

MINUTES OF THE FIRST 2010 COUNCIL MEETING
MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Attending:

John Brady, President
David Bish, Vice President
Nancy Ross, Past President
Darrell Henry, Treasurer
Mickey Gunter, Secretary
Wendy Bohrson, Councilor
Carol Frost, Councilor
Marc Hirschmann, Councilor

Visitors:

J. Alex Speer, MSA Executive Director
Gordon Nord, MSA Webmaster

Absent:

Peter Burns, Councilor
Penny King, Councilor
Sumit Chakraborty, Councilor

Note: Motions and Council action items are presented in *italics*; SoC = sense of Council, S = second.

The First meeting of the 2010 Council of the Mineralogical Society of America (MSA) was held at Hilton Portland & Executive Tower, October 17, 2009

ITEMS

1. Call to order

President Brady called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm, Saturday, October 17, 2009, and welcomed the new members of council: Vice President (D. Bish) and the two new Councilors (W. Bohrson and S. Chakraborty, the latter being welcomed in absentia as he did not attend the meeting). He also thanked the incoming Past President, N. Ross for her work during her term as president.

2. 2010 Budget

The 2010 budget was presented and discussed at the Third 2009 Council meeting earlier in the day. A very brief discussion of the budget occurred and it was noted the society's finances are in good shape, mainly because of conservative use of funds. For example, we routinely underestimate our income and overestimate our expenditures.

N. Ross moved to approve the 2010 budget included in the Treasurer's report. S = D. Bish. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Financial Affairs of the Society

W. Bohrson moved to approve the Treasurer to conduct the financial affairs for the society and the Executive Director (A. Speer) to write checks and make other forms of payment and transfers on the Society's accounts as directed by the Treasurer and Council actions. S = N. Ross. Motion passed unanimously

4. Acceptance of committee appointments for 2010 Council year

W. Bohrson moved to approve the committee appointments, as amended, and contained in the report from the Committee on Committees made to the Third 2009 Council meeting. S = M. Gunter. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Appointment of Editors for 2010

M. Gunter moved to continue the appointments of Bryan Chakoumakos and Jennifer Thomson as editors for the American Mineralogist, and to add Martin Kunz who replaces Dana Griffen, Jodi Rosso continues as the editor of the Reviews in Mineralogy and Geochemistry and Monograph series, and Andrea Koziol as the MSA Society News Editor for Elements. S = M. Hirschmann. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Authorization of mail and telephone ballots

D. Bish moved to allow use of mail, telephone, e-mail, and Internet ballots whenever necessary and allowed to conduct the affairs of the Society. S = M. Hirschmann. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Conflict of interest of policy

Council was reminded of MSA's Conflict of Interest Policy, and that Council members need to complete and sign the Conflict of Interest Information forms brought to the meeting and to give their completed form to the Executive Director.

8. Any Items Tabled from the Third 2009 Council Meeting

The only issue tabled from the earlier meeting was the general issue of how to better promote MSA. An ensuing discussion was led by J. Brady who presented several ideas that tended to focus on how to bring more attention to MSA's publications and gain more public interest in mineralogy and petrology. Ideas discussed included issuing press releases about *American Mineralogist* articles, putting a news window on the MSA web page, and holding sessions at GSA and other meetings based on an *Elements* issue. Council will continue to work in this area.

9. Future of MSA

The Fall 1996 Council asked that an agenda item on the future of MSA be included at each First Council meeting.

This discussion was more or less a continuation of the one in #8 above on how we need to find ways to better “get the word out” on all the great things we do. We discussed some general ideas, but arrived at no specific recommendations. However, M. Gunter pointed out that he thought we were doing pretty well based on the diversity of what our society manages to accomplish, and he thought our future looks bright as long as we continue on the current path.

10. Adjournment

M. Hirschmann moved that the First 2010 Council meeting be adjourned. S = D. Bish.
Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Mickey Gunter, MSA Secretary