

**Summary of the motions and key items discussed at the
MINUTES OF THE THIRD 2002 COUNCIL MEETING
MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
for posting on the MSA Website**

Attending:

Rodney Ewing, President
Cornelis (Kase) Klein, Past President
Douglas Rumble, III, Vice-president
James Blencoe, Treasurer
David M. Jenkins, Secretary
David L. Bish, Councilor
Jeffrey E. Post, Councilor
Craig Manning, Councilor
Kathryn Nagy, Councilor
Nancy Ross, Councilor
Peter Heaney, Councilor
J. Alex Speer, MSA Executive Director

visitors:

Michael Carpenter, Vice-president elect
Rebecca Lange, Councilor elect
Barb Dutrow, Councilor elect
Robert Dymek, Co-Editor, American Mineralogist
Lee Groat, Co-Editor, American Mineralogist
Richard Bideaux, Handbook of Mineralogy
Paul Ribbe, RiMG series editor

Note: Motions and council action items are presented in *italics*; SoC = Sense of Council, S = Second

The Third meeting of the 2002 Council of the Mineralogical Society of America was held in the Mariott City Center, Denver, Colorado, October 26, 2002.

ITEMS

1. Call to Order

R. Ewing called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM, Saturday, October 26, 2002, and invited everyone in attendance to introduce themselves. R. Ewing recognized the newly elected Vice-president, Michael Carpenter, and the newly elected councillors, R. Lange and B. Dutrow and thanked the outgoing councilors D. Bish and J. Post for their service to the society. R. Ewing then briefly reviewed the meeting's agenda.

2. Report of Executive Committee actions since the last meeting

R. Ewing reported that MSA has agreed to be a co-sponsor for the 2003 Goldschmidt Conference in Kurashiki, Japan, and for the 2004 Goldschmidt Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, with no financial obligations for either meeting. R. Ewing assured the Geochemical Society that MSA is interested in co-sponsoring future Goldschmidt Conferences. R. Ewing also reported the status of the multi-society magazine that was proposed at the 2nd 2002 Council meeting.

3. Reports with no action items or questions

D. Rumble moved to accept the reports of the Benefactors Committee, K-12 Education Outreach Subcommittee, Lecture Program Committee, Lecture Program Coordinator, and Representatives to the American Geological Institute, Clay Minerals Society, and the ICDD, and the Pegmatite, Planetary, and Mineral Structures Interest Groups. S = D. Bish. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Secretary's report

J. Post moved to accept the minutes of the 2nd 2002 Council meeting. S = D. Rumble. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Awards and Medal recommendations for 2003 forwarded to council:

(a) Roebling Medal

J. Post moved to accept the Roebling Medal committee's recommendation that Charles T. Prewitt be the next recipient of the Roebling Medal. S = N. Ross. Motion passed unanimously

It is the SoC that the handbooks to the chairs of the Roebling Medal and other awards be revised to ask the in-coming chair to contact nominators of those nominees who were not selected about the status of their nominee and to encourage them to renew their nominations for the next year. R. Ewing will work with A. Speer on the exact wording of this revision.

(b) Distinguished Public Service Award

J. Post moved to accept the Public Service Award committee's recommendation that George Harlow be the next recipient of the Public Service Award. S = D. Rumble. Motion passed unanimously.

(c) Dana Medal (for 2004)

J. Blencoe moved to accept the recommendation of the Dana Medal committee that R. James Kirkpatrick be the next recipient of the Dana Medal. S = K. Nagy. Motion passed unanimously.

(d) MSA Award

N. Ross moved to accept the recommendation of the MSA Award Committee that Guillame Fiquet be the next recipient of the MSA Award. S = D. Bish. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Fellows

D. Bish moved to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for Fellows that the following individuals be made fellows of the society: Richard J. Arculus, J. Michael Brown, Robert T. Downs, Masaki Enami, Ching-Hua Lo, Alain Manceau, Catherine Ann McCammon, Takashi Murakami, Eiji Ohtani, David Christopher Smith, and Lars Stixrude. S = D. Rumble. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Kraus Crystallographic Research Grant

C. Klein moved to accept the recommendation of the committee that the 2002/2003 Kraus Crystallographic Research Grant recipient be Nicholas W. Hayman for the proposal "Mesophases and minerals: A comparison of electron, X-ray, and modeled diffraction patterns from low crystallinity clay minerals". S = J. Post. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Mineralogy/Petrology Research Award

(a) The Mineralogy/Petrology Research grant:

D. Rumble moved to accept the recommendation of the Mineralogy/Petrology Research Grant Committee that Andrew S. Madden, for the study "Nanoscale observations of redox reactions at mineral surfaces with enzyme-activated atomic force microscopy", and Abigail Spieler, for the study "Mineralogic control of trace element mobility in basaltic aquifers", receive Mineralogy/Petrology Research Grants. S = K. Nagy. Motion passed unanimously.

