

MINUTES OF THE JULY 15, 1985 MEETING OF
THE METEORITICAL SOCIETY

Prepared and submitted July 26, 1985, by D.D. Bogard, Secretary Revised, January 9, 1986

Attending Council meeting:

The Council meeting was called to order by President Eberhardt at 6:20 PM at the Grand Hotel de Bordeaux. Council members present were: P. Eberhardt, E. King, D. Bogard, G. Wetherill, G. Wasserburg, C. Hohenberg, M. Prinz, A. Kracher, A. Graham, H. Palme, D. Brownlee, and R. Taylor. Invited guests present for part of the meeting were: G. Simonoff, D. Shaw, M. Drake, D. Stoffler, J. Larimer.

Minutes of the March, 1985 Council meeting were approved.

Nomenclature Committee: President Eberhardt has appointed new members to the Nomenclature Committee - see Attachment A.

Discussion of 1986 meeting in New York: (M. Prinz)

Proposed dates are Sept. 22-25, with Sept. 26 as an option. No conflicts with these dates were recognized by Council. The sessions will be in the American Museum; a banquet dinner will occur on Wednesday night. Prinz expects to support some student travel to the meeting.

Motion #1: (made G. Wetherill, 2nd A. Graham)

That the Sept. 22-26, 1986 meeting dates in New York City be approved.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion #2: (made G. Wasserburg, 2nd C. Hohenberg)

That a \$2,500 grant be made from the Society to the organizers of the 1986 Society meeting in New York to provide for student travel to present papers at the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

Council discussed the new situation at this years meeting where three concurrent sessions were scheduled, rather than the usual two.

Motion #3: (made G. Wasserburg, 2nd R. Taylor)

Council recommends to organizers of ail annual Society meetings that no more than two parallel sessions be held.

Motion passed, yes 9, no 0. abstain 2

Geochimica Cosmochimica Acta Report: (D. Shaw) See Attachment B

Shaw explained the reasons for the lateness in publication of the Society membership list, which is due out later this year. Shaw also mentioned that several members of the Meteoritical Society have experienced irregular receipt of G.C.A.

Action Item: D. Shaw and E. King will summarize the present procedure for processing Meteoritical Society subscriptions to G.C.A. and present it to Council along with any recommended changes by the next meeting.

Proceedings of the Lunar & Planetary Science Conf.

President Eberhardt presented the A.G.U. proposal for publication of the next Conference Proceedings. The extensive proposal was previously mailed to Council. Council opinion was that the Proceedings should be published in 1985 in the manner originally announced. This item was discussed but no specific actions were recommended.

Meteoritics Report: (written report from C. Moore) see Attachment D

Some discussion ensued whether Meteoritics needs a specific policy on payment of page charges for publications. No action was recommended.

Bordeaux Meeting: (G. Simonoff)

About 298 persons registered for the scientific meeting plus about 50 guests. About 16 submitted abstracts were rejected. Eleven students out of 18 applicants received travel grants - 6 from the U.S. and 5 from Europe. 50,500 FF were spent for student travel.

Nomenclature Committee Report: A. Graham gave a brief report. Article 11 to the Bylaws concerning the Committee is now in effect. New committee members are given in attachment A.

Nominating Committee Report: (P. Eberhardt)

President Eberhardt has selected a Society nominating committee for the purpose of nominating candidates for officer and councilors for the 1986 elections. Comprising this nominating committee are M. Lipschutz (chairman), U. Marvin, and D. Stoffler.

Motion #4: (made G. Wasserburg, 2nd G. Wetherill)

That the above three named Society members constitute the Nominating Committee for selecting candidates for the next election.

Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report: (E. King) See Attachment F

King said that insufficient funds exists in the Treasury to pay current Meteoritics bills. King will examine the possibility of borrowing the Society's CD.

Barringer Medal Report: (J. Larimer) See Attachment G

Motion #5: (made G. Wetherill, 2nd G. Wasserburg)

That the recommended candidate of the Barringer Award Committee, Don Gault, be awarded the Barringer Medal for 1986.

Motion passed unanimously

Action Item: J. Larimer will appoint a person to present the Barringer Medal to Don Gault at the Society meeting in 1986.

Publications Committee Report: (M. Drake)

M. Drake reported that a greater number of published pages in G.C.A. in the past year will necessitate, according to the contract, an increase in subscription dues for the coming year. Institutional subscriptions will increase from \$290 to \$340 per year; member subscriptions will increase from \$25 to \$30 per year; student subscriptions will increase from \$17.50 to \$20 per year; non-member, individual subscriptions will increase from \$55 to \$70 per year. The Geochemical Society has already approved these new rates.

Motion #6: (made R. Taylor, 2nd C. Hohenberg)

That the G.C.A. subscription rate increases listed above be approved.

Motioned passed: yes 10, no 0, abstain 1

* * Note from Secretary to Council: The Council about two years ago, following action made by the Geochemical Society and recommendations of the Publications Committee, voted to subsidize G.C.A. subscriptions for student members of the Meteoritical Society, when paid with Meteoritical Society dues, in the amount of \$5. Thus we have only been charging students \$12.50 for a G.C.A. subscription. Council did not discuss this point. Unless the Treasurer and I hear otherwise, we shall assume that Council intends to continue this \$5 subsidy.

