

MINUTES OF THE THIRD 2006 COUNCIL MEETING
MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Attending:

John W. Valley, President
Barb Dutrow, Vice President
John M. Hughes, Treasurer
George E. Harlow, Secretary
Ross John Angel, Councilor
Robert Downs, Councilor
Mickey Gunter, Councilor
David London, Councilor
Simon Redfern, Councilor
Roberta Rudnick, Councilor

Visitors:

J. Alex Speer, MSA Executive Director
George A. Lager, Co-Editor, *American Mineralogist*
Gordon Nord, MSA Webmaster
Peter Heaney, Vice-President-elect
Jean Morrison, Councilor-elect

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

The Third meeting of the 2006 Council of the Mineralogical Society of America was held in the Philadelphia Marriott Hotel, Philadelphia, PA on Saturday, October 21, 2006.

ITEMS

1. Call to Order

J. Valley called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM, Saturday, October 21, 2006, and everyone introduced themselves, stating their relationship to MSA and/or the Council. He made some introductory remarks about the general excellent health of the Society, citing healthy publications including high RIMG volume production, office move, new editor for the Handbook, and the flourishing of Elements, but reiterated the long-term concern about expenses and finances that draw heavily on endowment.

2. Accept Reports to Council containing no questions or action items as a group. Reports will be acknowledged by the Secretary.

Financial Advisory Committee, Editorial staff and Editors of the *American Mineralogist*, Series Editor of the *Reviews in Mineralogy and Geochemistry* & Monographs Series, the

MSA Society News Editor for *Elements*, MSA Representative on the Executive Committee of *Elements*, MSA Representative to the *GeoScienceWorld* Board of Directors, Short Course Committee, MSA Webmaster, Outreach Committee (on Databases), Lecture Program Committee, Lecture Program Coordinator, Representatives to the American Crystallographic Association, American Geological Institute, Clay Minerals Society, European Mineralogical Union (EMU), and the Interest groups for Pegmatites and Planetary Materials.

B. Dutrow moved to accept these Reports to Council. S = M. Gunter. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Second 2006 Council Meeting.

R. Rudnick moved to approve the Minutes of the Second 2005 Council Meeting. S = J. Hughes. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Acceptance of medal, award, grant and honor recommendations

Roebbling Medal:	<i>Gordon E. Brown</i>
Distinguished Public Service Medal:	<i>Marie Huizing</i>
Dana Medal:	<i>Thomas Armbruster</i>
MSA Award:	<i>Richard John Harrison</i>

J. Valley moved to approve the recommendations for these awards. S = B. Dutrow. Motion passed unanimously.

MSA Fellows

Dr. Maria Franca Brigatti, Dr. John Clemens, Dr. David Cole, Dr. Eddy DeGrave, Dr. Larissa Dobrzhinetskaya, Dr. John Hanchar, Dr. George R. Helffrich, Dr. Greg Hirth, Dr. Peter Kelemen, Dr. Falko Langenhorst, Dr. Rebecca A. Lange, Dr. Hugh O'Neill

Crystallographic Research Grant:	<i>Ms. Siobhan Wilson</i>
Mineralogy/Petrology Research Grant:	<i>Emily Pope and Philip Skemer</i>

It was noted that the Nominating Committee for Fellows had rounded up number of new fellows from 11 to 12. There were no comments on this act.

J. Valley moved to approve the recommendations for awards, grants and honors. S = B. Dutrow. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Action Items from Committees

(a) From the Roebbling Medal Committee:

The committee “wondered” whether Council might consider awarding more than one

Roebing Medal in a single year.

After some discussion of criteria and whether a single accomplishment merited the medal, Simon argued that the award is about overall excellence in one's scientific career. Upon being asked of the fiscal implications, Alex noted that not only does the Society pay for the medal, but also the transportation and housing for a medalist is typically paid as well, which are not insignificant expenses and impact the budget.

The SoC was not to change the process.

(b) The Fellows Committee requested advice of Council as to whether or not election to Fellowship should be limited to individuals who have contributed in some way to the Mineralogical Society of America, either by service or through publication.

