

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING OF THE METEORITICAL SOCIETY

52nd Annual Meeting, July 30, 1989
University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria

Councilors Attending: S. R. Taylor, G. J. Wasserburg, H. Y. McSween, R. H. Hewins, E. Anders, G. W. Lugmair, D. W. Sears, M. M. Grady, D. S. Woolum, G. Kurat, J. C. Lorin

Invited Guests: G. Faure, C. Koeberl, P. Englert, M. E. Lipschutz, J. T. Wasson, E. Olsen, G. Wetherill

(1) President's Introduction:

Taylor proposed that the Nominating Committee for 1991-92 Officers and Councilors be composed of B. Mason, P. Pellas, and U. B. Marvin. Council discussed the advisability of adding an additional younger member.

MOTION: The approved membership of the Nominating Committee is B. Mason (chair), P. Pellas, U. B. Marvin, and C. Hohenberg (Hewins, seconded by Woolum, passed unanimously).

NOTE: This Committee was appointed by the President and completed its work at the meeting.

ACTION: Mason should send the list of nominees, along with short (1-2 sentence) biographical sketches of each, to McSween by November 1, 1989.

(2) Secretary's Report:

MOTION: That the Council accept the minutes of the last meeting without correction (McSween, seconded by Hewins, passed unanimously).

(3) Treasurer's Report:

Hewins reported a large loss (\$8,611) for the first six months of 1989. This loss is attributable to costs for publishing *Meteoritics*. Last year's net loss was \$1,245 (see attached statement of income and expenses). Council discussed the confusion relating to funds collected and disbursed for *Geochimica*, and Faure suggested that these funds be kept in a separate account.

MOTION: That the Council accept the Treasurer's report (McSween, seconded by Sears, passed 9 to 0 with 1 abstention).

(4) Report of the Publication Committee:

Lipschutz reported on changes in Committee membership and *Geochimica* budget projections (see attached report on Publications Committee Activities). By June 30, 1990, the Committee must reach a decision regarding continuing the Pergamon contract.

ACTION: Continuation of the Pergamon contract will be an agenda item for the next Council meeting.

Lipschutz noted that the price for *Geochimica* will increase to \$56 for members and \$28 for students, as of January 1, 1990. Anders encouraged the Committee to try to get Pergamon to reduce overhead, since they will no longer keep the membership list of the Geochemical Society. Council discussed the advisability and disadvantages of increasing student subscription rates.

MOTION: Council recommends that student subscriptions for *Geochimica* be limited to 3 years and set to 75% of the member's rate (Anders, seconded by Wasserburg, passed 7 to 2 with 1 abstention).

ACTION: Lipschutz should take this recommendation to the Council of the Geochemical Society for their action, and report back to the Meteoritical Society Council.

Faure provided a detailed report on the status of *Geochimica* (see attached handout). Anders expressed concern about some Associate Editors' commitment to timely handling of manuscripts, as well as the view that bound symposia volumes previously published in *Geochimica* will not sell. Also, the handling time for which the journal is responsible is not the time until acceptance, but the time until completion of the initial review.

Wasson noted that publication of *Meteoritics* is running smoothly. He indicated that the financial drain on the Society will be less this year because fewer pages will be published. Institutional subscriptions have risen from 146 to 171 in the last 2 years (see attached graphs). Council discussed the advisability of storing a complete set of *Meteoritics* in the Archives.

ACTION: Wasson should insure that a complete set of *Meteoritics*, bound at Society expense, is stored in the Society Archives at Arizona State University (contact C. Moore).

Wasson also noted editorial problems because the Society has no clear policy for publishing memorials.

MOTION: The *Meteoritics* Editor should seek the advice of the Society Executive Committee in deciding whether or not to publish specific memorials (Anders, seconded by Hewins, passed unanimously).

ACTION: McSween should suggest appropriate wording for the Bylaws to reflect this procedure. This will be an agenda item for the next Council meeting.

(5) Report of the Nomenclature Committee:

Olsen noted that A. Graham's term as Editor of the *Meteoritical Bulletin* will expire, and the Committee will propose a replacement to the President.

ACTION: Olsen should forward this name to Taylor for appointment.

(6) Reports on Meetings:

(a) Vienna - Koeberl noted that with 410 people preregistered, the Vienna meeting is likely to be the largest ever held by the Society. 290 abstracts were submitted, and 190 were accepted for oral presentation and 80 for posters.

