

Meteoritical Society Council Meeting
June 02, 2026, 3 pm - 5:00 pm (UTC)
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Minutes and agenda for the 3rd Meeting of the Meteoritical Society in 2026

Council Members Invitees

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

Guests

Kuljeet Kaur Marhas (Annual Meeting in Ahmedabad, India)
Sen Hu (Annual Meeting in Beijing, China)
Carolyn Crow (Annual Meeting in Boulder, Colorado, USA)
Audrey Bouvier (Nier Prize and Leonard Medal)
Hasnaa Chennaoui (Barringer Award)
Thomas Stephan (Jessberger Award)
Queenie Chan (Service Award)

The following documents will be sent to councilors prior to the Meeting:

Report Leonard Medal
Report Nier Prize
Report Barringer Medal
Report Jessberger Award
Report Service Award
Application_Metsoc2030_Ahmedabad.pdf
Application_2030MetSoc in Beijing-Application.pdf
Application_Metsoc_2030_CUBoulder_FINAL.pdf

Minutes and Agenda

1. Welcome (President)

3:00 pm UTC

Announcements and review of electronic votes since last meeting

The president opened the meeting and welcomed all councilors.

The secretary announced two electronic votes that were held since the last council meeting on March 24, 2026.

13e Approval of the minutes from the council meeting on March 24, 2026. (31 March 2026)

14e Follow the recommendation of the Pellas-Ryder Award committee to award Lucia Bellino with the Pellas-Ryder Award 2026. (27 April 2026)

2. Annual Meetings

2.1. Proposal for Beijing (Sen Hu)

3:05 pm UTC

10 min application and 5 min questions

Presentation of the venue and estimated registration fees. Followed by a short round of questions.

2.2. Proposal for Ahmedabad (Kuljeet Kaur Marhas)

3:20 pm UTC

10 min application and 5 min questions

Presentation of the venue and estimated registration fees. Followed by a short round of questions.

2.3. Proposal for Boulder (Carolyn Crow)

3:35 pm UTC

10 min application and 5 min questions

Presentation of the venue and estimated registration fees. Followed by a short round of questions.

2.4. Discussion and Decision (Council only)

3:50 pm UTC

30 minutes

All three applicants presented their proposals. They provided information about the proposed venue, possibilities for accommodations, excursions and social program, and logistics of international transportation. Further, estimates for the registration fee were given. All proposals were of high quality and very impressive. Questions from council addressed, e.g.,

how estimated costs are accounting for inflation, as well as the accessibility of the venues by local transportation?

The pros and cons for each proposal were discussed among council members only. The president decided to collect potential following-up questions from council members and to start a commenting round by email. The vote will be postponed until such information has been collected for further consideration.

3. Committees

3.1. Nier Prize and Leonard Medal recommendation (Audrey Bouvier) 4:20 pm UTC
15 min

There were eight nominations considered for the Nier Prize in 2027. No new nominations were received in 2026. In a first vote the highest placed three nominees were distinguished. In a 2nd vote the top candidate was selected. There was consensus among members of the Leonard Medal Committee for their recommended candidate.

Motion 15: Cari Corrigan moved to accept the Committee's recommendation for the Nier Prize winner in 2027.

Second: Juliane Gross

Nine votes were in favor and one abstaining.

Ten active nomination packages were considered for the Leonard Medal 2027, including one renomination. After a 1st vote, four front runners emerged. In a second vote the nominee who ranked highest, was selected as the top candidate. There was high consensus among members of the Leonard Medal Committee to recommend the top candidate for the Leonard Medal.

Motion 16: Elena Dobrica moved to accept the Committee's recommendation for the Leonard Medal recipient 2027.

Second: Gordon Osiniski

All votes were in favor.

3.2. Barringer Award recommendation (Hasnaa Chennaoui) 4:35 pm UTC
10 min

There were two nominations considered. One from last year and one submitted in 2026. There was consensus among members of the Barringer Award Committee to recommend one nominee as winner for the Barringer Award 2027.

Motion 17: Elena Dobrică moved to accept the recommended nominee as the winner of the Barringer Medal in 2027.

Second: Marina Ivanova

All votes were in favor.

3.3. Jessberger Award recommendation (Thomas Stephan)
10 min

4:45 pm UTC

The Jesseberger Award Committee considered five nominations for the award. There were two close front runners. After careful consideration there was consensus among members of the Barringer Award Committee to recommend one nominee as winner for the Jessberger Award in 2027.

Motion 18: Jutta Zipfel moved to accept the recommended nominee as the winner of the Jessberger Award in 2027.

Second: Yangtin Lin

Eight votes were in favor and 2 abstaining.

4. Other Business

4.1. MAPS (Gordon Osinski)
10 min

4:50 pm UTC

As Gordon Osinski had to leave earlier this topic was moved up. Osinski explained that during an impact cratering conference in Edinburgh the topic came up among early career scientists about how one becomes an Associated Editor for MAPS? Council referred him with this question to the Publication Committee as they are nominating AEs. It was concluded that this topic should be brought to the attention of the Publication Committee, and be discussed at the MetSoc meeting in Frankfurt.

3. Committees cont.

3.4. Service Award recommendation (Queenie Chan)
10 min

5:05 pm UTC

No new nominations were received in 2026. Three remaining nominees from last year's round were carefully evaluated. Two of them were not eligible any longer: one is not a member of the Society and the other's nomination has expired. Therefore, the third candidate was the only candidate considered for the award. The major reason for that was that he was already identified as a front runner in prior rounds. Given the absence of competing awardees, and considering the candidate's previously strong evaluation against the Service Award criteria, The Membership Committee proceeded with the person's nomination to be recommended to council for the Service Award recipient in 2027.

Motion 19: Marina Ivanova moved to approve the recommendation of the Committee for the Service Award winner in 2027.

Second: Cari Corrigan

Eight votes were in favor and one abstaining.

It was emphasized by the Membership Committee that the bylaws do not specify a minimum number of nominations to be considered for the Service Award. The chair suggested to Council to review this regulation.

A short discussion followed on how to best encourage membership to nominate deserving colleagues for the Barringer Medal in particular and all awards in general. A further point of discussion was the question, if awardees need to be members of the Society? It was suggested

to explore these topics more deeply at the next council meeting at the MetSoc meeting in Frankfurt.

5. **Adjourn**

5:15 pm UTC