(b) Size of the Mineralogy/Petrology Research Grant committee:

C. Manning noted the wide range of topics proposed and large number of proposals (50) reviewed by the committee of four members. He urged council to add an extra member to the Mineralogy/Petrology research award committee to help with the burden of reviewing the proposals.

J. Post moved to add an extra member to the Mineralogy/Petrology Research grant to increase the total number of members by one (from four to five). S = D. Rumble. Motion passed unanimously.

(c) Honorable mention for applicants who are not funded

C. Manning discussed the idea of giving an "Honorable Mention" prize to those who apply for the Min/Pet Research Grant but do not receive funding.

It is the SoC that the issue of giving the award of Honorable Mention to certain applicants for the Mineralogy/Petrology Research Grant be returned to the Mineralogy/Petrology Research Grant Committee for

further discussion, specifically to define the criteria and a method for awarding honorable mentions that could be applied simply and consistently, as well as to consider the number of individuals to whom honorable mentions would be given.

(d) Undergraduate Award

It is the SoC that the concept of creating a separate Mineralogy/Petrology Undergraduate Research Grant be returned to the Min/Pet Research Grant Committee and that the committee is asked to formulate a proposal to council in support of an Undergraduate Research Grant that does not exceed the total amount (\$10,000) that is currently available from this fund.

9. Best Paper Award

J. Post moved to accept the recommendation of the Best Paper Award committee that the 2001 Best Paper Award go to Bret T. Peppard, Ian M. Steele, Andrew M. Davis, Paul J. Wallace, and Alfred T. Anderson for the article "Zoned quartz phenocrysts from the rhyolitic Bishop Tuff", which appeared in the American Mineralogist, Volume 86, pages 1034 – 1052. S = D. Rumble. Motion passed unanimously.

R. Ewing moved that a Best Paper Award not be given for the year 2000 (Volume 85). S = C. Klein. Motion passed unanimously

10. Committee on Committees

D. Rumble reviewed how the Committee on Committees operated to get the committee membership as listed in the council Bluebook

11. Long-term Planning Committee

R. Ewing moved to formulate a Long-term Planning Committee that would consist of two past presidents, two councilors, and that it would be chaired by the immediate past president. This committee would be charged with the task of considering long-term issues, frame the specific

questions being addressed, and return to council with any appropriate action items. This motion was seconded by N. Ross.

It was the SoC that the motion to establish a Long-term Planning Committee be tabled and the concept be returned to the Management Committee for further consideration, including the membership of the committee, term of service, etc. and return a revised proposal to council for the spring meeting.

12. Report of the Nominating Committee for Officers

(a) Secretary

R. Ewing moved that council should try to identify two individuals who would be willing to run for the contested position of the office of Secretary for the 1st two-year term, but that the individual elected to this office would run un-contested for the 2nd two-year term of office. S = P. Heaney. Motion passed with 6 for, 4 against, and 1 abstention.

A ranked list of nominees was generated by council.

J. Post moved to accept the list of nominees for the position of Secretary. S = P. Heaney. Motion passed unanimously.

(b) Vice President

C. Manning moved to accept the nominees for Vice President as ranked by the Nominating Committee for Officers. S = J. Blencoe. Motion passed by majority vote with one abstention.

(c) Councilors

D. Rumble moved to accept the list of councilor nominees as ranked by the Nominating Committee for Officers. S = N. Ross. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued on the issue of the degree of balance, by discipline, of the various lists of nominees.

13. MSA representatives to other societies

(a) Fall AGU representative

D. Rumble moved to allow P. Heaney to contact the list of individuals given in the report of the MSA Meetings Coordinator to the 3rd 2002 Council meeting to find a second representative for the Fall AGU meeting. S = C. Klein. Motion passed unanimously

(b) Spring AGU representative

D. Rumble moved to allow P. Heaney to contact the list of individuals given in the report of the MSA Meetings Coordinator to the 3rd 2002 Council meeting to find a representative for the Spring AGU meeting. S = C. Klein. Motion passed unanimously

(c) IMA representative

Discussion ensued on who would be a suitable replacement for Charles Burnham when he completes his term as IMA representative for MSA.

