

First 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday, 24 October 2020

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

2:45 – 3:00 PM EDT

Present:

Mark Ghiorso, President
Carol Frost, Past President
Kim Tait, Secretary
Glenn Gaetani, Treasurer
Mark Caddick, Councilor
Adam Simon, Councilor
Francis McCubbin, Councilor
Przemek Dera, Councilor
Jennifer Jackson, Councilor
Bob Bodnar, Councilor

Visitors:

Ann Benbow, Executive Director
Tom Duffy, Past Treasurer
Donna Whitney, Past Councilor
Jay Ague, Past Councilor
Rachel Russell, Managing Editor, *American Mineralogist*

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

Agenda

The meeting convened at 2:45 PM EDT.

Roll Call and Introductions

Budget

[1] Approve 2021 Proposed Budget included in the Treasurer's Report, with any modifications as a result of more recent Council-approved actions. [vote]

C. Frost moved that the proposed budget be accepted; T. Duffy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Authorization for the Treasurer and Executive Director to Conduct Financial Affairs of the Society

[2] The MSA Treasurer is authorized to conduct the financial affairs of the Society. Ann Benbow, Executive Director of the Society, is authorized to write checks and make other forms of payment and transfers on the Society's accounts as directed by the Treasurer and Council actions. [vote]

P. Dera moved to authorize the Treasurer and Executive Director to conduct the financial affairs of the Society; C. Frost seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Acceptance of Committee Appointments for 2021 Council Year

[3] Approve Committee member and chair assignments and other appointed posts. [vote]

F. McCubbin moved to accept the Committee Appointments for the 2021 Council Year; P. Burnley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Editors for 2021

[4] Hongwu Xu and Don Baker are appointed Editor(s) of the *American Mineralogist*. Ian Swainson is appointed Editor of the *Reviews in Mineralogy and Geochemistry* and *Monograph* series. Andrea Koziol is appointed the MSA Event Editor for *Elements*. Kenneth W. Bladh is appointed Editor of the *Handbook of Mineralogy* [vote]

P. Burnley moved to appoint the editors for the 2021 Council Year; A. Simon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Authorization of Mail and Telephone Ballots

[5] Mail, telephone, e-mail, and Internet ballots may be used whenever necessary and allowed to conduct the affairs of the Society. [vote]

C. Frost moved to authorize the use of mail and telephone ballots for the 2021 Council Year; A. Simon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Conflict of Interest Policy

[6] One requirement of the IRS Form 990 is that MSA have a procedure to review MSA's Conflict of Interest Policy with Council, have every Council members sign a Conflict of Interest Information Form annually (copies will be brought to the meeting), and that there is a record that this has been done.

Any Items Tabled from the Third 2020 Council Meeting

Future of MSA

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

Adjournment

Adam Simon moved to adjourn the meeting; M. Caddick seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:52 PM EDT.