

## **Minutes of the meeting of the Council of the Meteoritical Society held on 17 March, 1991 at the Lunar Science Institute, Houston.**

Members present: E Anders (President), H. Wanke (Vice President), A Graham (Secretary), R Hewins (Treasurer), M Grady, G Kurat, G Lugmair, D Sears, T Swindle, S R Taylor (past President), D. Woolum

Apologies for absence: M Ebihara, K Rasmussen

Guests: M Lipschutz, P Englert, T. King, I Ridley

### **1. The President** opened the meeting and welcomed the guests.

The meeting was asked to confirm the suitability of the 12.00 noon start for the July meeting of Council. MOTION: That the July 1991 meeting start at 12.00 noon (Woolum, seconded by Wanke; passed unanimously).

### **2. Secretary's report:**

MOTION: That the minutes of the last council meeting be approved (Woolum, seconded by Wanke, passed unanimously) There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

### **3. Treasurers report:** The financial statement indicated a profit of \$2956 on the year. Student travel funds totalling \$4000 had been received from NSF for the Perth meeting. There was no profit accruing from the meeting. Membership: 685 paid members, 276 unpaid; typical for the time of year. MOTION: That the Treasurer's report be accepted (Lugmair, seconded by Woolum, passed unanimously).

### **4. Bylaws change:** Deputy Treasurer

Notice of the proposed by-laws change had been circulated to members of Council.

The Treasurer emphasised the need for continuity of treasurer function.

MOTION: The bylaws change notified to Council should be effected (Anders, seconded by Woolum, passed unanimously)

The Deputy Treasurer is not a member of Council, he/she should be at the same institution as the Treasurer and Society's bankers should have the deputy treasurer's signature. The approval of Council was needed for the appointment of a named individual.

MOTION: That G Herzog be the Deputy Treasurer during the tenure of R Hewins as Treasurer (Sears, seconded by Hewins, passed unanimously).

### **5. Society meetings:**

Report on the July, 1991 meeting in Monterey; P Englert. The current status of the arrangements for the above meeting was outlined. A budget was discussed and two levels of registration fees, optimum and minimum, were presented. Council expressed concern at the comparatively high levels of the fees. Englert pointed out that costs were considerably higher at a non-university site and that, by accepting

such a site, Council had implicitly accepted a higher fee level. A number of options for reducing fees were discussed. Englert said that the lower of the two fee levels proposed might lead to no farewell party. There is unlikely to be a conference bag. Following discussion, the lower level of fees was accepted as necessary. The proposed fees are, including the \$20 Meteoritics charge, \$180 for members and \$100 for students and guests. MOTION: To accept the report of the organising committee and the proposed level of fees (Woolum, seconded by Lugmair; passed unanimously).

1992, Copenhagen, K Rasmussen (in absentia).

This report was included with the notice of the council meeting and noted. The lack of student housing information was regretted. The Copenhagen committee should ensure that student accommodation was available for the meeting and also that the fee level should be in keeping with past practice. ACTION: Graham to write.

1993, Vail, Colorado. I Ridley (T King)

Preliminary arrangements were reported. The meeting will be held in a hotel. Fee levels to be in accordance with past practice.

1994, Two written offers to host this meeting had been received by the President: Munster (D Stoffler) and Prague (P Jakes).

After discussion the following motion was put:

MOTION: That Prague be accepted by Council as the preferred choice for the 1994 meeting of the Society (Wanke, seconded by Graham, passed unanimously).

ACTION: The President to notify Jakes and to request information on dates (July preferred), accommodation and student facilities.

6.1. **Publications committee report;** a written report had been received from Macdougall. The suggestion of a name change for Meteoritics was discussed.

6.2. **Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta:**

The President reported on the current state of negotiations with Pergamon Press. The present situation was fluid. MOTION: The Meteoritical Society wishes to maintain its partnership with the Geochemical Society in the sponsorship of the journal *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* and to negotiate an agreement with Pergamon Press which includes:

- a. Sufficient control over member and library rates to provide restraints preventing large increases
- b. An adequate royalty

MOTION: To accept the revised bylaws for the Leonard Medal award (Taylor, seconded by Wanke, passed unanimously)

8. **MS-DPS joint sessions**

This was discussed at the DPS council meeting

A half day session has been scheduled during the Lunar and Planetary Science Conference. DPS prefers sessions devoted to one topic and Council noted that

some steering of content might be beneficial. A session on S-asteroids is planned for the Monterey meeting.

#### 9. **Any Other business**

Barringer Award: Mr J Paul Barringer had written to the President expressing concern with Bylaw 11 as passed at the Perth meeting. The President is hoping to negotiate a mutually acceptable solution and will submit any further bylaw changes for consideration at Monterey.

**ACTION:** Anders to have further discussions with Barringer

Attendees from eastern block countries to Society meetings. Concern was expressed about the difficulties of potential attendees from "soft currency" countries. This is properly the concern of the local organising committee but a nominating committee might be able to suggest names of such potential attendees. For the 1991 meeting, travel funds for Masaitis were sought. The Barringer Crater Co. had offered these funds but had reduced their contribution to the student travel for the meeting by the same amount. The Society would be prepared to consider funding the travel for Masaitis should the Barringer Crater Co. not be willing to do so.

**NOTE:** The Barringer Crater Company has restored the student travel fund contribution and will fund Masaitis' travel to the meeting (26 April, 1991).

The secretary has received a letter from IUGS (R. Brett) reporting provisional acceptance of our application for affiliation. This is subject to ratification by the IUGS Council at its next meeting in Kyoto, Japan in August, 1992.

A L Graham

Enclosed: The revised bylaws for the Leonard Medal