14. Report of the Management Committee:

There was a meeting break from 11:05 - 11:15 AM

15. Spring Council meeting (2nd 2003 meeting)

It is the SoC that the 2nd 2003 council meeting this spring be held on Sunday, June 8, 2003, in Athens Georgia in conjunction with the Clay Minerals Society Meeting.

16. Report from the American Mineralogists Editors

(a) Encouraging authors to serve as reviewers

(b) Merger of GMR with the American Mineralogist

D. Rumble moved to approve the merger of GMR into the American Mineralogist. S = J. Post. Motion passed unanimously.

(c) Financial aspects of merging GMR with the American Mineralogist

J. Blencoe moved that all future electronic (GMR-type) articles be treated in the same manner as all other articles submitted to the American Mineralogist. S = N. Ross. Motion passed unanimously.

17. Series editor for Reviews in Mineralogy and Geochemistry (RiMG):

It is the SoC that the Publications Director (M. Carpenter) convene a Series Editor ad hoc search committee comprised of A. Speer, P. Ribbe, C. Manning, and R. Lange to begin the search for a new RiMG series editor. This ad hoc committee should consider the job description, actual duties, and any financial aspects pertinent to the position of Series Editor. The ad hoc search committee should report back to the 2nd 2003 council meeting in the spring.

18. Handbook of Mineralogy

J. Post moved to establish a new editorial office to edit and maintain the Handbook of Mineralogy, with Richard Bideaux as the editor, and to approve the first year budget of \$11,000. S = C. Klein. Motion passed unanimously.

It was the SoC that A. Speer should consider ways to fold the cost recovery of editing the HM into our general budget.

19. Short Course Committee

(a) Stable Isotopes of Intermediate to Heavy Mass

P. Heaney moved to approve the budget for the MSA short course "Stable isotopes of intermediate to heavy mass" proposed by Clark Johnson. S = D. Rumble. Motion passed unanimously.

(b) Epidote Minerals

It is the SoC that there is general approval for holding a short course on the topic "Epidote Minerals" in conjunction with the Goldschmidt conference in Denmark, June, 2004, as proposed by Axel Liebscher. Council urges A. Liebscher to submit a more detailed budget for the shortcourse.

(c) Geomicrobiology II

It is the SoC that there is general interest in this topic and that they would encourage the organizers, J. Banfield and K. Nealson, to prepare a full proposal and budget for this short course.

There was a lunch break from 12:06 — 1:05 PM

20. Venue for the fall MSA meeting

J. Post moved that the spring 2004 MSA council meeting be held in conjunction with the Goldschmidt Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, in June of 2004. S = C. Klein. Motion passed unanimously.

21. Society finances

J. Blencoe distributed literature detailing the current status and past performance of the various MSA funds and reviewed how the budget is developed. Discussion ensued on various issues including possible ways to curtail the expense of publishing RiMG volumes.

It is the SoC that A. Speer identify future RiMG volumes for which page limits could be invoked and return his recommendations to the Executive Committee for their consideration.

22. Request for monetary support for the 11th Int. Symposium on Water Rock Interaction, Saratoga Springs, New York.

P. Heaney moved to approve the proposal by Susan Brantley to provide funding of \$4000 for the 11th Int. Symposium on Water Rock Interaction, Saratoga Springs, New York. S = D. Rumble. The motion was denied.

23. Proposal to hire Extenza Marketing Solutions to bolster institutional subscriptions

J. Blencoe moved that MSA should hire Extenza Marketing Solutions for the purpose of identifying potential institutional subscribers. S = N. Ross. The motion failed with a vote of 4 in favor and 7 against the motion.

24. Financial Advisory Committee

D. Rumble moved that MSA place its funds into the investment firm of Wachovia Securities according to Option 3, p. 6-5, in the FAC report to the 3rd 2002 Council meeting. S = C. Klein. Motion passed unanimously.

R. Ewing solicited suggestions for a chair for the FAC. Discussion ensued on possible individuals who could serve as chair of the FAC.

It was the SoC that the Secretary should approach Brooks Hanson to chair the FAC.

25. Adjournment

D. Rumble moved that the 3rd 2002 Council meeting be adjourned. S = R. Ewing. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Jenkins, MSA Secretary

