

MINUTES

METEORITICAL SOCIETY COUNCIL MEETING

July 19, 1987

University of Newcastle Upon Tyne

Council Members Present: G. Wasserburg, R. Taylor, H. McSween, D. Eugster, E. Gibson, A. Graham, A. Kracher, C. Lorin, H. Palme, M. Prinz

Guests Present: D. Collinson, R. Pepin, D. Sears, D. Shaw, J. Wasson, J. Larimer

(1) Reports on Society Meetings:

(a) Newcastle - D. Collinson reported that attendance at the Newcastle Meeting was 247 members plus 86 guests, representing 15 countries. 205 papers will be presented. 130 people were booked for the 5 field trips and excursions offered. 16 student grants, ranging from \$200 to \$500, were awarded, for a total expenditure of \$6,200.

(b) Fayetteville - D. Sears reported on plans for the Fayetteville Meeting, which will be held on July 18-22, 1988. Sponsors will be the University of Arkansas, the LPI, and the Arkansas Geological Survey. Accommodations will be at the Hilton and in dormitories. Two-day field trips to examine local stratigraphy and ore deposits are planned, as well as a series of social events. Sears requested that the Society provide some funds to support student travel.

Motion: That the Society provide \$2,500 for student travel support for the Fayetteville Meeting (Graham, seconded by Prinz, passed unanimously).

Action: The Treasurer should issue a check for \$2,500 to D. Sears.

Action: Sears should provide a short progress report to the President in three months concerning plans for the Fayetteville Meeting.

(2) Committee Reports:

(a) Publications - C. Moore sent a written report on *Meteoritics* (attached). Council discussed a request received by Moore to advertise the sale of a meteorite collection.

Motion: The Council directs that *Meteoritics* should continue its policy of not accepting advertisements (Prinz, seconded by Gibson, passed 8 to 0 with 1 abstention).

Action: C. Moore should transmit this decision to Walter Zeitschel.

J. Wasson discussed plans for assuming editorial responsibility for *Meteoritics* in

August 1987 (attached). Council noted potential problems with increasing library subscription rates. H. McSween distributed copies of the agreement with Allen Press for publication of *Meteoritics*, already signed by G. Wasserburg.

D. Shaw provided a report on *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* (attached). Council expressed strong support for publication of a decennial index. No candidates for the Executive Editor's position have yet emerged.

(b) Nomenclature - A. Graham and G. Wasserburg noted that there may be some confusion concerning membership of the committee.

Action: The Chairperson of the Nomenclature Committee should suggest appointments for 1988 to the President.

(c) Leonard Medal Committee - R. Pepin summarized the deliberations of this Committee (attached). Their recommendations for the 1988 Leonard Medal recipient were: K. Keil (first), and V. Safronov (second).

Motion: Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee and will award the 1988 Leonard Medal to K. Keil (Gibson, seconded by Graham, passed 8 to 0 with 1 abstention).

Action: The President should officially inform K. Keil of his selection as a recipient of this award.

H. McSween noted that the Society has only 3 medals in storage. Council discussed the desirability of casting a better looking medal.

Motion: The Secretary is authorized to have 10 new Leonard Medals made (Gibson, seconded by Palme, passed unanimously).

Action: The Secretary should explore the possibility of redesigning the Leonard Medal. He may order 10 new medals at his discretion, to be billed to the Treasurer.

(d) Barringer Award Committee - J. Larimer recommended, on behalf of the Committee, that M. Dence be awarded the 1988 Barringer Award (attached).

Motion: Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee and will award the 1988 Barringer Award to M. Dence (Gibson, seconded by Palme, passed unanimously).

Action: The President should inform M. Dence of his selection as recipient of this award.

Council discussed operation and reporting procedures of the Barringer Award Committee, as well as scope of the award.

Action: The President will appoint a review committee in early 1988 to examine

ail aspects of the Barringer Award and to consider the functions of the selection committee.

Action: J. Larimer should provide a report to the President and Secretary on current arrangements for long-term funding of the Barringer Award.

Council discussed potential problems with providing \$1,000 for the Barringer Award, but no monetary award for the Leonard Medal.

Motion: The Society should provide up to \$1,000 for travel expenses for the Leonard Medal recipient to attend the Annual Meeting at which his/her award is presented (McSween, seconded by Gibson, failed 4 to 4 with 2 abstentions).

(3) Treasurer's Report:

E. King sent a written report on Society finances (attached).

Motion: The Council accepts the Treasurer's Report (Gibson, seconded by Graham, passed unanimously).

Action: The Treasurer should provide an updated annual report to the President at the end of 1987.

(4) Appointment of Nominating Committee:

The President proposed that the Nominating Committee be selected from the following members: H. Palme, A. Graham, D. Bogard, R. Becker, D. Stoffler, G. Reisbeck, and H. Takeda. The Council approved this list. The President appointed Palme as Chairperson, and will appoint other members at the meeting.

Action: The Committee should produce a slate of candidates for Officers and Members of the Council, for consideration by the membership. This list should be presented to the Council at the March 1988 meeting in Houston.

(5) Future Meeting Locations:

Council discussed the feasibility of holding future meetings outside of the traditional sites of North America and Europe. Council considers that invitations from suitable locations outside these two continents should be entertained on a case-by-case basis. It may be appropriate to hold such a meeting every 4 or 5 years, although the traditional locations will continue to dominate the schedule.

Invitations for the 1990 meeting were received for Vail, Colorado (I. Ridley and T. King - attached) and Perth, Australia (J. de Laeter and A. Bevon - attached).

Motion: Council should consider meeting locations outside North America and Europe each 4 to 5 years. The President should determine in the Business Meeting if the membership is supportive of this policy change. Contingent upon their support, the Council will accept Perth's invitation for July or August of 1990

(Eugster, seconded by Prinz, passed unanimously).

Note: In the Business Meeting, the membership expressed overwhelming support for having meetings in other locations every 4 - 5 years. Consequently, the site for the 1990 meeting will be Perth, Australia.

Action: The President should convey the Council's decision concerning location of the 1990 meeting to de Laeter and to Ridley.

Note: In the Business Meeting, the suggestion was made that a membership list denoting Fellows should be published.

Action: The Secretary will investigate this matter and report to the Council at its next meeting.