

METEORITICAL SOCIETY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Clear Lake City, Texas, March 12, 1978

Members Present: P. Pellas, J. Wasson, U. Marvin, E. Gibson, T. Rodman, C. Moore, P. Eberhardt, J. Goldstein, D. Stoffler, L. Wilkening, D. Shaw, and G. Turner.

Invited Guests: R. Brett, B. French, and R. Grieve.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's report for the July 24, 1977 meeting was approved with the following exception: Mr. A. Graham will serve as editor of the *Meteoritical Bulletin* instead of R. Hutchison as stated in the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Rodman presented the Treasurer's report. The present financial statement for the Society is given as Attachment 1 to the minutes. The report was approved by the Council.

The current membership in the Society is 654 members.

Dr. G. Turner reported to the Council the financial statement from the past meeting in Cambridge. He requested that 1200 pounds (monies from the profits of the meeting) be set aside for student travel grants to the Sudbury meeting and the remainder of the profits be retained in England for future use in supporting meteorite work (e.g., hosting meetings, assistance to attend meetings, etc.).

The following motion was made and approved: "The proposal from the Cambridge Program Committee to use 1200 pounds of the profits from the past meeting for student travel grants to the Sudbury meeting be accepted and the remainder of the profits be retained for future use pending Council approval. The motion passed.

The second motion was made: "The question concerning utilization of the profits and losses from meetings and registration fees charged at meetings be referred to the Financial Committee and a report be presented to Council at the Sudbury meeting." The motion passed.

The Council wishes to congratulate the Cambridge Program Committee for hosting such a successful meeting.

Geochimica Editor's Report: Denis Shaw presented the Editor's report and a summary of his report is given as Attachment 2. The Meteoritical Society and the Geochemical Society are presently operating under the new contract with Pergamon Press for the publication of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*. The Editor has noticed a definite improvement in Pergamon Press' concern for our journal and their efforts toward timely processing of submitted papers.

Publications Committee Report: R. Brett presented the Publications Committee Report and it is given as Attachment 3 to the minutes.

Meteoritics Editor's Report: C. Moore presented the Editor's report. He noted that

Meteoritics was published four times in 1977 with 21 articles and 98 abstracts consisting of a total of 476 pages.. Eight manuscripts submitted to *Meteoritics* were rejected by the Editor and Reviewers.

C. Moore presented to Council a letter from the University of New Mexico concerning publication of materials by the Center for Meteorite Studies at Arizona State University. At the previous Council meeting, the matter was brought to the attention of the Council and the Council felt that it had no obligation to consider the problem. The Publications Committee of the Meteoritical Society has considered the request from the University of New Mexico and also feels that the Society should not enter into the present controversy. The following motions were made and passed unanimously by the Council: (1) The Council of the Meteoritical Society supports the position of its Publication Committee and rejects the University of New Mexico request. (2) The Council continues to view the dispute between the President of the University of New Mexico and the Center for Meteorite Studies at ASU not ours to resolve. We confirm our previous position that the Society, including its publication, *Meteoritics*, should not be used to prolong the dispute."

Thus, by this action, the Meteoritical Society does not feel that a supplement to *Meteoritics* should be published concerning the University of New Mexico's position stated in its letter and the Society should not furnish to the University of New Mexico its mailing list.

Nomination Committee Report: U. Marvin reported on the Nomination Committee actions concerning the proposed new officers and Council of the Society for 1979-80. The nominations are:

President: John T. Wasson
Vice President (President Elect): Vagn Buchwald
Treasurer: Michael E. Lipschutz
Secretary: Everett K. Gibson, Jr.
Council Members:
Claude Allegre
Ghislaine Crozaz
Michael R. Dence
Kurt Marti
Edward Olsen
Ludolf Schultz
Edward R. D. Scott
Laurel Wilkening

Sudbury Meeting Report: R. Grieve reported to the Council that plans are underway for the 1978 Meeting of the Society in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada. Meeting dates are August 14-18th. The Second Circular should be mailed around the 1st of May. The local program committee will decide how to use the monies awarded for the student travel grants.

Funding Report from NASA: At the invitation of the Council, Dr. B. French of NASA Headquarters reported on the present funding situation within NASA towards meteorite research. The extraterrestrial materials research program (lunar sample and meteorite

research efforts) is currently not being phased out or drastically cut-back. The change in attitude within NASA indicates that both programs are now recognized as long term research efforts and the funding levels should remain at about constant levels. However, at the present time, no efforts are being made to slightly increase the funding to account for inflation.

Guidelines for Future Meetings: L. Wilkening reported that the sentiment of the members polled regarding advocate papers on missions at future Society meetings was for the local hosting committee to determine what their programs should include. The Council agreed that the hosting committee should have complete control of the program agenda for meetings.

New Business: J. Wasson brought to the attention of the Council the recent discovery of a large number of additional meteorites in Antarctica. He suggested that the National Science Foundation be contacted and asked to set aside a sum of monies for the basic characterization of the recovered specimens.

The Council meeting closed at 9:45 p.m.

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