

NASA Funding Report: B. French

The current sample research budget is \$6.6 million, of which \$3.8 million supports research on meteorites. About \$500 million NASA budget reduction is expected for FY 1982.

Considerable discussion ensued on the role of the annual Lunar and Planetary Science Conference (LPSC) and the Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI) in meteorite research.

Motion No. 1: (made by K. Marti, seconded by J. Wasson)

That a committee be appointed to make recommendations to the Council regarding frequency of meetings and specifically the role of the Lunar and Planetary Science Conference.

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion No. 2: (made by J. Wasson)

That George Wetherill write NASA and the Executive Branch of the United States Government to advocate support for research on nonterrestrial samples.

After a short discussion, the President appointed G. Wetherill to carry out the motion.

Motion No. 3: (made by M. Drake)

That the Society should invite representatives of the European Space Agency to make a presentation to the Council at the 1981 meeting in Bern.

The President appointed himself to take action on the motion.

Publications Committee Report: E. Anders

E. Anders gave a verbal report. In response to a request by Past President Wasson, the Committee had reviewed the cost of publishing *Meteoritics* (a report by A. A. Levinson was distributed—attachment), and had voted on the term of office of the Editor of *Meteoritics*. The Committee recommended a finite term of 3 years, running to 12/83, and a deadline for new nominations or renominations 18 months before the end of the term.

A discussion ensued on the desired term of office of the Editor of *Meteoritics*.

Motion No. 4: (made by J. Wasson, seconded by M. Drake)

That the term of Editor of *Meteoritics* be for four years. The motion passed, 5 for, 3 against.

Motion No. 5: (made by M. Drake, seconded by J. Wasson)

That henceforth the term of office of the Editor of *Meteoritics* should end with December 1983; and that 18 months prior to the expiration of the term of office of the Editor of *Meteoritics*, the Council should identify the Editor for the following term.

The motion passed unanimously.

President Buchwald appointed J. Wasson to draft an amendment to the constitution of The Meteoritical Society on the term of office of the Editor of *Meteoritics*.

E. Anders discussed his recent negotiations with Pergamon Press. A proposed new contract calls for a 37% overhead rate on production costs, with the printing to be done by a U.S. press. Anders proposed to include an option in the new contract to purchase the title to *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*.

Motion No. 6: (made by J. Wasson, seconded by M. Lipschutz)

That Council instruct the Publications Committee to explore ways of strengthening the Society's bargaining position when the new 1982-1991 contract comes up for renewal. Specifically, the Committee shall seek an arrangement that gives the Society an option to buy *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* for a nominal sum any time after expiration of the new contract. The bulk of the purchase price may be prepaid by page charges, by an increase in Pergamon's profit, or by a combination of the two.

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion No. 7: (made by J. Wasson, seconded by M. Drake)

That the Council approve the Publications Committee's efforts to reduce expenses to Society members for Supplements to *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*.

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion No. 8: (made by J. Wasson, seconded by K. Marti)

That Section 5d be added to the Publications Committee's Bylaws as follows: To advise the Society on any matter concerning publications. The motion passed.

E. Anders noted that the Publications Committee, under Bylaw 5a, would henceforth take over the Council's function of approving obituaries in the Society's journals.

New Business:

J. Wasson introduced the topic of whether the Society should consider reimbursement to the hosts of the 1979 Society meeting for costs in the amount of 994 DM which were not covered. Some discussion followed.

Motion No. 9: (made by M. Drake, seconded by J. Wasson)

That Till Kirsten be invited to submit a report on cost overruns from the 1979 meeting to the Council for their consideration as to reimbursement of a significant fraction of expenses.

The motion passed, 7 for, 1 against.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 2210.