Leonard Medal Report: (D. Stoffler)

Stoffler expressed concern that the Leonard Medal Committee had only five nominees to consider. The Committee's two top candidates were presented to Council.

Motion #7: (made G. Wetherill, 2nd G Wasserburg)

That the top nominee of the Leonard Medal Committee, Ralph Baldwin, be awarded the Leonard Medal for 1986.

Motion passed: yes 8, no 0, abstain 3

Action item for Secretary: Prepare instructions for the Chairman of the Leonard Medal Committee that a written summary of reasons why the top candidate for the Leonard Medal was selected when nominations are presented to Council.

I have updated existing 'Operating Rules' of the Leonard Medal Committee to include this instruction. A copy of these rules, along with a set of 'Guidelines' Council asked me to prepare two years ago are enclosed as attachment J.

Subcommittee Report on Meteoritics: (M. Drake)

A report from this subcommittee was previously mailed by M. Drake to all Council members. A part of that report is attached as attachment I. The recommendations in the report were extensively discussed. 'Strawman' votes were taken on specific recommendations. These 'strawman' votes are recorded below and are keyed to specific recommendations in the circulated report (attachment I). Meteoritics is the major expense of the Society and any change in its cost would have major effects on Society funds.

Page 3, para. A Editorial Structure

Vote: favor 10; opposed 1

Page 3. para. B Scope

Numbers 1, 2, & 3

Vote: favor unanimously

Number 4

Council favored the Meteoritical Bulletin as it is currently published. Vote was taken only on the Antarctic Meteorite Newsletter.

Vote: favor 2; opposed 5; abstain 4

Number 5

Vote: favor 2; opposed 8; abstain 1

Number 6

Vote: favor unanimously

Page 4, para. C Format

Number 1

Vote: favor 10; opposed 1

Number 2

No vote was taken, but varying opinions were expressed. The majority of Council members did not consider this item of great importance. Some Council members believed that better education of Society members about the symbols on the present cover should be made.

Number 3

The vote was taken specifically for (iv) maintaining the present title. Vote: favor 9; opposed 1; abstain 1

Page 4, para. D Frequency of Publication

Number 1

Vote: favor unanimously

Number 2

Moot because of the negative vote in item B-5 above

Number 3

Changes were made by Council for item #3 to read as:

3. The mailing date should be chosen to ensure that Meteoritics is mailed during the month stated on the cover.

Vote on this text: favor unanimously

Additional 'strawman' votes were then made on specific recommendations given in the

May 21 letter to Council - also included as attachment I.

Item #7 Detailed financial statements

This item resulted in considerable Council discussion over what financial statements were needed, how easy they would be to obtain, and whether much of such information is already available.

favor 0; opposed 7; abstain 3

Item #8 This item was withdrawn by Drake and was not voted on

Item #9 Student travel awards

Council wished to encourage the recipients of student travel grants to publish in *Meteoritics*. The actual motion voted on was to withdraw this requirement, but to encourage such publication in *Meteoritics*.

Vote: favor 9; opposed 0; abstain 2

COUNCIL MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO FUTURE DISCUSS THE DRAKE REPORT

Council discussed in detail several options and approaches. Council was of the opinion that no specific action could be considered until additional information was available as to the actual costs involved in publishing *Meteoritics* and in conducting the editorial functions associated with its publication. The general opinion of Council was that such information should be determined from other sources. The following motion was made and is directed to the subcommittee for *Meteoritics*.

Motion #8: (made C. Hohenberg, 2nd G. Wasserburg)

That the *Meteoritics* subcommittee of the Publications Committee discuss with D. Shaw and Pergamon Press and with at least two other printers their anticipated cost of producing *Meteoritics* (both editorial and printing costs) in both the present format and in a 'desired' format. That the subcommittee produce this information before the end of 1985 so that it can be distributed to Council and commented on well in advance of its March, 1986 meeting.

Vote: motion passed: yes 10; no 0; abstain 1

Newcastle England Meeting (A. Graham -later confirmed by K. Runcorn) The preferred dates of the meeting are July 20-25, 1987.

K. Runcorn later emphasized the importance of his obtaining approval of these dates as soon as possible. If Council members have objections they should be expressed now, as at the March meeting we will have to formally approve dates that cannot be practically changed.

R. Grieve request: Given the lateness of the hour, Council decided to consider this request at its March 1986 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:59 PM!

Discussions with A. Reid on July 19 concerning a request received from L.O. Nicolaysen for the Meteoritical Society to co-host a meeting in South Africa. Present were P. Eberhardt, G. Wetherill, G. Wasserburg, D. Bogard, & R. Taylor. See attachment K

Council members were of the opinion that the Society does not generally sponsor meetings and should not do so. It was not clear what criteria would be used to select meetings to sponsor. Council declined the offer to co-host this meeting, but suggested to A. Reid that they seek co-sponsorship of the meeting elsewhere.

Action Item: President Eberhardt should write a formal letter of reply to Prof. Nicolaysen.