

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE METEORITICAL SOCIETY

36th Annual Meeting

August 27, 1973

Davos

Switzerland

The meeting convened at 3:00 P.M. with President Robin Brett presiding.

Council members present were: Robin Brett, Ursula Marvin, George Wetherill , Thomas E. Rodman, John A. Wood, Michael R. Dence, Robert Hutchison, Paul Pellas and John Wasson.

Klaus Keil was present to give the report of the Leonard Medal Committee. He reported that Ed Anders was the unanimous choice of the Committee to be the recipient of the Medal in 1974.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the report of the Leonard Medal Committee was approved and Ed Anders selected to receive the Medal. President Brett read a letter from Donald Gault regarding procedure of the Leonard Medal Committee, suggesting several changes. It was the consensus of the Council that the Committee was free to adopt its own procedure, within the framework of pertinent constitutional provisions.

The idea of purchasing several Leonard Medals at this time to avoid possible future price increases was discussed. It was decided the President should investigate, or instruct the Leonard Medal Committee to investigate, this suggestion.

The minutes of the last Council Meeting, copies of which had been mailed to all Council members, were, upon motion made, seconded and carried, approved.

The Treasurer presented his report showing all current bills paid and cash balances as follows:

Checking account:	\$3,539.95
Life Membership Fund (savings)	1,300.00
Buddhue Fund (savings)	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL	\$5,139.95

In the opinion of the Treasurer, the Society can continue to meet its financial obligations if the cost of publishing *Meteoritics* remains approximately the present level. Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the report of the Treasurer was accepted.

In regard to unpaid dues, it was decided to drop from membership all members who are in arrears for more than 1973 dues. Members owing only 1973 dues would be sent another notice, to be a final notice.

The Council decided to appoint European Assistant-Treasurers as needed to assist in collection of dues from European members. Hutchison was appointed to be in charge of

the selection of such European Assistant-Treasurers.

Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the program for the 36th Annual Meeting was approved.

John T. Wasson reported that the Meteoritical Nomenclature Committee had been appointed. The President noted that all proposed members of the Meteoritical Nomenclature Committee accepted the invitation to serve; the committee therefore consists of Binns (Chairman), Clarke, Huss, Krinov and Hutchison.

President Brett gave a brief report from the Editor, Carleton B. Moore. The report suggests that assistant editors may be necessary in the near future.

The President reported that Ed Anders had resigned as Associate Editor of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*. Roman A. Schmitt has been appointed to fill this vacancy, but Anders will continue to act as liaison officer from the Society to *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*.

The Council was informed that its application to the National Science Foundation for financial support had been denied.

Wasson reported that plans for the 1974 37th Annual Meeting were progressing. It will be held on or about August 7 thru 9 on the campus of UCLA. Dormitories would be available at this time for very reasonable rates.

Wasson read a letter from Hans Voshage expressing his regret at being unable to attend the present Society Meeting.

The letter composed by John Wood and other Society members in support of NASA funds for meteoritic research was discussed. It was feared that it would appear the Society was used as a vehicle to secure funds for U. S. researchers. It was the consensus of the Council that the Society should take the position of favoring support of meteoritics in all countries.

Wasson reported briefly on the forthcoming Gordon Conference.

The next order of business was a discussion of the Buddhue Fund. Several ideas were proposed but no action was taken.

The next order of business was the appointment of a nominating committee to nominate a slate of officers and councilors for the Society. Upon motion made, seconded and carried, Klaus Keil was appointed chairman, and Ed Anders and Vagn Buchwald were appointed as committee members.

Denis Shaw was present at the Council Meeting to report on *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*. A written report was furnished to each Council member present. Setting the 1975 38th Annual Meeting was the next order of business. Written invitations were presented from Paul Pellas of the French Museum of Natural History, and from

Joseph I. Goldstein of Lehigh University.

It was pointed out that the Society has standing verbal invitations from Carleton Moore of Arizona State University and Hans Suess of The University of California, San Diego.

A discussion of how often the Society should meet in Europe followed, during which President Brett presented the results of his mail survey, which indicated most members prefer a European meeting in 1976.

Discussion continued until 6:00 P.M. at which time the meeting adjourned until 10:00 P.M., following the evening's technical sessions.

The meeting reconvened at 10:00 P.M., and discussion continued on whether to have the 1975 meeting in Europe or the United States. Several straw ballots were taken, and it was decided to poll certain absent Council members by phone. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. the following day.

The meeting reconvened at 2:00 P.M., August 28, 1973.

The President reported that the Secretary's report had been received by mail and it was presented to the meeting.

Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the mid-year Council meeting was set in Houston, Texas, to be held in conjunction with the Lunar Rock Conference. Council members are to be notified of the specific date, time and meeting place by the President at a later date.

A Leonard Medal was examined by the Council and it was decided to leave it unchanged for the present.

The Council returned to a discussion of the 1975 meeting. Hutchison moved that the 1975 meeting be held in Europe. Seconded by Wood. Motion carried, with Wood, Pellas, Wetherill, Dence and Hutchison voting for, and Wasson, Marvin and Rodman voting against.

Upon motion by Rodman, seconded by Wasson, and unanimously carried, the invitation of Paul Pellas was accepted and the 1975 meeting set for Chamonix, France, in August of that year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas E. Rodman, Acting Secretary