



GEOCHEMICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Minutes of the Spring Meeting of the Council of the Geochemical Society

May 31, 1982, Philadelphia, Pa.

Present: B. R. Doe (President), R. A. Berner (Vice-President)
T. Takahashi (Secretary), P. Deines (Treasurer),
A. Albee (Councillor), T. C. Hoering (Chairman, OGD),
H. Elliott (representing D. M. Shaw, Executive Editor
GCA), V. R. Murthy (guest), G. Wetherill (guest)

President B. Doe called the meeting to order at 6.45 p.m.

1. R. Murthy, who is the Chairman of the U.S. National Committee on Geochemistry (USNCG), reported the roles and activities of USNCG. The USNCG is an official correspondent in both the national and international affairs on geochemical activities, and is independent of the Geological Sciences Board of the National Academy of Science. It will communicate with the geochemical community members through the Geochemical Newsletter and EOS. One of its major tasks is to coordinate the U.S. research on migration of natural matter in the crust and the upper mantle of the earth. Dr. Murthy agreed that one of the USNCG members be a Councillor of the Geochemical Society, and he will write an official letter to the President of the Geochemical Society to formalize this action. This is intended to improve communications between the USNCG and the geochemical community.
2. G. Wetherill, a former President of the Geochemical Society, presented a proposal for a two-year presidential term for the Society. After discussion, P. Deines made the following motion:

"Beginning with the term starting the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America, Fall, 1983, the terms of the President and Vice-President of the Geochemical Society shall be for two (2) years each. The Presidential address shall be delivered at the end of the second year of his (her) term."

This motion was seconded and unanimously approved. B. Doe is requested to prepare a rationale and ballot to be published in the Geochemical Newsletter for voting by the members of the Geochemical Society. This proposition will be announced in GCA.

3. R. Berner announced the following new Committee assignments, which become effective in November, 1982:
 - a) Goldschmidt Award Committee:
P. Buseck (Chairman)
R. M. Garrels (to replace L. T. Silver)
B. F. Jones (to replace G. Ernst)
 - b) Clarke Award Committee:
K. Muehlenbachs (Chairman)
A. C. Lasaga (to replace E. Bence)
M. Scott (to replace S. Hart)

c) Nominations Committee:

M. B. Goldhaber (Chairman -- to replace P. Bell)
D. Walker (to replace J. Schopf)

4. P. Deines submitted a Treasurer's report (Appendix A). The Council accepted the report, and approved the following expenditures:
 - a) \$1000 for the 1982 L.W. Strock award to accompany the 1982 Goldschmidt Medal.
 - b) \$2600 for purchase of the Goldschmidt and Clarke medals.
 - c) \$3000 for defraying the travel expenses of non-North American Councilors to attend the Council meetings.
5. T. Takahashi reported the activities of the Secretary.
 - a) Compared to 1981, the rate of applications for membership is up by about 30% as of May 31, 1982.
 - b) A motion was made to increase the initial membership fee from \$28 to \$32 for regular members, and from \$12 to \$12.50 for student members. Motion 1 - Article I, Section 1 of the By-Laws shall be changed to "Effective January 1982, the annual dues of all members shall be set at a figure not to exceed \$32.00,...." (changes underlined). Motion 2 - Article I, Section 2 of the By-Laws shall be changed to "A special dues rate of \$12.50 per year was approved for student members effective January, 1982,...." (changes underlined). Both motions have been passed unanimously.
6. H. Elliott presented an Executive Editor's report. (Appendix B). She also reported that \$3000, which represents a late publication penalty, has been received from Pergamon Press. B. Doe reported that it has been agreed that the Geochemical Society retains \$2000, and the Meteoritical Society receives \$1000.
7. T. Hoering presented a report on the activities of the OGD:
 - a) John E. Zumberge, Cities Service Corp., has been nominated as the Chairman-elect of the OGD for 1983.
 - b) Cindy Lee, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, has been nominated as the Secretary of the OGD for 1983.
 - c) The recipients of the best paper award for 1982 are:
B.R. Simoneit, S. Brenner, K. E. Peters and I. R. Kaplan,
"Thermal Alteration of Cretaceous Black Shale by Diabase Intrusions in the Eastern Atlantic: Effects on Bitumens and Kerogen",
Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta 45, 1581-1602 (1981).

Dr. Williams will prepare the citation.
 - d) A symposium on "The Geochemistry of Organic Matter in Ore Deposits" has been organized by the OGD for presentation at the Annual Meeting of GSA in October, 1982.
 - e) The OGD co-sponsors with the Society of Economic Mineralogy and Paleontology (SEPM), a three-day workshop on Organic Geochemistry to be held October 27-30, 1983, just preceding the annual meeting. The SEPM will underwrite the expenses for the workshop. No financial commitment from the Geochemical Society is required.
 - f) The workshop on "Stable Isotopes and Biological Marker Molecules" is being organized by Warren Meinschein, Indiana University.
 - g) The journal "Organic Geochemistry" (published by Pergamon Press, I. A. Breger, editor) has not fulfilled its potential as a speciality journal. T. Hoering has inquired of D. Shaw, the Executive Editor of GCA if organic geochemistry papers submitted to

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