

ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

In connection with the thirty-second annual meeting of the Geological Society of America, a group of 28 mineralogists met at the Geological Museum of Harvard University on December 30, 1919. There were present:

E. Q. Adams	G. F. Kunz	E. Thomson
F. D. Adams	G. P. Merrill	F. R. Van Horn
A. W. Doubleday	C. Palache	A. J. Walcott
A. S. Eakle	A. B. Peck	T. L. Walker
W. E. Ford	A. H. Phillips	H. S. Washington
E. F. Holden	L. S. Ramsdell	E. T. Wherry
W. F. Hunt	C. H. Richardson	H. P. Whitlock
J. P. Iddings	A. F. Rogers	J. E. Wolf
A. A. Klein	C. B. Slawson	F. E. Wright
E. H. Kraus		

A number of mineralogists and geologists were prevented from attending by reason of taking part in the sessions of the Geological Society of America, but had expressed their interest in the purposes of the gathering; many commendatory letters had also been received from those unable to get to Boston.

A. H. Phillips (Princeton) was elected chairman, and A. F. Rogers (Stanford), secretary. E. H. Kraus (Michigan) outlined the need of a mineralogical society in the United States and Canada and told of the various steps that had led up to the organization of the society.

It was thereupon moved and carried that a Mineralogical Society of America be formed. A provisional draft of a Constitution and By-Laws, prepared by several of those interested, was laid before the meeting.

By general consent certain articles of the preliminary constitution and by-laws submitted by this voluntary committee were accepted. Corrections were made in various sections, as follows:

CONSTITUTION

Art. IV, Sect. 2, instead of "results of mineralogical or crystallographical research" should read "results of research in mineralogy, crystallography, or allied sciences."

Art. IV, Sect. 3, instead of "in mineralogical or crystallographical work" should read "in mineralogy, crystallography, or allied sciences."

Art. IV, Sect. 6, instead of "in mineralogy or crystallography" should read "in mineralogy, crystallography, or allied sciences."

BY-LAWS

No. I., Sect. 1, instead of "of mineralogy or crystallography" should read "of mineralogy, crystallography, or allied sciences."

Also in the second sentence instead of "in mineralogy or crystallography" should read "in mineralogy, crystallography, or allied sciences."

No. I., Sect. 2, instead of "to the elect" should read "to the elected."

No. I, Sect. 3, instead of "upon the non-resident list" should read "upon the inactive list."

No. IV, after the first sentence, the following should be inserted:

"The list shall be mailed to the Fellows for their information at least three months before the Annual Meeting. Any five Fellows may forward to the Secretary other nominations for any or all offices. All such nominations reaching the Secretary at least 40 days before the Annual Meeting shall be printed, together with the names of the nominators, as special tickets. The regular and special tickets shall then be mailed to the Fellows at least 25 days before the Annual Meeting."

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Constitution and By-Laws thus revised be adopted. It was also voted that Section 2 of By-Law No. I and By-Laws No. IV and VIII be suspended until the next regular meeting to allow the lists of charter fellows and members to remain open for a year; and to permit officers to be elected by those present. The Constitution and By-Laws are printed in full below.

A motion that a nominating committee of three be appointed by the chair was then seconded and carried. Edgar T. Wherry, William E. Ford, and A. Albert Klein were appointed. This nominating committee, after deliberation, presented the following ticket for the consideration of the society:

President: Edward H. Kraus (Michigan)
Vice-President: Thomas L. Walker (Toronto)
Secretary: Herbert P. Whitlock (Am. Mus., New York)
Treasurer: Albert B. Peck (Bur. Stand., Washington)
Editor: Edgar T. Wherry (Bur. Chem., Washington)
Councilors: Arthur S. Eakle (California) (1 year)
 Frank R. Van Horn (Case) (2 years)
 Fred E. Wright (Geophys. Lab., Washington) (3 years)
 Alexander H. Phillips (Princeton) (4 years)

A motion that the Secretary be instructed to cast a ballot for these nominees was carried. Length of service of the councilors as given above was determined by lot.

It was moved and carried that the Council be instructed to investigate the question of affiliation with the Geological Society of America, and to report at the next meeting.

It was moved and carried that a vote of thanks be extended to the department of mineralogy of Harvard University for permission to inspect their mineralogical collections, and to hold the initial meeting of the Society in their quarters.

The meeting then adjourned.

AUSTIN F. ROGERS, *Secretary pro tem.*

The Council of the Mineralogical Society of America met on Wednesday morning, December 31. The question of affiliation with the Geological Society of America was discussed, but action was withheld until information as to the desires of the Council of the latter Society could be obtained. At the suggestion of Dr. Kunz, the metric system was endorsed.

It was decided to take over the *American Mineralogist* as the official Journal of the Mineralogical Society of America; and a board of editors was appointed;

as given on the cover of the present number. Subscription rates as also there indicated were adopted. The number of text-pages was authorized to be between 14 and 22, for the present.

A. B. PECK, *Secretary pro tem.*

PROVISIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

CONSTITUTION

Article I.—Name

This Society shall be known as the Mineralogical Society of America.

Article II.—Object

The object of this Society shall be the advancement of mineralogy, crystallography, and allied sciences.

Article III.—Officers

The officers of the Society shall be a president, a vice-president, a treasurer, a secretary, and an editor, who shall be elected annually. There shall be an executive council consisting of the above officers, the retiring president, and four fellows at large, to be elected for terms of four years each.

Article IV.—Membership

Section 1. The general membership of the Society shall be composed of Fellows, Members, and Patrons. There may also be Correspondents.

Section 2. Fellows shall be persons who have published results of research in mineralogy, crystallography, or allied sciences, and who upon nomination by the council shall have been duly elected to fellowship in the Society.

Section 3. Members shall be persons not Fellows who are engaged or interested in mineralogy, crystallography, or allied sciences.

Section 4. Patrons shall be persons who have bestowed important favors upon the Society. Election to patronship carries with it the rights and privileges of Members.

Section 5. Fellows, Members, and Patrons shall be entitled to vote in the transaction of the regular business of the Society. Only Fellows are eligible to office in the Society.

Section 6. Correspondents shall be persons distinguished for their attainments in mineralogy, crystallography, or allied sciences and not resident in North America.

Article V.—Amendments

This constitution shall be amended when the proposed amendment is favored by four-fifths of all the Fellows voting upon it. A copy of the proposed amendment shall be mailed to the general membership of the Society at least thirty days before a vote is taken. Voting shall be by mail ballot.