

## **Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Meteoritical Society**

34th Annual Meeting  
August, 1971  
Tubingen, West Germany

The meeting convened at 8:00 p.m. with President Wood presiding. In attendance were Vice Presidents Edward Anders and Robin Brett, Secretary Ted Bunch, Treasurer Ursula Marvin, Editor Carleton Moore, Director Meteor Section Peter Millman, Councilors Vagn Buchwald, Don Gault, Ahmed El Goresy, Ian Halliday and John Wasson. Also in attendance was Denis Shaw, Executive Editor of GCA. Visitors attending included Roy Clarke, Jr., and Peter Eberhardt.

### *Program, 34th Annual Meeting*

President Wood presented the meeting program, followed by a brief discussion. The Council unanimously approved the program.

### *Minutes and Secretary's Report*

The Secretary presented the minutes of the Council meeting of April 15, 1971 (Washington, D. C.) that were recorded by the Acting Secretary, Ursula Marvin. The minutes were approved as submitted. The Secretary presented a report to the Council summarizing membership activity and also informed the Council that he was the Society's Representative to the 24th International Geologic Congress in 1972.

### *Treasurer's Report*

The Treasurer presented two balance sheets and pointed out that we are operating at an overall yearly deficit of approximately \$1000. After consultation with the Editor, C. B. Moore, the Treasurer stated that the major cause of the deficit is the publication costs of *Meteoritics* (\$1100/jissue). Several suggestions were made to improve the situation. Brett suggested that we increase the membership for larger dues income. Bunch suggested a membership booth be established at the Meeting. Anders suggested a drive to increase library subscriptions. The President offered to contact the Membership Committee Chairman, Terry Offield, for initiating a membership drive.

### *Leonard Medal Committee Report*

Edward Anders reported on the activities of the committee for the Chairman Truman Kohman. Four candidates had been considered for the 1972 Leonard Medal and Brian Mason was the committee's choice. The Council unanimously upheld the Committee's selection.

### *1973 Meeting*

President Wood noted that the European members like the idea of an occasional annual meeting in Europe and he further stated that since we are an international society that European members should be more involved in Society business and annual meetings should be held in Europe more frequently. R. Brett moved that the 1973 meeting be held in Europe. The motion was passed after a lengthy discussion on the practicality of holding meetings outside the United States on a regular basis.

A polling of the Council favored a second yearly Council Meeting for this year to be held in Houston, Texas (MSC) in January during the Apollo 14 Lunar Conference.

### *The Meteorite Bulletin*

Roy Clarke, Jr., discussed future improvements with added help in the circulation of *The Bulletin*. The costs of circulating this publication were considered by Ed Anders

to be a luxury in these bad financial times for the Society and he moved that we suspend free distribution of reprints to people on Krinov's mailing list. Henceforth anyone desiring *The Bulletin* should be required to subscribe to *Meteoritics*. This motion was amended by Don Gault to the effect that the last issue would be given out free with the option for any member to subscribe to *The Bulletin*. Both the amendment and motion carried.

President Wood expressed appreciation to Roy Clarke, Jr., for his past work on the Bulletin. Appreciation was also expressed by the Council.

### *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta Report*

The Executive Editor, Denis Shaw, presented a written interim report to the Council. Ed Anders complimented GCA in cutting down the publication time of letters to two months.

### *Report of Editor, Editorial Committee*

Carleton Moore explained that the back issue printing plates were not complete, therefore, a full set of *Meteoritics* cannot be completed. He also stated that a Councilor's issue was not attempted because of an incomplete response from the Councilors solicited for papers.

Robin Brett suggested that *Meteoritics* should publish more descriptive Apollo lunar sample papers. Ed Anders supported this suggestion and called for a solicitation in the Meeting session. Ted Bunch asked for a discussion on using *Meteoritics* as a communication organ for informing the membership on new member names, minutes of Council Meetings and financial reports. The response was favorable.

### *Constitutional Revision*

President Wood reminded the Council that the Council had earlier voted (Skyland, Va. meeting) to complete the constitutional revision by this present Meeting. A review of the progress was given and a brief discussion ensued. The main point of this discussion was the need

for further revision and rewording. Since this requires a huge effort on the part of the Revision Committee Chairman, Robin Brett moved that a new Chairman be appointed for the final revision. The motion passed and John Wood appointed John Wasson as the new Constitutional Revision Chairman.

#### *AAAS Affiliation*

President Wood reported that AAAS will be reorganized in the near future and that the Society is involved in co-sponsoring a symposium on Early History of the Earth and Moon with AAAS.

#### *Constitutional Revision Balloting Results*

A Tellers Committee, headed by Brandon Barringer, had reported to the Secretary that the ballots for constitutional revision had been counted and all the proposed revisions had been approved by the Membership.

#### *Nomination Committee for 1972 Council Election*

The President called for nominations to this committee and eight names were proposed by the Council. John Wasson moved that the committee be limited to four people. The motion carried. Denis Shaw suggested that this four-man limit be added to the Constitution, since provisions for the size of this committee are not accounted for in the present version.

The Council elected Brian Mason, Carleton Moore, Klaus Keil and Peter Signer to the Committee, with Brian Mason as chairman.

#### *Miscellaneous Business*

Peter Millman notified the Council of the forthcoming International Geological Congress Meeting in Montreal, Canada in 1972 and reminded the Council that the Society is a co-sponsor. Ed Anders suggested that notices of future meetings, of interest to the Membership, should be published in *Meteoritics*.

Secretary Bunch said that he would have the Articles of Incorporation reviewed by legal experts for possible updating, if a copy of the Articles could be found.

#### *Adjournment*

The Meeting was adjourned on motion at 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. Bunch, Secretary

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