had been corrected subsequent to the circulation of draft minutes; "33rd" being changed twice to "32nd" on page three of the minutes of October 8, 1969.

Program, 32nd Annual Meeting

Robin Brett presented the program for the Annual Meeting and discussed arrangements, facilities, and last minute changes. Brett acknowledged the efforts of Elbert King for arranging the field trip, Jack Hartung for printing, and Dieter Heymann for banquet arrangements at Rice University. The Manned Spacecraft Center and the Lunar Sciences Institute acted as host organizations and also supplied some direct financial assistance. The Council unanimously approved the program and voted thanks to Robin Brett, his committee, and to our three host organizations.

Secretary's Report

The report of the Secretary was submitted to the Council in writing and was accepted as submitted.

The Secretary brought the following items to the attention of the Council:

- a) No action had been taken during the year on nominations for Fellowship, even though this is a requirement of our Bylaws.
- b) Thomas E. Rodman and the Odessa Meteoritical Society are preparing an up-to-date membership list of the Society to be circulated to the membership by the end of the year.
- c) The Secretary announced that he will not stand for re-election next year.

Treasurer's Report

Ursula Marvin presented the Council with two balance sheets, one for December 31, 1968 and one for September 30, 1969. Copies of both are attached. The Society suffered a technical loss of \$989.93 in 1968. It was pointed out that the balance of \$4,807.37 for September 30, 1969 does not take into consideration an obligation for the current issue of Meteoritics. Meteoritics is costing more to publish than it has previously.

Several members have made much appreciated gifts to the Society. Mrs. Marvin reported that a number of names had been dropped from the Society rolls for nonpayment of dues.

Publication Committee and Editor's Report

Carleton Moore reported that the committee's work has been carried on by informal contacts rather than formal meetings.

Meteoritics, vol. 4, no. 3 has been published with a new format and cover. The use of justified margins has resulted in increased cost, but it seems to be a consideration of importance to many of our members. Much of the production work has been done by George A. Boyd with the help of the Arizona State University Bureau of Publications.

Publication committee recommendations for Meteoritics will be circulated to the Council during the coming year. There was a general discussion of the up-grading of Meteoritics, with emphasis on the need for quality manuscripts.

The report was approved with thanks to our Editor and his associates. Co-sponsorships of "Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta"

Klaus Keil reviewed negotiations related to the Society's request to co-sponsor GCA. Our request has been approved unanimously by the council of the Geochemical Society and has also been approved by the publisher, Pergamon Press. Co-sponsorship will be effective January 1, 1970. The cover of the journal will then read, Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta, Journal of the Geochemical Society and The Meteoritical Society. Officers of our Society will be listed on the inside cover, and the Secretary will be listed with a business address for the Meteoritical Society. We will have one representative who will function on the ad hoc committee for selection of the Executive Editor.

A motion was moved and carried that the President of the Meteoritical Society will serve as a member on the ad hoc committee for the selection of an Executive Editor for Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta.

The report was approved and President Keil was congratulated by the Council for his successful efforts on the Society's behalf.

Leonard Medal Committee

Peter Millman reported that six nominations had been considered and two selections made.

Harold C. Urey had been selected as the 1969 recipient and is to receive the medal at this

meeting. The Council had previously been polled on this point by phone, and the nomination had been approved.

Fred L. Whipple was the committee's choice for the 1970 recipient, and his nomination was approved by the Council.

Millman concluded his report with a request for additional nominations, The report was accepted with thanks by the Council.

Membership Committee

Brian Mason reported that he had written two letters to members of his committee in an attempt to stimulate membership activity, but that there had been little response. Louis Walter had solicited a number of foreign members for the Society and the Vienna Symposium on Meteorite Research and the Third International Tektite Symposium had both produced a number of new members.

Co-sponsorship of April 6-8, 1970 meeting with The Mineralogical Society, London

Klaus Keil reported that our name was to be used as co-sponsor with no responsibility for organizational or financial matters. Harold Urey, Brian Mason and Hans Suess are Society members giving invited papers.

Future Meeting Locations

Klaus Keil reported that a poll of the Council some months earlier had resulted in a strong preference for Tübingen as a site for the 1970 meeting and Goddard Space Flight Center for the 1971 meeting. This selection was made, however, without general knowledge of the London meeting in April, 1970. President Keil suggested that two meetings in Europe so close together would not be in the best interest of the Society. A motion carried to have the 1970 meeting at Goddard and the 1971 meeting at the Mineralogical Institute, University of Tübingen. It had been previously determined that this arrangement would be agreeable with both groups involved.

Louis Walter outlined the possibility of holding the 1970 meeting at Skyland Lodge, Skyland, Virginia, in the Shenandoah National Park. This suggestion was well received by the Council.

The Society's financial responsibilities for the Tübingen meeting were discussed. President Keil will encourage Professor von Engelhardt to find support money in Germany. The only contribution from the Society will be in the form of registration fees collected from attendees.

AAAS Representation

Carleton Moore brought up the question of Society representation in the AAAS western division. It was decided representation was not needed.

Tellers' Committee

Klaus Keil reported that he would appoint a committee to count ballots for the Bylaw change election. The results of the election will be announced at the annual business meeting.

Nomination of Officers

President Keil noted that next year is an electoral meeting, and he suggested that selecting a slate of candidates at this meeting might have advantages over making the selection by mail. The Council agreed, and the following slate was selected:

President: John A. Wood Vice
President: Edward Anders
Howard Axon
Robin Brett
Secretary: Theodore E. Bunch
Treasurer: Ursual B. Marvin
Editor: Carleton B. Moore
Director of Meteor Section: Peter M. Millman
Councilors: Vagn Buchwald
Ahmed El Goresy
Donald E. Gault
Ian Halliday
John A. O'Keefe
George W. Reed, Jr.
Louis S. Walter
John T. Wasson

Dues Increase

A possible dues increase was discussed, but the need did not seem to be pressing. A motion carried to maintain dues at the current level for the next year.

NASA Science Policy

Robert Dietz suggests that the Council should consider going on record to NASA favoring a more sophisticated basic science policy. A spirited discussion ensued, much of it in opposition to the Society taking a position on NASA policy. A motion carried to table the discussion.

Meteoritical Bulletin

Roy Clarke discussed briefly the problem of the uncritical listing of new meteorite names in the Meteoritical Bulletin. Brian Mason, Carleton Moore and Roy Clarke were appointed as a committee to consider the problem and report back to the Council.

24th International Geological Congress

Peter Millman reported that the 24th International Geological Congress is being held in Montreal, August 21-31, 1972. Section 15, Planetology, is planning five or six days of program. Millman asked if the Society should co-sponsor the Planetology symposium. A motion carried that the Society co-sponsor the symposium and that President Keil appoint a representative of the Society to

the organizing committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on motion at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy S. Clarke, Jr.
Secretary
The Meteoritical Society