

**Meteoritical Society Council Meeting
May 20, 2025, 3 pm - 5:05 pm (UTC)**

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Meteoritical Society in 2025

Council Members Invitees

Guy Consolmagno (President)	Elena Dobrică
Maria Schönbachler (Vice President)	Juliane Gross
Nancy Chabot (Past President, excused)	Marina Ivanova
Cari Corrigan (Treasurer)	Yangting Lin
Jutta Zipfel (Secretary)	Yves Marrocchi
Byeon-Gak Choi	Gordon Osinski
Alvaro Crósta (excused)	

Guests

Audrey Bouvier (Nier Prize and Leonard Medal)
Ludovic Ferrière (Barringer Award)
Romy Hanna (Service Award)
Giovanni Pratesi (2029 Annual Meeting in Florence, Italy)
Amy Riches (2029 Annual Meeting in Edinburgh, UK)

The following documents were sent to councilors prior to the Meeting:

Copy_Application_Form_Annual_Meeting_Florence.pdf
Copy_Annual_MetSoc_Meeting_Proposal_Edinburgh (v2).pdf
Nier Prize 2026
Report_Barringer Award_2026_Ludovic_FERRIERE.pdf
Service award report 2025.pdf
ALL_Ranking_Service_award_2025.xlsx
240124-Memo_MS-ServiceAward.pdf

Agenda and Minutes

1. Welcome (President)

3:00 pm UTC

Announcements and review of electronic votes since last meeting

The President opened the meeting and welcomed all councilors. He shortly reviewed the agenda. He reminded councilors that all award decisions are confidential and that winners will only be revealed at the business meeting in Perth.

The secretary announced that four electronic votes were entertained since the last council meeting on March 18, 2025. All were approved by council.

Vote 9e: Council approved the slate of the Nominating Committee proposed by the President, with the added instruction that the President shall remind the Nominating Committee that the members, though of several different countries of origin, are presently resident in only two countries and thus it is especially important for them to consider a wide range both of countries of origin and countries of residence in mind when they propose nominees. (3 April 2025)

10e Council approved text to announce additional travel support to Perth. (31 March 2025)

11e Council approved the minutes from 18 March 2025 Met Soc Council Meeting. (9 April 2025)

13e Council approved to following the recommendation of the Pellas-Ryder Award committee to award Ian Pamerleau and Alexander Kling with the Pellas-Ryder Award 2025. (25 April 2025)

2. Annual Meetings in 2029

2.1. Proposal for Florence (Giovanni Pratesi)

3:05 pm UTC

10 min application and 5 min questions

2.2. Proposal for Edinburgh (Amy Riches)

3:25 pm UTC

10 min application and 5 min questions

2.3. Discussion and possible decision (Council only)

3:45 pm UTC

30 minutes

Prior to this Council meeting all councilors received two application forms submitted for hosting the Annual Meeting in 2029 in Florence and Edinburgh. Each proposer shortly summarized the importance of their application and what they think argues in favor of it. Following each presentation they answered individual questions from council members.

After hearing from both, the pros and cons for each proposal were discussed among council members only. The president decided to collect potential following-up questions from council members and to start a commenting round by email. The vote will be postponed until such information has been collected for further consideration of council.

3. Committees

3.1. Leonard Medal and Nier Prize recommendations
20 min (A. Bouvier)

4:05 pm UTC

Audrey Bouvier reported about the work of the Leonard Medal Committee for the Nier Prize 2026 and Leonard Medal 2026. Larry Nittler, the chair, could not attend the meeting.

There were nine nominations considered for the Nier Prize in 2026. Three were ranked high with one standing out highest. There was consensus among members of the Leonard Medal Committee for their recommended candidate.

Motion: Julianne Gross moved to accept the committee's recommendation for the Nier Prize winner 2026.

Second: Jutta Zipfel

All were in favor.

There were fifteen nominations considered for the Leonard Medal 2026. Three were ranked highest. The top candidate was ranked first place by four committee members. One member did not yet submit a final score. Independent from that score, the position of the top candidate would not change. There was high consensus among members of the Leonard Medal Committee to recommend the top candidate for the Leonard Medal. The council agreed that a fifth vote will not change the recommendation.

Motion: Jutta Zipfel moved to accept the committee's recommendation for the Leonard Medal winner in 2026.

Second: Yves Marrocchi

All were in favor.

The report for the Leonard Medal selection needs to be submitted by June 1st.

3.2. Barringer Award recommendation (Ludovic Ferrière)
15 min

4:25 pm UTC

There were two nominations considered, and there was consensus among members of the Barringer Award Committee to recommend one nominee as winner for the Barringer Award 2026.

Motion: Gordon Osinski moved to accept the recommended nominee as the winner of the Barringer Medal.

Second: Cari Corrigan

All were in favor.

It followed a discussion on how best to encourage membership to nominate colleagues for the Barringer Award in particular but also for all society awards in general. Among the suggestions were a) sending out group emails to the membership early asking for preparing nomination packages, b) asking colleagues of all career stages to submit nominations, c) approaching proactively selected members that are in the position to make a strong

nomination and encourage them to submit nominations, d) announcing promotion of nominations at meeting sessions and at the business meeting. In addition, Ludovic Ferrière suggested to draft a short article about the history of the Barringer Award which could include statements of past awardees on what the prize meant for them and how it inspired and helped their research. It was suggested to post similar text for each award on the website as it would be an interesting read for the membership.

3.3. Service Award recommendation (Romy Hanna)
15 min

4:40 pm UTC

The Membership Committee considered four candidates. Members identified two front runners who were only one score apart. After extensive discussion and evaluation of various pros and cons for the two top candidates the council agreed to move to nominate one of the candidates for the Service Award 2026.

Motion: Juliane Gross moved to approve the recommendation of the council.
Second: Gordon Osinski
All were in favor.

4. Other business

4:55 pm UTC

Announcements and things to consider (Guy Consolmagno)

The president made the following announcements:

1) The Geological Society proposed to the society a memorandum of understanding. This should allow members to publish monographs with the Geological Society. The president will distribute this memorandum and council can decide by email whether this should be pursued further or if it needs to be discussed in more detail at the council meeting in Perth.

2) The president raised concern that some of the abstracts may be no longer available to the public because they are stored on websites hosted by US public institutions. He asked whether content in the Meteoritical Bulletin database should be mirrored to some site outside the US, and if a simple mirror was sufficient to preserve the full content of the database? This issue will need further attention and the announcement was meant to raise awareness.

3) Perth expects an attendance of 275 participants and will likely break even because of higher sponsoring than originally assumed. The program will come out on May 26. Visas may be necessary for entering Australia.

The next council meeting in Perth will not be attended by all members of council. The secretary offered to send around the recording after the meeting. The president announced that any controversial decisions will be postponed for a later meeting.

5. Adjourn

5:05pm UTC

The president closed the meeting on time.