Roberta encapsulated the sentiment that scientific accomplishment and service to the discipline broadly should speak for themselves in appointing fellows.

The SoC was not to change the criteria for fellows.

(c) Several items were forwarded by the Mineralogy/Petrology Research Grant Committee:

1) Consider whether requests for salary funding are appropriate and whether the wording of the present description of the award should be changed to reflect the sense of Council on this issue.

Alex commented that putting in salary means adding overhead as well as complications of tracking the activities and accomplishments of the "employee," which would be difficult.

The SoC was that the current statement about salary in the grant descriptions should be retained – "There are no restrictions on how the requested funds may be spent, as long as they are used in support of research. Travel to meetings, conferences, short courses, non-research fieldtrips, salary, etc. are not considered suitable uses of research money. Proposals that make such requests will not be considered further."

2) Consider changing the description of the Min-Pet grants to make it clear that "Mineralogy and Petrology" should be viewed broadly (e.g., geochemical studies are also appropriate)?

There was little discussion and a consensus that, indeed, the broad definition was the intent.

The SoC was to make sure a statement, like the one in the description of the Roebing medal, appears in the description, such as, "the sciences of mineralogy and petrology are defined broadly for purposes of the award."

3) Consider, once again, whether M.S. candidates should be judged separately, or whether the size of the award should be increased to allow two PhD and one M.S. awards.

This subject has been considered every year for the last few years (see past minutes), and the result was not different this year. Although there is sensitivity to the issue, the limitations of funds, focus on excellence, and the advantages for a longer term project would really not permit a change. A statement was added to the 2006 grant application explicitly stating that no distinction will be made between applicants, whether M.S. or Ph.D. students: “Students, including graduate and undergraduate students, are encouraged to apply. However, all proposals are considered together. The award selection will be based on the qualifications of the applicant, the quality, innovativeness, and scientific significance of the research, and the likelihood of success of the project.”

No action was considered necessary.

(d) From the Executive Director: Previously, the Distinguished Public Service Award has been presented at the MSA Annual Meeting at GSA. It might bring greater awareness about the Medalist and MSA to present the 2007 Distinguished Public Service Award to Marie Huizing at something like the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society (TGMS) show in February, although other shows may be suitable. Award presentation at such a venue would have more meaning to the medalist as well as to the audience most interested in such an honor for her. It is likely that the Medalist, the MSA President and Secretary, and a significant contingent of MSA members will be attending the 2007 TGMS show.

Alex Speer commented that AIPG has started to have a booth at the TGMS show, having decided to make this an important outreach venue. Several concurred with Alex, that the TGMS show really IS THE event in the mineral collecting world and that it is an excellent idea to give this DPSM there to enhance MSA’s standing in that community. B. Downs agreed to float the idea by the organizing committee. If a favorable response is received, B. Dutrow as President will contact the show organizers to arrange presentation of the medal at their award’s banquet.

The SoC was to have the DPS Medal award ceremony, this coming year, at the TGMS show, if possible, but that otherwise, this is only setting a precedent in being flexible with the venue. Moreover, this and future awardees will not be invited to suggest a venue of his/her own choosing

6. Recommendations about committees, committee members, chairs, and appointed posts from many different reports:

(a) Discussion of MSA Committee memberships, chairs, and appointed posts for 2007: The actual vote on appointment of Committees and other posts occurs during the First 2007 Council Meeting.

(b) Officially change the name of the FAC to the FAAC to reflect its expanded responsibilities.

R. Downs moved to change the name of the Financial Advisory Committee to the

Financial Advisory and Audit Committee. S = J. Hughes. Motion passed unanimously.

(c) The chair of the Nominating Committee for Fellows requests that Council accept the Committee recommendation to increase the size of the Committee by two members to eight for the future, to increase the discipline breadth reflected in the newer interests among MSA members.

This is a request that was considered previously. The essence of the discussion was that if each committee member came with several well-considered recommendations, plus recommendations from outside the committee, more than a sufficient number would be in the hands of the committee. Moreover, there is no requirement for appointing the maximum number of fellows.

