

METEORITICAL SOCIETY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Lunar and Planetary Institute, Houston, TX
March 18, 1979

Members Present: J.T. Wasson, M.E. Lipschutz, E.K. Gibson, Jr., P. Pellas, G. Crozaz, M. Dence, K. Marti, E. Scott, and L. Wilkening.

Invited Guests: D. Shaw, U. Marvin, M. Drake, R. Merrill and A. El Goresy.

The meeting was called to order by President Wasson at 7:15 p.m. and the working agenda is given as Attachment 1.

Secretary's Report: E.K. Gibson gave the Secretary's report on the August 13, 1978 meeting. The report was approved by Council.

Treasurer's Report: M. Lipschutz presented the final 1978 financial report (Attachment 2) prepared by the outgoing Treasurer T. Rodman. The January 1, 1979 to March 5, 1979 financial report was presented to Council (Attachment 3).

The Treasurer was instructed to send final dues reminders to those members who had not paid their 1978 dues. If the dues are not paid within the next few months, the members will be dropped from the membership rolls.

Council recognized that the Editor of The Meteoritical Bulletin has periodic expenses incurred in copying material for inclusion in the Bulletin and that those expenses will be paid for by the Society.

The Treasurer's report was accepted and he was instructed to prepare a report on the financial state of the Society for consideration at the Heidelberg meeting.

Meteoritics Editor's Report: In the absence of C. B. Moore the Secretary presented the Editor's report. The abstracts of the Sudbury meeting were recently published. Because of the length of the expanded abstracts, the last issue of *Meteoritics* for 1978 was quite large. Enough manuscripts are presently available for publishing in the next two issues of *Meteoritics* that the publication schedule should easily be met.

The Council expresses its concern regarding the large number of revised abstracts which are being expanded into "mini-papers". Council encourages the Editor not to accept overly long revised abstracts. The Editor might wish to consider increasing the abstract publication charges for "expanded" abstracts. The following motion was made and approved by Council: "The Editor of *Meteoritics* is to provide Council with guidelines for reasonable length abstracts for our journal."

Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta Editor's Report: Denis Shaw presented the GCA Editor's report (Attachment 4). The largest current problem concerns the quality of figures presently being printed in GCA. Pergamon has been notified that the Societies are unhappy with the quality of reproduction of selected Figures in our journal.

The Meteoritical Society's membership list will be provided to Pergamon Press for printing and it will be included in a future mailing of *Meteoritics*.

The Council approved the new GCA Associate Editors and the Editor's report.

Publication Committee Report: In the absence of Robin Brett, the committee report was

presented to Council in the form of Attachment 5. President Wasson noted R. Brett's desire to leave the Publication's Committee and noted that he was open for suggestions for a new Chairman of the committee. Pres. Wasson appointed Peter Eberhardt to serve on the Publication's Committee.

The Publication Committee reported that a problem has arisen regarding numbering of the Supplements to GCA which have been published by the Lunar and Planetary Institute and Pergamon Press. Attachment 6 shows the current number system in use and those publications scheduled for future printing and supplement numbers. The following motion was made and approved: "All future supplements to *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* are to be numbered consecutively and the 1970-78 index not be numbered as a supplement."

The Council accepted the Publication's Committee report.

President Wasson reported to Council that no progress has been made with negotiations with the Geochemical Society regarding the future appointment of the Editor for GCA.

Report on the Sudbury Meeting: M. Dence reported to Council on the final financial status of the Sudbury meeting. His report is given as Attachment 7. In light of the large profit from the Sudbury meeting, the Council passed the following motion: "Up to ten percent of the profits from the Sudbury meeting are to be used for procurement of meteorite related books for Laurentian University's Library to show our appreciation for their hosting the meeting."

Report from Ad Hoc Committee on Expenditures of Profits from Annual Meetings: U. Marvin reported on the committee's recommendations. Their recommendations were noted in the following motion which was made and approved by Council: "Annual meetings are functions held exclusively for the benefit of The Meteoritical Society. The host organization of each meeting will report meeting expenses, including profits or losses, to the Treasurer. Profits from meetings will be deposited in the treasury unless restrictions apply that have been reported in advance to the Council. The meeting hosts may recommend uses for the profits they have raised, but final disposition of all profits shall be at the discretion of the Council."

Heidelberg Meeting Report: A. El Goresy reported to Council that the meeting dates will be Sept. 3-7, 1979 and there will be a premeeting field trip along with a post-meeting trip. At the present time approximately 280 participants have expressed interest in the meeting.

The Council Meeting will be scheduled at noon Monday Sept. 3 and after the Monday evening reception from the Lord Mayor. The business meeting will be scheduled for Thursday morning Sept. 6th.

The Council made the following motion regarding student travel grants: "Council recommends that the Organization Committee consider up to eight student travel grants and the Council approves up to \$1700 to be transferred from the treasury to the Organization committee to assist with student travel grants." The motion passed unanimously.

Post-Cambridge Meeting Business: The President, Treasurer and Ed Scott are to work on a draft letter to be sent to the Cambridge Organizing Committee in regards to transfer of the remaining funds for Student travel grants. The appended letter should state the amount

of monies which are to remain in England.

San Diego Meeting in 1980: K. Marti presented several optional dates to the Council for consideration. The Council recommended the following dates: Sept. 3 through noon Sept. 6th.

Antarctic Field Season Results: U. Marvin reported that 309 new meteorites were recovered during the 1978-79 field season in Antarctica.

Funding situation within NASA for Lunar and Meteorite Sample Studies. No report was given because of the absence of Drs. Quaide and French.

Potential Organization of Research Support Committees: Considerable discussion was held concerning the possibility of the Society forming standing research support committees in different countries in order to support meteorite and lunar science with individual nations. M. Drake discussed the recent problems with lunar sample funding in the U.S. and suggested formation of standing research support committees to respond to crises within various countries. After much discussion the Council decided to not have any action on the matter.

Leonard Medal Committee: M. Dence noted that the Committee was considering new operating rules for medalist selection and welcomed suggestions.

The meeting closed at 12:36 a.m.

Submitted: [signed]

Everett K. Gibson, Secretary