

MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

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ANNUAL MEETING

The forty-first annual meeting of the Mineralogical Society of America will be held at the Denver Hilton Hotel in Denver, Colorado, Monday through Wednesday, October 31 - November 2, 1960.

Abstracts of papers to be presented at the annual meeting must be received by the Secretary before July 1. The deadline for receipt of abstracts has been moved forward from the usual July 15 date because of the XXI International Geological Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark, in August. Abstract blanks may be obtained from the Secretary.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS FOR 1961

Nominations for office made by the Council for 1961 are as follows:

President:	E. F. Osborn, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa.
Vice-President:	Ian Campbell, California Division of Mines, San Francisco, Calif.
Secretary:	George Switzer, U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.
Treasurer:	Marjorie Hooker, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.
Councillors,	
1961-1963:	(two to be elected)

Stephen E. Clabaugh, University of Texas, Austin, Texas
Robert M. Garrels, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
William T. Holser, California Research Corporation, La Habra, Calif.
O. F. Tuttle, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa.

The membership is reminded that according to the By-Laws (Article IV, Election of Officers and Fellows) any ten (10) fellows or members may forward to the secretary other nominations for any or all offices. All nominations reaching the secretary not later than three months prior to the annual meeting shall be printed on the ballots to be mailed to the general membership.

PROPOSED CHANGE IN BY-LAWS

In addition to election of officers there will be an item of great importance to the society on the ballot to be mailed in September. At the Council meeting in Pittsburgh in November 1959, as a result of a recommendation by the Policy Committee, the Council voted that steps be taken to raise the dues of members and fellows to \$8.00 annually, with dues of student members to be one-half this amount.

The only other increase in dues since the founding of the society was voted in 1948 (effective beginning 1949) when the amount was changed from \$3.00 to \$4.00 for members, and made \$5.00 for all fellows. In 1949, the cost of printing and distribution of the

American Mineralogist (six issues) was \$11,197.24, or about \$5.00 for a single volume. In fiscal 1958-1959, this cost had risen to \$23,341.19, or about \$7.00 for a single volume. Thus the cost of printing and distribution of the Journal, not only to members and fellows but also to institutional subscribers, exceeds the income from these sources. Not included in these figures is a six percent increase in printing cost effective January 1, 1960, which means that the current annual cost will be in the range of \$25,000. A possible alternative to increasing dues is to decrease the size of the issues and increase the backlog of manuscripts. The Council has given this entire matter very serious consideration and hopes that the membership will agree that the proposed changes are not only essential but desirable and in the best interests of our science and our society.

In order to effect the increase in dues outlined above, the Council recommends the following changes in Article II of the By-Laws.

Article II. Dues.

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- Section 1. The annual dues for members shall be four dollars (\$4) payable in January.
Section 2. No person shall be accepted as a fellow of the Mineralogical Society of America unless he pays dues for the year within three months after notification of his election. The annual dues for fellows shall be five dollars (\$5) payable in January.

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- Section 1. The annual dues for members and fellows shall be eight dollars (\$8) payable in January. Members who are students shall pay one-half the dues of other members.
Section 2. No person shall be accepted as a fellow of the Mineralogical Society of America unless he pays dues for the year within three months after notification of his election.

MINERALOGICAL ABSTRACTS

Mineralogical Abstracts, which was formerly a part of the Mineralogical Magazine and was included in subscriptions to that journal, is now a separate publication, sponsored jointly by our society and the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain, with equal responsibility for publication cost. It is issued quarterly, each number containing 80 pages of abstracts of the world literature of mineralogy and related fields, together with a table of contents and alphabetical index of authors. The subscription rate for libraries, colleges, companies, and other organizations is \$9.00 or £3.3s, postpaid, per calendar year issue of four numbers, - a real bargain for value received. To maintain this price and at the same time make the journal self-supporting, the present number of subscribers must be substantially increased. It will be appreciated, therefore, if each of you will find out whether your college or company library has entered a subscription to Mineralogical Abstracts. Many libraries are not yet aware that Mineralogical Abstracts is not now being printed and published in the Mineralogical Magazine. Subscription orders should be sent to the Publications Manager, Mineralogical Society, 41 Queen's Gate, London S. W. 7, England. Your personal subscription to Mineralogical Abstracts, as an M.S.A. member, can be entered by sending \$3.00 to Marjorie Hooker, Treasurer, Mineralogical Society of America, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington 25, D.C.