No action was taken, but the committee should be informed again of the sentiment in Council.

(d) Action items from the Meetings Coordinator.

1) Reappoint Jim Beard (Virginia Museum of Natural History) and Phil Brown (U. Wisconsin) to serve as MSA representatives on GSA *Joint Technical Program Committee* for the 2007 Fall Meeting. Both indicated their willingness to continue in this role.

2) Ross Angel reported that Bill Minarik had agreed to continue as representative to AGU Spring 2007 in Acapulco, and that Joe Pyle was amenable with becoming the representative the AGU Spring 2008 meeting.

(e) Report from the Chair of the Outreach Committee:

John Rakovan recommends appointing Julian Gray as MSA's liaison to the Friends of Mineralogy and an expression of appreciation be sent to Bruce Gaber for service in this capacity since 2001.

(f) George Guthrie asked to be relieved of duty with the Environmental Mineralogy Special Interest Group. A review is in order and replacement needs to be identified; no one had any suggestions.

(g) Mickey Gunter asks if there might be a person more active than he for the Teaching Mineralogy Special Interest Group. Dexter Perkins was suggested as a replacement.

7. Report from the Nominating Committee for Officers:

The committee recommends approval of the rank-ordered rosters for candidates for Vice-President, Secretary, and for Councilor subject to certain revisions and considerations presented during the meeting (e.g., do not have two candidates for the same office from the same university). The MSA Secretary will contact those on the list in sequence decided by Council to invite them to run for office.

D. London moved to accept the ranked lists of candidates for officers as amended by Council. S = J. Hughes. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Report from the Management Committee on Staff Evaluations.

All visitors to Council were asked to leave the room at this time. President Valley discussed the committee's deliberations of the previous day. The committee members were pleased with the performance of the entire business and editorial staff and, particularly, noted their gratitude to Alex Speer, Executive Director, for handling office and organizational matters so well.

J. Valley moved to accept the recommendation of the Management Committee on raises for salaries of the MSA staff. S = J. Hughes. Motion passed unanimously.

An additional item brought before the Management Committee was the need to look into group medical plans. As for most employers and employees in the U.S., rising medical costs are consuming more budgetary funds, so finding a group to join may provide some buffer against large increases in health coverage. MSA's current policy is to pay 100% of the premiums for staff and 25% of the premiums of spouses and dependents. The management Committee looked at information provided by Alex Speer and agreed with Alex that the plan from the Center for Nonprofit Advancement looked the most promising. Moreover, there was discussion in the Committee about changing the formula for coverage to share expenses with employees so they will understand better the health costs issues.

It was the SoC that Alex Speer should approach the Center for Nonprofit Advancement to obtain advice on a new health plan and consider ways in which costs and cost-sharing can be addressed.

There was a meeting break from 10:15 - 10:29

9. Report from the Executive Director relating to operations:

(a) Requests that Council accept the 2006 election results and give permission to destroy the ballots and ballot files upon acceptance.

R. Rudnick moved to accept the results from the 2006 election and permit the Executive Director to destroy the ballots. S = J. Hughes. Motion passed unanimously.

(b) Council needs to confirm that the Second or Spring 2007 MSA Council Meeting will be held Chantilly, VA in the MSA Offices, and decide on a date.

There was a short discussion about calendars, meetings, and conflicts.

It was the SoC that the Spring 2007 Council Meeting be held at the Business Office in Chantilly, VA with the tentative date as June 1.

(c) Designate the MSA Executive Committee to approve the final version of any Letter of Agreement with the Meteoritical Society to provide society management services.