MOTION: Council thanks Koeberl for his organization of the meeting, citing with particular pleasure the large number of student awards (30), and requests the President to make this known at the Business Meeting (Sears, seconded by Hewins, passed unanimously).

(b) Perth - Taylor gave a report on preparations for the 1990 meeting in Perth.

MOTION: Council authorizes transfer of \$2500 for student support for the Perth meeting (McSween, seconded by Wasserburg, passed unanimously).

ACTION: Hewins should transfer \$2500 to J. DeLaeter.

(c) Monterey - Englert asked Council to approve July 21-26, 1991, as the meeting date for the Monterey meeting. Council approved this date without a formal motion.

(7) Leonard Medal Committee Report:

[this report has been edited for the web]

Kurat presented recommendations of the Committee [...]

MOTION: That the Leonard Medal for 1990 be awarded to P. Eberhardt (Anders, seconded by Wasserburg, passed 6 to 1 with 3 abstentions).

ACTION: The Leonard Medal Committee must provide written documentation in support of its nominees in the future.

(8) Barringer Award Committee Report:

Taylor withdrew his proposed amendment to the Bylaws concerning the Barringer Award (see Agenda), noting that this will be handled as part of the review of the Barringer Award procedures next year. New members of the Committee will be G. Wetherill (chair), R. Dietz, M. Dence, and E. Shoemaker.

ACTION: McSween should insure that the purpose of the Barringer Award is published in the call for nominations published in *Meteoritics*. Wetherill reported that the Committee's nominee for 1990 is R. Grieve, and provided justification for this nomination.

MOTION: That the Barringer Award for 1990 be awarded to R. Grieve (McSween, seconded by Hewins, passed unanimously).

ACTION: Wetherill should present recommended changes to the Bylaws concerning the Barringer Award Committee at the next Council meeting.

(9) Report of Ad-Hoc Committee on Dues and Abstract Fees:

Hewins presented recommendations designed to eliminate the current financial losses experienced by the Society. These were: Annual dues should be increased from \$20 to \$30 for members, and from \$10 to \$15 for students. The registration fee for Society meetings should be increased by \$20 to recover the cost of printing abstracts in *Meteoritics*. The \$2 initiation fee should be dropped, and the airmail fee for *Meteoritics* should be increased from \$9 to \$10.

MOTION: That the annual dues be increased as recommended, that the initiation fee be dropped, and that the airmail fee be increased as recommended (Hewins, seconded by Wasserburg, passed unanimously).

ACTION: Hewins should insure that 1990 dues statements reflect these changes.

MOTION: That the registration fee for participants (not guests) at Society meetings be increased by \$20 to pay for publication of abstracts (McSween, seconded by Lugmair, passed 8 to 2).

ACTION: Secretary should insure that hosts for future meetings are aware of this change. The *Meteoritics* Editor will no longer be required to bill for publication charges of abstracts, as the meeting host will transfer these funds, based on an appropriate exchange rate at the time of preregistration.

Council discussed the advisability of increasing the cost of institutional subscriptions to *Meteoritics*. Wasson voiced objections, because he is actively recruiting new institutional subscriptions.

MOTION: That institutional subscriptions for *Meteoritics* be increased from \$60 to \$80 per year (Anders, seconded by Sears, passed unanimously).

NOTE: Subsequent communications from the Chairman of the Publication Committee and *Meteoritics* Editor revealed that instituting this change would be difficult for 1990, because commitments to some institutions at the \$60 rate have already been made. The Executive Committee approved delayed implementation of this new rate until 1991.

ACTION: Wasson should implement the \$80 institutional subscription rate for 1991.

(10) Proposal to Host Combined Meeting with DPS:

Taylor reported on communication with the Chairman of The Division of Planetary Sciences of the American Astronomical Society to consider hosting a future joint meeting. Council discussed the possibility of jointly sponsored sessions of mutual interest at the Lunar and Planetary Science Conference to assess compatibility. Council noted that it would be difficult to host a combined meeting, as both organizations plan so far in advance.

ACTION: Taylor should respond to B. Hapke's letter, and try to develop joint symposia for the next LPSC. He should also encourage organizers of future Society meetings to have jointly sponsored symposia with DPS, so as to attract more of their members to our meetings.

(11) Other Business:

Anders summarized the need for structural changes to the organizing committees for Society meetings.

ACTION: Anders should circulate a new version of his proposed Bylaws Changes, after input from Council members. This should be on the agenda of the next Council meeting.