

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Meteoritical Society

33rd Annual Meeting

October 27, 1970

Skyland, Virginia

The meeting was convened at 730 p.m. with President Klaus Keil presiding. In attendance were Vice Presidents Brandon Barringer, Robert S. Dietz and John A. Wood, Secretary Roy S. Clarke, Jr., Treasurer Ursula B. Marvin, Director of Meteor Section Peter M. Millman, Councilors Edward Anders, Robin Brett, Donald E. Gault, Ian Halliday, Brian H. Mason, John A. O'Keefe and Fred L. Whipple. Visitors in attendance were Thomas Rodman, Theodore E. Bunch, Louis S. Walter and John T. Wasson.

Program, 33rd Annual Meeting

Louis S. Walter presented the meeting program and briefly discussed arrangements. The Council unanimously approved the program.

Minutes and Secretary's Report

The Secretary presented the minutes of the Council meeting of October 28, 1969. The minutes were approved with the emendation that Peter M. Millman, Director of the Meteor Section, had been present.

The Secretary presented a written report to the Council summarizing membership activities (copy attached).

Treasurer's Report

Ursula Marvin presented the Council with two balance sheets, one for the year ending December 31, 1969 and one through September 30, 1970. Copies of both are attached.

It was noted that Meteoritics is costing approximately \$1000 per issue and that this will require additional income in the near future. The Treasurer, however, recommended against a dues increase at this time.

Mrs. Marvin reported that the Odessa Meteoritical Society had contributed \$150 for the recarving of the Leonard Medal. A motion carried unanimously expressing the Society's appreciation to the Odessa Meteoritical Society.

The treasurer's report was approved on motion.

## Finance Committee Report

Thomas Rodman did not present a formal report. He did, however, mention that the Odessa Meteoritical Society is in a position to help the Society with modest sums of money when specific needs arise.

### Leonard Medal Committee Report

Peter Millman reported that the committee had considered five nominations and had unanimously selected E. L. Krinov as the 1971 recipient. Millman moved that Krinov be approved by the Council, and the motion carried,

A discussion of procedures for selection of recipients followed, Edward Anders placed the following motion before the Council:

The Leonard Medal Committee shall solicit nominations from the membership and initiate nominations on its own, Names of two nominees, ranked in order of preference, are to be submitted to the annual meeting of the Council for final selection.

The motion carried with six in favor, two against; Fred Whipple, Peter Millman and the Secretary recorded as abstaining.

Further discussion on committee make-up and procedures led to the following motion by Edward Anders:

The Leonard Medal Committee shall consist of five members appointed by the President to staggered five year terms. Each year a chairman shall be designated by the President. The Secretary shall be an ex-officio member of this committee.

This motion was carried without objection.

### Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta

President Keil reported that with the first issue of 1970, Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta carries the sub-title "Journal of the Geochemical Society and The Meteoritical Society". Our Society's officers and councilors, along with the Secretary's mailing address, are listed on the journal's inside cover,

President Keil moved that the Executive Editor of GCA (Denis M. Shaw, Hamilton) be made an ex-officio member of our Council. The motion was discussed, but it was not immediately clear as to the constitutionality of the proposal. It was decided to invite the Executive Editor to Council meetings on an informal basis until such time as the constitutional question, if one exist, is resolved.

President Keil reported to the Council that it had been suggested that subscription to GCA be made compulsory for our membership. The Secretary presented a list of names that showed that one-quarter of our members were already members of the Geochemical Society, thereby subject to

compulsory subscription. It **was** also noted that many of our remaining members have no real interest in the bulk of material published in GCA. A motion carried instructing the Treasurer to work with the Executive Editor and Pergamon Press to establish procedures whereby our Society would collect voluntary subscription fees from our members for GCA and pass these on to Pergamon Press. It was felt that this approach would protect both Pergamon Press and our membership.

Edward Anders discussed an editorial policy statement for GCA recently circulated by Denis M. Shaw. He also announced that Dr. Shaw was going to present the following resolution to the Council of the Geochemical Society.

"G.C.A. will be prepared to publish obituaries for prominent internationally known geochemists and cosmochemists on the specific recommendation of the Council of the Geochemical Society or the Meteoritical Society, transmitted to the Executive Editor through the Secretary or President of either Society".

This resolution was approved by our Council.

It was moved and carried that an obituary be prepared for Dr. Joseph Zhringer. Anders will make the necessary arrangements.

John Wood made the following motion:

The Society will provide the Executive Editor of GCA with up to \$200 per year for office expenses, and the Editor of Meteoritics with up to \$500 a year for this same purpose. Society dues will be raised to \$6.00 per year for members and \$3.00 per year for student members to cover these increased costs. The dues increase will start with 1971 dues.

The motion was carried without objection. Editor's

### Report

Carleton Moore through a letter to the Secretary requested permission to solicit subscriptions to Meteoritics using a 2200 name mailing list received from Dr. Edwin Roedder, Secretary, The Geochemical Society. There was feeling that solicitation of the complete list might not be justified, but that selective use could be helpful. It was left to Dr. Moore's discretion to use office expense funds allotted above for this purpose.