M. Gunter moved to authorize the MSA Executive Committee to approve the final version of the Letter of Agreement with the Meteoritical Society to provide society management services. S = R. Angel. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer has no specific action items relating to 2006 finances for Council (the 2007 budget will need to be approved in the First 2007 Council Meeting). John Hughes reported that the budget had been reviewed and a new budget drafted in August in consultation with Alex Speer during a visit to the business office. He noted from the Treasurer's Report to Council that the Audit of the 2005 budget had been found to be in conformity with accounting principles; that the FAC indeed need to be changed to include the Audit function, thus becoming the FAAC; the market value of the MSA's investments were \$2,271,715 as of 10/19/2006; fund transfers had been under 4% of market value and thus conservative; that as of 10/20/2006 14 sustaining member and fellows had been logged, representing \$1062 in added giving.

Discussion focused on the details of the budget which he described as incremental in its changes, laid out as overestimates of expenses which had traditionally come much close to being neutral upon closing a year's books. John noted that the RIMG volumes were now being counted as assets so that the expenditures for printing would now be balanced by the asset values in "paper." The discussion moved on to the future of paper assets and publishing, which was acknowledged to be a great challenge for budgeting and the future, but for the present MSA would maintain its current model for printing RIMG volumes. No actions were required.

11. Updates from the MSA Executive Director and Treasurer:

Alex Speer said that on-line membership processing had been going faster and that annual deadlines need to be tightened up, specifically shortening the deadline for a \$5 deduction from full memberships to October 31 from December 31. As of October 19, 2006, 714 members had renewed. This does not include senior and life members who get a special message or letter inviting them to update their contact information rather than renew.

Alex noted that pay-per-view was activated on GeoScienceWorld (GSW), permitting non-subscribers access to an *American Mineralogist* article for \$25, and a chapter in a *RiMG* volume for \$35.

An important change in producing the audited 2005 Financial Statement was the inclusion of the inventory of *RiMG* volumes. This change brings MSA into full compliance with general accounting principles.

12. Report of the Financial Advisory Committee:

There are no action items but the Executive Director wanted Council to pay attention to the concluding paragraph of FAC report:

"The FAC strongly recommends continued conservation in the allocation of endowment funds to the operating budget of MSA, and continued efforts to raise endowment money as contributions from members and corporations. An important reason we have done as well as we have in recent years is that we have been the benefactor of substantial contributions from these sources".

This is standard language to remind Council of its fiduciary responsibilities. M.J. Holdaway is stepping down as chair of the committee on 1 January 2007. President Dutrow will write a letter thanking him for his years of service.

13. Report from the Meetings Coordinator:

At the last meeting it was suggested that a Guideline for Meetings Coordination be drafted so that the various representatives and the coordinator would understand their various responsibilities. Ross Angel presented his draft and several suggestions were made. The list of meeting representatives from the CoC worksheet will be reorganized to clearly show which ones take part in meeting organization versus those with no official responsibilities.

R. Angel moved to approve the Guideline for Meetings Coordination as modified. S = J. Hughes. Motion passed unanimously.

14. President Valley on Spring-Summer Meetings:

John Valley believes it would enhance the long-term goals of the Society to commit to one Spring-Summer meeting and establish MSA's presence there over the long term. He suggests activating MSA's Long-Term Planning Committee and charge it with recommending a single meeting each year for the Dana Medal lecture and associated activities.

A discussion ensued about the problem of specifying a mid-year meeting for MSA, problems with Spring AGU, the appropriateness of the Goldschmidt Conferences, but the fluidity of the scheduling, oscillating venues between North America and elsewhere, and the problems of organization, and the meeting saturation problem – too many meetings. The other paired issue is finding a standard setting for presentation of the Dana Medal.

It was the SoC that the issue of MSA's association with a spring-summer meeting be placed on the agenda of the Long-Term Planning Committee. Council will need to determine the meeting for presentation of the 2008 Dana Medal to Thomas Armbruster.

15. Report from the MSA representative to the International Mineralogical Association:

George Harlow reported on the discussion and arm-twisting at the IMA meeting and IMA Council meeting that it would be appropriate for MSA to host the 2014 IMA meeting. However, MSA will have its Centenary in 2019, close to the following meeting in 2018. There was a short discussion of the pros and cons of a US-hosted IMA meeting, the

desires by IMA to keep Asia engaged which would be favored by a West Coast US meeting, and our Centenary.

