

ACTIONS OF THE 1972 COUNCIL

The first meeting of the 1972 Council was held on Wednesday afternoon, November 3, 1971.

Fiscal Decisions

The new dues of \$20.00 become effective on the December billing for 1972. The dues for student members are to remain at \$6.00. Geotimes is to be provided to all members by AGI, with the understanding that the Society's payment for this service will be approximately the amount budgeted (\$3,000.00).

The fiscal year is to be changed to begin July 1 instead of the present August 1.

Decisions with respect to future investments and supervision of the Endowment Fund are to be placed temporarily in the hands of the Executive Committee. Expenditures of up to \$1,000.00 for legal advice were approved, and an amount of \$10,000.00 was budgeted for the new office of Managing Editor of *The American Mineralogist*. The budget for 1972 as amended was approved by the Council, with the provision that actual expenditures not exceed the budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

Stock Transactions

The Treasurer was authorized to carry out business transactions (including buying and selling stocks; borrowing money) on behalf of the Society, until the time of the Annual Meeting in November, 1972.

Auditing

Inasmuch as the Society now uses professional auditors, the Auditing Committee was abolished.

Editor of The American Mineralogist

William T. Holser was unanimously reappointed for another term.

Committee and Other Appointive Officers

A list of appointive officers, prepared by the President in consultation with the Secretary and the Committee on Committees, was presented to the Council and with minor changes was unanimously approved. This list will be published in each issue of *The American Mineralogist*. The following new committees were established: Publications Committee; Ad-Hoc Committee on Constitution and By-Laws; Endowment Committee. The name of the Nominating Committee for Fellows was changed to Committee on Membership Status.

Meeting for 1972

The regular sessions of the annual meeting of the Mineralogical Society of America will be held in conjunction with that of the Geological Society of America and affiliated societies in Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 13-15, 1972.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR 1971

Elections

The ballots were counted on October 14, 1971 by a Tellers' Committee consisting of Anne Irvin, John Moriarty and Arnulf Muan. A total of 1,031 officer

ballots had been received by that date, 258 Fellowship ballots, and 865 ballots on the Proposed Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws.

The officers elected to serve in 1972 are:

- President*:—H. S. Yoder
- Vice President*:—J. V. Smith
- Secretary*:—J. R. Clark
- Treasurer*:—Elected in alternate years (not in 1972)

The councilors elected for three-year terms (1972-74) are:

- Edwin Roedder
- G. W. Brindley

Election of Fellows

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, 12 members were elected to Fellowship in the Society. They are as follows:

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| H. U. Bambauer | G. R. Himmelberg |
| S. Banno | Z. E. Peterman |
| A. L. Boettcher | H. R. Puchelt |
| B. R. Doe | A. W. Rose, Jr. |
| M. C. Gilbert | C. J. Schneer |
| H. D. Holland | S. A. Williams |

One candidate failed to receive the necessary 90% favorable votes necessary for election.

The amendments regarding fellowship-membership status, originally proposed by the Chayes' committee and as accepted by the Council at last year's meeting, were approved by an overwhelming majority.

Strong feelings regarding certain aspects of the amendments were expressed by some of the members and fellows who voted against the amendments. Copies of comments received were distributed to the members of the Council prior to the Annual Meeting.

Society Membership

Membership figures for the Society are compared below with those for the past three years:

	1968	1969	1970	1971
Honorary Fellows.....	2	11	9	9
Fellows.....	560	462	509	530
Members.....	2,161	1,833	2,161	2,135
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	2,723	2,306	2,679	2,674

There is some arbitrariness attached to these figures, inasmuch as enforcement of payment of dues as a requirement for membership listing has varied over the years. It is believed that the business office in Washington, D. C. will send timely reminders to those who forget to pay their dues.

Fellows Lost to the Society by Death

Since the submission of the Secretary's 1970 report the following Fellows are known to have been lost to the Society through death:

T. F. W. Barth
Alan Bateman
Sir W. L. Bragg
Hans Clausen

D. F. Hewett
V. Ben Meen
Sir C. V. Raman

Respectfully submitted,
ARNULF MUAN, *Secretary*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Ending July 31, 1971

The Treasurer's report is given on a cash basis and the period reported is from August 1, 1970 to July 31, 1971. The major increases of expenses in this past year over that of the previous year are reflected in an increase in cost of the journal publication, which amounted to about 10%. Another added expense was in the administration category which involved the taking over by AGI of the full secretarial office duties. The third item of expense was the publication of Special Paper #3. This involved the borrowing of \$20,000 from Riggs National Bank in Washington at 7% interest. I am happy to report that all but \$3,500 of the borrowed money has been paid back to the bank. We will retire this debt before the end of the calendar year 1971. The monies used to repay this debt involved income from stock investments and income from the sale of the Special Papers.

Respectfully submitted,
ALVIN VAN VALKENBURG, JR.
Treasurer