

**Meteoritical Society Council Meeting**  
**March 24, 2026, 3 pm - 5:00 pm (UTC)**  
**online only**

**Agenda and Minutes for the 2nd Meeting of the Meteoritical Society in 2026**

**Council Members Invitees**

Guy Consolmagno (President)	Elena Dobrică – excused
Maria Schönbacher (Vice President)	Juliane Gross
Nancy Chabot (Past President)	Marina Ivanova
Cari Corrigan (Treasurer)	Yangting Lin
Jutta Zipfel (Secretary)	Yves Marrocchi
Byeon-Gak Choi – excused	Gordon Osinski
Alvaro Crósta	

**Guests**

Audrey Bouvier (Leonard Medal Committee)  
Tom Burbine (LPSC 2026 booth)  
Dustin Dickens (Outreach Committee)  
Tasha Dunn (Endowment Grants)  
Dominik Hezel (Annual Meeting 2026 in Frankfurt, Germany)  
Imene Kerraouch (LPSC 2026 booth)  
Rhonda Stroud (Annual Meeting 2027 in Flagstaff, USA)

**The following documents were sent to councilors prior to the Meeting:**

Outreach Document.docx  
List\_Fellows\_Votes\_2026.xlsx  
Report Fellows of the Meteoritical Society 20260322.docx

**Agenda and minutes**

**1. Welcome (President and Secretary)**

1.1. President report and  
Secretary's review of electronic votes since last meeting

3:00 pm UTC

The meeting started on time. The president welcomed all councilors and guests present.

The secretary announced electronic votes held since the last meeting.

6e Motion to approve the EC's recommendations for supporting the selected 3 Community Grants and 9 Research Grants at the levels indicated, totaling \$43,280. (11 February 2026)

7e Motion to approve the minutes from the council meeting on January 20, 2026. (9 March 2026)

8e Motion to approve minor updates to the guidelines regarding meteorite names with diacritical marks. (19 March 2026)

All three motions were approved unanimously by all councilors.

The president presented updates on three major topics that came up in the past:

1) He is still checking into registered agencies in California providing addresses, where the Society could be incorporated.

2) The future of LPI is still unclear, and how it might impact on the Society. The Society relies on LPI support for the annual meetings, e.g., by collecting abstracts, and for the Meteoritical Bulletin Database. Corrigan reported that at the recent Lunar and Planetary Science meeting in Tucson, Dr. Elsayed Talaat, the president of Universities Space Research Association (USRA), stated that he is highly committed to the mission and continuation of LPI, and suggested that the database is owned by USRA. Our president will get in contact with him to discuss the database's status and future.

## 2. MetSoc Business and Committees

2.1. Leonard Medal Committee (Audrey Bouvier) **council-only**

3:08 pm UTC

Report on the selection of fellows

15 min

Bouvier reported on the selection for 12 fellows in 2026 which represented 10% of the Society's membership. She explained how the rubrics were followed and which criteria came into effect when selecting candidates.

Council entertained a motion to approve the recommended candidates for fellows.

**Vote 9:** Approve the selection of fellows as recommended by the Leonard Medal committee.

Move: Yves Marrocchi

Second: Marina Ivanova

All in favor

2.2. Endowment Committee (Tasha Dunn)

3:25 pm UTC

Endowment Grants selection

10 min

Dunn explained the procedures applied when judging Endowment Grant applications. She highlighted that the committee tried to find a balance between the number of supported Community Grants and Research Grants. In the case of the Community Grant, the committee favored sponsoring activities that had a large reach to groups with limited access to education about meteorites. Research grants were evaluated on the basis of benefit for the applicant and of the scientific goals of the proposed research. In general, purchase of meteorites was declined. If applications were declined applicants received personalized letters with advice on how to improve their application.

The program was very successful and money available for a FY was spent in the two calls.

2.3. Outreach Committee (Dustin Dickens)

3:47 pm UTC

Future plans

15 min

Dickens gave a brief overview of activities of the Outreach Committee (OC) during the last year. Not many activities were conducted as the committee was not working effectively. The Outreach committee felt it was restricted to managing social media; and not to actual outreach work as that was managed by the Membership Committee (MC). The overlap of tasks from both these committees was seen as a problem. Dickens suggested therefore that the Society dispense the OC and have the MC taking over. He further suggested that the MC form a subcommittee for managing social media only.

2.4. MetSoc booth (Tom Burbine/Imene Kerraouch)

3:52 pm UTC

Report on LPSC booth and budget for AGU Fall Meeting

10 min

Burbine and Kerraouch gave a short overview about having the booth at the LPSC. Again, it was a big success informing and talking to students and young scientists. A large number of new members was gained. Further they presented a budget for having another booth at the AGU meeting in San Francisco later this year. In addition, both suggested to having a booth at European meetings (e.g., EPSC) which should then be organized by someone based in Europe. Finally, again the overlapping roles of the Membership Committee and the Outreach Committee were addressed. Burbine and Kerraouch themselves emphasized their commitment to outreach activities, and named other members who showed a great interest in committing to this task.

2.5. Discussion - Council only (Guy Consolmagno)

4:11 pm UTC

10 min

Council discussed pros and cons of the proposed actions. Other options were also discussed, e.g. hiring a social media person. The final decision was for the President to propose new bylaws that clarify membership and roles of both, the membership committee and the outreach committee, and allow for reconstitution of the latter. That proposal will be discussed and brought to council for approval via email.

**3. Annual Meetings**

3.1. Frankfurt 2026 (Jutta Zipfel/Dominik Hezel)

4:15 pm UTC

Budget

30 min

Hezel presented the meeting website and content it provided. The conference fees were about €200 less than what they were last year in Perth. The budget estimated 405 attendees. Calculated expenses for the budget were in a range typical for prior meetings. Sponsor support allowed to calculate for a surplus of about €10,000. The budget was opened for discussion. Hezel will check for a cancellation policy with the event management.

A motion was entertained to approve the budget.

**Vote 10:** Approve the budget for the meeting as proposed

Move: Nancy Chabot

Second: Gordon Osiniski

9 votes in favor

1 voter abstained

3.2. Flagstaff 2027 (Rhonda Stroud)  
Updates and approval of SOC members  
15 min

4:45 pm UTC

Stroud gave an update on the planning for the meeting. The major change since her last update was that the website was up. She presented a proposed membership for the scientific organizing committee (SOC) chaired by Larry Nittler and gave names of four other core members.

A motion was entertained to approve the proposed SOC.

**Vote 11:** Approve the SOC for Flagstaff.

Move: Cari Corrigan

Second: Marina Ivanova

9 votes in favor

1 voter abstained

Finally, Stroud explained the need for becoming recognized by the State of Arizona as a non-profit organization unless the organization could be handled through MetSoc directly which is incorporated as a non-profit organization in the state of California. The president offered support but ultimately left the decision, which way to go, to the LOC.

#### **4. Miscellaneous and Adjourn**

Before ending the meeting, the treasurer brought forward the question about the proposed budget for the AGU booth (see item 2.4. on this agenda). The discussion was very much in favor of supporting the initiative and enthusiasm of Burbine and Kerraouch by approving the budget. Their efforts increased the public visibility of the Society enormously.

A motion to approve the proposed budget was entertained.

**Vote 12:** Approve US \$6000 to support the AGU booth as presented to us by Burbine and Kerraouch.

Move: Nancy Chabot

Second: Juliane Gross

All in favor

4.1. Meeting ends

4:55 pm UTC