J. Hughes moved to inform the IMA Council that MSA kindly requests deferment of hosting/sponsoring the 2014 IMA meeting in favor of 2018, when MSA could combine the meeting with some celebration of its Centenary. S = R. Angel Motion passed unanimously.

16. Report from the MSA representative to the Gemological Institute of America:

George Rossman reported in writing on the Gemological Research Conference (GRC) in August, sponsored by GIA, that was attended by many professional scientists from academia and gem research labs, as well as miners, mineral and gem wholesalers, and interested parties in the gem trade. The “academic scientist” attendees were amazed at the large number of people who attended (the meeting “sold out” at 700 people from world-wide locations). Rossman noted that there clearly is a large and vibrant community that deals with minerals that normally has minimal participation in MSA activities. He will be discussing with GIA and MSA the possibility of combining a future GRC with a MSA organized meeting. He already spoke to the GIA conference organizers, James A Shigley and Brendan M. Laurs, about the concept of combining with MSA during a future Gemological Research Conference. They both thought that the idea had merit, does MSA?

The SoC was for President Dutrow to write a letter to Shigley and Laurs indicating MSA’s interest in being involved through participation and possible sponsorship of a future conference on gemological research.

17. Report from the Executive Director on AGU Acapulco meeting:

Alex Speer asked for Council’s opinions on whether or not MSA should make an effort to piggy back on AGU’s efforts to increase its exposure in Latin America by having a booth exhibit at the Acapulco AGU meeting to test the level of interest

The SoC was that Acapulco meeting did not merit sending Alex Speer, but to wait and see how effective that AGU meeting might be. If it was successful, MSA might consider participating in future AGU meetings in Latin America, perhaps the meeting in Brazil 2 years later..

18. Report from MSA’s Publications Director concerning the *Handbook of Mineralogy*:

In Barb Dutrow’s report she presents correspondence with Frank Dudas, the new editor of the *Handbook*.

(a) Included was a two-paragraph vision statement for which approval is requested:

The Handbook of Mineralogy, a bequest from Richard Bideaux to the Mineralogical

Society of America, is both a memorial to Mr. Bideaux and an ongoing public representative of the MSA and its functions.

It is the goal of the *Handbook of Mineralogy* to compile and to facilitate access to the most accurate and up-to-date information about all valid mineral species. The primary emphasis and distinguishing feature of the *Handbook of Mineralogy* is the accuracy of the information that it presents. The *Handbook of Mineralogy* will strive to include all information that is critical to identification and discrimination of individual species. The *Handbook of Mineralogy* will not provide comprehensive information about mineral localities or practical uses of individual minerals.

The SoC was to approve this vision (or mission) statement with the addition of the names of other authors to the statement.

(b) In the correspondence, F. Dudas outlined his concepts for an editorial policy which includes a term of 3 years, subject to renewal by agreement between the editor and Council, responsibility of the editor for maintaining content in an on-line version of the *Handbook of Mineralogy*, dissemination via MSA licenses, and the potential for appointment of associate editors, for such things as mineral groups, mineral localities, and geographic area, who report to the editor. The Publications Director needs approval of the Editorial Policy.

B. Dutrow moved to approve this "Editorial Policy" statement. S = D. London. Motion passed unanimously.

It was suggested that this policy be added to *Handbook of Mineralogy* web page when updated to show the new Editor and activities.

(c) The Publications Director seeks approval for registering the URL of *www.handbookofmineralogy.org* (and **.com*, **.net*) to protect the site name, which costs less than \$100 for five years. This has already been effected, but approval is still needed.

B. Dutrow moved to approve the registration of the several www.handbookofmineralogy. names. S = R. Downs. Motion passed unanimously.*

(d) A Budget: F. Dudas requests \$1200 - \$2400 for editorial assistance, specifically for assistants to track down new citations. *Am. Min.* editors receive \$5000 for their use annually. Bob Downs indicated that through the RUFF project he was prepared to fund the *Handbook of Mineralogy* editorial budget at that level for two years through a transfer to MSA, as the goals of the two projects overlap.

