

MINUTES OF THE 2000 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The 81st annual Business Meeting of the Mineralogical Society of America was held in Ballroom E of the Atlantis Casino Resort, Reno, Nevada, on Tuesday, November 14, 2000.

ITEMS

1. Call to Order

President C. Klein called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM, Tuesday, November 14, 2000. C. Klein announced the newly appointed editors of the society, Andrea Koziol, who will be the new editor of *The Lattice*, and Lee Groat, who will be the new co-editor of the *American Mineralogist*.

2. Secretary's report

Dave Jenkins read the Secretary's report for the 2000 council year. His report included: membership statistics; newly appointed fellows of the society, award recipients for next year; change in name from the Mid-Career Award to the Dana Medal; upcoming short courses and publications; on-line access to the *American Mineralogist* for individual members; Best Paper award for 1999; change in editorship for the *Lattice* and *Amer. Mineral.*; MSA Lecturer-series lecturers for next year; names of those members who died this past year with a moment of silence to mark their passing; K-12 education outreach development of the MSA website; and announcement of the officers and councillors elected in the spring ballot election. The full text of the report will be published in *The Lattice*.

President Klein asked if there were any questions for the Secretary. L. Annovitz asked if *Amer. Mineral.* would be made available on-line to institutional subscribers. D. Jenkins answered no, not at the moment. There were no further questions.

3. Treasurer's report

Brooks Hanson read the Treasurer's report. His report included: the major role played by J. Alex Speer and the Financial Advisory Committee in conducting the financial affairs of the society; that MSA is in some way a major business with ~ \$1 Million annual budget and cash flow; annual deficits run about 5%, though the society ran a slight profit in 1999, it will probably have a small deficit (~\$20 K) in 2000 and a projected deficit of ~ \$60 K in 2001. These deficits are covered with the income of the investments, which is the purpose of many of the investments. *Amer. Mineral.* editors have helped keep costs losses down which may allow redirection of more investment income to expansion of

the RiMG volumes or lectureship program. B. Hanson concluded on a personal note indicating that it was an honor and privilege to serve as Treasurer. He also mentioned that he sees mineralogy as a vibrant field and hopes that we bring many other people into our discipline. The full text of the report will be published in *The Lattice*.

President Klein asked if there were any questions for the Treasurer. There were no questions.

4. Editorsí of *American Mineralogist* report

Bob Dymek read the Editor's report. His report included: timely publication of all eight issues of the 2000 volume of Amer. Mineral.; increase in the number of papers published (~30) despite a slight reduction in total number of pages printed (~1900 pages); complete conversion to desktop publishing last year; use of PDF versions of manuscripts to speed proof reading; statistics on manuscript submission and a plea for more submissions from North American authors; publication of the Lattice switching over to the editorial office; recent turn-over in the production-manager staffing; publication of the Tony Morse issue in the November-December issue; no special issues of Amer. Mineral. planned for 2001 but possibly two special issues in 2002; recognition of the newly created Publications Director position assumed by the Vice President, Rod Ewing; and the desire to make Amer. Mineral. and all-color journal in 2001. The full text of the report will be published in *The Lattice*.

President Klein asked if there were any questions for the co-editor. There were no questions.

5. Adjournment

Pres. Klein adjourned the meeting at 5:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Jenkins, MSA secretary.