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Washington 25, D. C.

George Switzer
Secretary

INTERNATIONAL MINERALOGICAL ASSOCIATION

The International Mineralogical Association was founded April 8, 1958, in Madrid, Spain, at a meeting of delegates from mineralogical societies of Austria, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, U.S.A., and U.S.S.R. The object of the Association is to further international cooperation in mineralogical science. The members of the Association are national mineralogical societies (or equally representative bodies) and only one such society or body may join from any one country. There are no individual members. At the founding meeting, the following slate of officers was elected for a period of two years:

President:	R. L. Parker (Switzerland)
First Vice-President:	F. E. Wickman (Sweden)
Second Vice-President:	D. P. Grigoriev (U.S.S.R.)
Secretary:	J. L. Amorós (Spain)
Treasurer:	D. J. Fisher (U.S.A.)
Councillors:	J. Orcel (France)
	E. Onorato (Italy)
	T. Ito (Japan)
	G. F. Claringbull (Great Britain)

Four commissions were set up to deal with problems involving international cooperation, as follows:

Commission on Abstracts to further international cooperation in abstracts and to cooperate with other bodies in this field.

Commission on Mineral Data to promote the collection and publication of mineralogical data.

Commission on New Minerals to collect and disseminate information on newly discovered minerals and to establish the minimum requirement for a new mineral to be accepted as such.

Commission on Museums to promote cooperation between museums and establish a central body of reference minerals.

The first meeting of the Association, held in Zürich, Switzerland, August 30-September 7, 1959, included business sessions with delegates from 19 of the 21 member countries in attendance, symposia on twinning and on Alpine fissure minerals, and two four-day field excursions to eastern and central Switzerland. A popular report of this meeting, attended by approximately 100 individuals, is given in *Geotimes*, v. 4, no. 5, p. 29, Jan-Feb 1960. A technical description of the papers presented appears in *Nature*, v. 184, no. 4703, p. 1909-1911, Dec. 19, 1959. Residents of North America may obtain a copy of the published symposia by sending \$1.50 to D. Jerome Fisher, Rosenwald Hall, University of Chicago, Chicago 37, Illinois. Others may order copies from J. L. Amorós, Paseo de la Castellano 84, Madrid, Spain.

The second meeting of the Association will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, August 19-25, 1960, at the time of the International Geological Congress. The business sessions are open to all individuals, although voting is limited to the voting delegates of the various countries in attendance. Two symposia, on mineral synthesis and feldspars, will be held August 23-24 and are open to all wishing to attend. The detailed schedule of the meeting is given in the *American Mineralogist*, v. 45, no. 1-2, p. 245, Jan-Feb 1960.

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D. Jerome Fisher
M. S. A. Representative

WORLD DIRECTORY OF MINERALOGISTS

The Secretary of the International Mineralogical Association (IMA) has requested that this questionnaire be sent to all members and fellows of the Mineralogical Society of America to aid in compiling a World Directory of Mineralogists to be published by IMA.

If you wish to be listed in this directory, please complete the questionnaire and return at once to George Switzer, Secretary, Mineralogical Society of America, U. S. National Museum, Washington 25, D. C. There will be no follow-up to this questionnaire; if you do not return it, you will not be listed. Return envelope is enclosed.

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Questionnaire

WORLD DIRECTORY OF MINERALOGISTS

Please print or type

Family name (Surname)
(Married female mineralogists are requested to give both husband's family name and name normally used in publications, if different)

Given names (Christian names)

Title (Prof., Dr., Mr., etc.)

Year of birth (Omit if publication is not desired)

Highest degree attained Year of degree

University or college which conferred degree

Field of highest degree (Mineralogy, geology, etc.)

Present position (Professor of..., etc.)

Institution or company

Laboratory, department, etc.

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Local telephone number Extension

Private address (Fill in only if preferred to address above)
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Major mineralogic interests
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Date

Signature