J. Valley moved to accept this donation of \$5000/year for two years for expenses of Editor of the Handbook of Mineralogy. S = J. Hughes. Motion passed unanimously.

(e) Invite Editor Frank Dudas to Spring 2007 meeting in Chantilly, Va.

The SoC was to have Barb Dutrow invite Frank Dudas to attend the next Council meeting.

(f) A question was raised about the term of office for Associate Editors of the *Handbook of Mineralogy* and whether their terms should be consistent with that of the Editor. At first it was suggested that the Executive Committee could deal with this.

M. Gunter moved to set the terms of office of Associate Editors of the *Handbook of Mineralogy* to terminate with that of the Editor. S = R. Angel. Motion passed unanimously.

The Council meeting broke for lunch at 12:03 and reconvened at 12:58 PM.

19. Request from Darby Dyar and Mickey Gunter for MSA to publish their mineralogy textbook, currently entitled “*Mineralogy and Optical Mineralogy*.”

(a) Should MSA be the publisher of the textbook.

(b) What should be the terms of the agreement with the authors.

(c) Any agreement must be in place by February to transfer the monies to MSA before the NSF ends and would need to be approved by the MSA Executive Committee.

(d) Approve a policy for “textbooks” returns from bookstores: Returns are accepted, but there is a restocking fee. Books that are returned, and are not in saleable conditions, will be sent back and not credited. The fee needs to be set high enough to encourage bookstores to be careful in the number of books they order, and cover the costs of dealing with books that are returned.

Mickey Gunter left the room to not compromise the discussion, and Barb Dutrow soon left the room, as the author for a textbook revision, for the same reason. The goal as expressed by the authors, is for MSA to benefit from this project, which has received funding from the National Science Foundation. A major concern is that funding is scheduled to run out early in 2007, before the final version is finished, and that it is unlikely that more no-cost extensions will be possible. Examples of nearly finished chapters were circulated for a cursory review, but it became clear that Council was being asked to make a decision with inadequate information, either in terms of clean preliminary chapters, reviewers’ comments, and, most critically, a contract. Given the need to expedite making a decision, John Valley invited Council members to form an ad hoc committee. Peter Heaney, as incoming VP and, thus, Publications Director, will be chair, with J. Valley, D. London, and J. Hughes as members.

J. Valley moved to establish an ad hoc committee of four with the responsibility to write and approve a contract between MSA and the producers of *Mineralogy and Optical Mineralogy*. S = R. Rudnick. Motion passed unanimously.

The ad hoc committee was charged with making the decision to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest because the chair of the Executive Committee is an author of a potentially competing textbook. The ExCom may want a look at the decision to be in the loop.

Insertion Item 1. Sponsorship of Session at SE Section of GSA, 2007:

A request arrived from Kelly Vance to co-sponsor a session with SEG on Economic Geology at the SE Section Meeting of the GSA in Spring 2007 to be held in Savannah, GA.

J. Valley moved to co-sponsor with SEG a session on Economic Geology at the SE Section Meeting of the GSA in Spring 2007. S = R. Angel. Motion passed unanimously.

Insertion Item 2. Discussion of Digital Media License Agreement:

The agreement was drafted by the Executive Director in response to Council's decision at the May 2006 Council meeting to require written agreements by all parties using intellectual property of MSA on the Web or in other digital formats. It applies to materials appearing on the MSA Crystallographic Database via Bob Downs and the *Handbook of Mineralogy*.

The discussion addressed the scope and limits of the agreement. The Executive Director noted that only about 20% of recent papers in the *American Mineralogist* wind up on the Crystallographic Database, and are thus immediately affected. He added that the coverage is only increasing as the Web becomes a larger and more important aspect of our publishing and information dissemination. It was pointed out that changes in the site URL require approval by MSA and that there is an extraction clause of 30 days. It was generally agreed that this document requires more scrutiny than was available during this meeting.

R. Rudnick moved to delegate the final decision on the Digital Media License Agreement to the Executive Committee. S = S. Redfern. Motion passed unanimously.