### Meteoritical Bulletin

President Keil reviewed the current status of the Meteoritical Bulletin. It has been published in the past by the Commission on Meteorites of the International Union of Geological Sciences, E. L. Krinov, Moscow, Editor. The considerable expense of publication and distribution of the Bulletin has recently prompted the IUGS to withdraw financial support. This action combined with Dr. Krinov's heavy commitment to field work and research led to his resignation from the editorship.

President Keil moved that our Society undertake the publication of the Meteoritical

Bulletin in Meteoritics under a Council appointed Editor. This motion carried. A motion that Roy S. Clarke, Jr. be appointed Editor also carried. Mr. Clarke was instructed to form Meteoritical Bulletin advisory committee and to investigate cooperative arrangements with international scientific organizations and interested individual researchers.

#### Future Meetings

S. R. Taylor has invited the Society to meet in Canberra in 1974 in conjunction with the 4th International Tektite Symposium, It was noted that this meeting will cover meteorite research and impact work, and that tektites will undoubtedly play a relatively small role, Peter Millman suggested that the Society consider meeting in Montreal in 1972 in conjunction with the International Geological Congress.

A motion carried that we would cosponsor the Canberra meeting in 1974, although it would not replace our regular meeting, The motion also suggested that consideration be given to having the Canberra meeting in 1973, so that it would coincide with the International Astronomical Union meeting in Australia. A number of our members will be attending this meeting.

Peter Millman reported that good progress is being made in organizing a five or six-day symposium on Planetology for the period August 21-31, 1972 in Montreal.

The Council was polled for an expression of interest in holding our 1972 meeting in Montreal. One member was in favor, four were opposed and five abstained. The problem was left to our incoming president.

#### Membership Committee Report

Brian Mason noted that he was retiring after four years as chairman of the committee. During this period membership in the Society has doubled.

#### Copernicus Stamp

Carleton Moore through a letter to the Secretary proposed that we join others and request that the United States issue a commemorative postage stamp honoring Copernicus on the 500th anniversary of his birth, The Council decided to politely decline the suggestion,

#### Transfer of Society's Affairs to the new Council

A Tellers Committee made up of Bevan M. French, L. H. Fuchs and E. Jarosewich had previously been appointed by President Keil. They reported to the Secretary during the Council meeting that 219 ballots had been counted, and the slate as proposed had been elected. Forty-seven write-in votes were recorded, but no more than three votes were recorded for any one individual for a given office.

President Keil moved that the retiring officers and councilors be thanked for their service to the Society. The motion carried,

President-elect John Wood thanked the Council for its expression of confidence in him, and announced that a meeting of the new Council would be called during this Annual Meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on motion at 11:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy S. Clarke, Jr.  
Secretary (Retired)  
The Meteoritical Society

April 1, 1971

Unofficial Skeleton of the Minutes

Council Meeting - October 29, 1971  
Skyland, Va.

Officers and Councilors in attendance:

J. Wood, E. Anders, R. Brett, U. Marvin, T. Bunch, K. Keil, P. Millman, D. Gault, J. Wasson, L. Walter, I. Halliday and J. O'Keefe

Absent:

V. Buchwald, E. Goresy, H. Axon and C. Moore and George Reed Jr.

I. President's Agenda

A, The President asked who was going to the meeting in Tubingen:

The answer was a unanimous affirmative from all those in attendance.

B. Don Gault urged the possibility of a 2<sup>nd</sup> council meeting at the AGU meeting in April. Discussion was favorable.

C. The following Leonard Medal Committee was appointed by the President:

T. Kohman, Chairman 1973; Joe Goldstein, 1971; Folinsbee, 1972;

D. Gault, 1974; E. Anders, 1975.

D. Other Committee action:

(1) Membership Committee

A discussion ensued as to what additional professional groups should be considered for a membership drive. The only positive discussion resulted in the astrogeologists being considered *as* a special target. This action brought about a secondary discussion on the possible reworking of the constitution, at a later meeting, on the purpose of The Society.

the President:

Terry Offield (Chairman), D. Elston, R. Reynolds, N. Short, R. Brett and B. Dodd.

- ( 2 ) Finance Committee - stays the same (Rodman, Barringer and Olsen).
- ( 3 ) Publication Committee - Wasson (Chairman), Wetherill, Van Schmus and C. Moore. Vacant positions are to be left unfilled until the President discusses possible selections with C. Moore.
- ( 4 ) Bylaws Committee  
Bevan French and John O'Keefe were nominated for the position of Chairman with O'Keefe being elected by a vote of 7 to 3. Filling of the Committee is to be left to the Chairman.

Suggestions on changes in the Constitution will be sent to John O'Keefe by December 31, 1970 (later changed by the Secretary to January 10, 1971, which was later changed to January 31, 1971 by the President. Since there is no higher authority, the latter date seems to be firm).

## II. New Business

- A. Lou Walter will arrange a charter flight for the 1971 meeting in Tubingen, Germany.
- B. Since it was rapidly approaching the cocktail hour, the meeting deteriorated into adjournment.