20. About fund-raising and the Benefactors Program:

(a) Bob Hazen made recommendations that MSA Council:

- 1) establish levels of giving for individuals and for corporations, along with corresponding benefits per his attached draft.
- 2) establish opportunities for annual and permanent sponsorships for MSA programs, including the lecture program, grants and awards, publications, and meetings per his attached draft.
- 3) authorize the Benefactors Committee to prepare folders representing each of the approved "giving opportunities" represented above. These folders will be used when approaching potential donors.

These were discussed as organizing points for actions carried out on the next item:

(b) Barb Dutrow and Bob Hazen suggest expanding the committees to cover three separate groups, in a coordinated manner.

- 1) Corporate Donations – this group continues the outreach of the current Benefactor's Committee. It solicits donations from current Benefactors and targets

new corporate opportunities.

2) Membership Giving – this group would work with members to identify new individual donors, assist in planned giving, bequests, etc.

3) Capital Campaign – this group would work to find major donors, develop fundraising opportunities, etc.

Barb Dutrow suggested that each group would have its own chair and members. Suggested chairs include:

- Corporate would be chaired by Dave London
- Membership by Steve Guggenheim
- Capital by a past president

It is a goal that eventually each group will establish levels of giving with an appropriate name classification and that each group will design fund raising brochures, starting with corporate giving. Council limited its discussion to Corporate Donations.

Levels for Corporate contributions were discussed with the following results:

Sustaining:	\$2 – \$499
Contributing:	\$500 – \$999
Sponsoring:	\$1K – \$4,999
Gold:	\$5K – \$9,999
Platinum:	\$10K – \$49,999
Diamond:	\$50K and above

For these various levels of giving we would provide:

Effusive acknowledgment letters.

Names printed on the back cover of the *American Mineralogist*, with level noted, and in the MSA section of *Elements*.

Logos (with a web-link) on the home page of the web site and on the Benefactors page.

Naming opportunities commensurate with the value of the gift.

After considerable discussion and lack of consensus, it was agreed to move forward with the initial planning for the corporate effort and work on the plan further for the rest.

B. Dutrow moved to establish the three Donations Committees in the Benefactors Program: Corporate Donations, Membership Giving, and Capital Campaign; **to authorize** the Corporate Donations Committee to move forward with developing a brochure and contacts based on the levels– Sustaining: \$2 – \$499; Contributing: \$500 – \$999; Sponsoring: \$1K – \$4,999; Gold: \$5K – \$9,999; Platinum: \$10K – \$49,999; Diamond: \$50K and above; and **to authorize** the Executive Director to evaluate the values and needs for endowments based on their projected costs and projected returns on investment. S = J. Hughes. Motion passed unanimously.

The SoC was that further work and consultation is required before dealing with issues on Individual Giving and naming privileges.

(c) Barb Dutrow suggests MSA consider an endowment for the *Handbook*. If we had this targeted giving, perhaps it would be helpful at raising money from a group that typically does not contribute to MSA.

The SoC was that issues relating to an endowment relating to the Handbook be dealt with in the future.

22. The MSA President suggests increasing payments of page charges to the *American Mineralogist*.

John Valley suggested that the President of MSA send an email to the first author of an *Am. Min.* paper, congratulating her/him for acceptance by the prestigious journal, explaining some financial realities, and making a special plea to pay at least some page charges. The letter will not be changed during the year, and addresses and salutations will be produced in the *American Mineralogist* office. At their discretion, each President can elect to receive this information and send the emails themselves (once a month?), or to have them go out from the office. This practice can be reviewed after one year to see if it has had a noticeable effect. Barb suggested it be addressed and sent to all of the authors, because the senior author might not be the one holding the grant funds.

The SoC was to try this letter to authors for a year.

25. Adjournment

President Valley thanked the retiring Councilors Dave London and Mickey Gunter for their dedicated service over the past three years before asking for a motion of adjournment.

M. Gunter moved that the 3rd 2006 Council meeting be adjourned. S = D. London. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Harlow, MSA Secretary