

Second 2021 Mineralogical Society of America Council Meeting Agenda

May 1, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

12:00 – 5:00 PM EDT

Present:

Officers:

Mark Ghiorso, President
Pamela Burnley, Vice-President
Carol Frost, Past President
Kimberly Tait, Secretary
Glenn Gaetani, Treasurer
Mark Caddick, Councilor
Adam Simon, Councilor
Francis McCubbin, Councilor
Przemek Dera, Councilor
Jennifer Jackson, Councilor
Robert Bodnar, Councilor

Guests:

Ann Benbow, Executive Director
Rachel Russell, Managing Editor, *American Mineralogist*
Don Baker, Editor, *American Mineralogist*
Gloria McFarland, MSA IT
Cam Macris, MSA Diversity Task Force

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

I. INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND REPORTS

- A. The meeting was called to order by President Mark Ghiorso at 12:00 PM EDT.
- B. Revisions to the Agenda, approval of the Agenda.

Mark Ghiorso proposed one change to the agenda, to move Section IIIA 2a, be moved to later in the agenda as Adam Simon is traveling. Carol Frost moved to approve the revised agenda; Bob Bodnar seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Approve the minutes of the Third 2020 Council Meeting and First 2021 Council Meeting (Appendix A).

Mark Caddick approves the minutes of the Third 2020 Council Meeting and the First 2021 Council Meeting. Przemek Dera seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Accept Reports to Council containing no questions, requests, or action items as a group. Reports will be acknowledged by Secretary.

(MSA Society News Editor for *Elements*, Membership Committee, Benefactors' Committee, MSA Publications Director, *Reviews* Editor, GeoScienceWorld, GSA Joint Technical Program Committee Representative, Editor *Handbook of Mineralogy*, MSA Meetings Coordinator, Short Course Committee, Social Media Liaison, Bloss Optical Crystallographic Fund Committee, Roebling Medal Committee, MSA Award Committee, Dana Medal Award Committee, Nominating Committee for MSA Fellows, Outreach Committee, Representatives to GIA, GSA, EMU, GSA-MGPV, IMA, and SSMP, Special Interest Group on Pegmatites, Special Interest Group on Planetary Materials.)

- a. No reports from: Distinguished Public Service Medal Committee (no activity in 2021); Representatives to CMS, FM, ACA, and GS.

E. Review of Executive Committee actions.

The executive committee met three times between the first and second 2020 council meetings and took the following actions:

- Dec 14, 2020 (by Zoom): Agreed to accept Peter Buseck's donation to create a fund that supports and expands the MSA lecture program.
- Jan 6, 2021 (by email): Approved a one-time staff salary increase.
- March 29, 2021 (by e-mail): Approved adopting a maternity leave exception that extends eligibility of MSA award nominees.

Carol Frost notes it should be "parental leave" not maternity leave as stated here. Francis McCubbin asked about an exception for length of time for parental leave raised this year in one of the Committees. Action item: Some statement on the website to reflect that parental leave absences will be considered in time from graduation.

II. DUES, SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND FINANCES

A. Determine the member and institutional *American Mineralogist* and *Reviews* subscription rates as well as member dues for 2022.

Discussion about keeping costs low is important during COVID-19, there is a worry that institutions will drop subscriptions, which has not happened yet, but it is being monitored closely. Pam Burnley approves the member and institutional subscription rates, Glenn Gaetani seconds. The motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer recommends:

- a) for *American Mineralogist* & *Reviews* subscription rates:

Category	2021 Current	2022 Proposed	% increase from 2020
MSA Members			
US AmMin (paper + electronic)	\$ 165	\$ 170	3

Non-US AmMin (paper+ electronic)	\$ 185	\$ 190	2.7
AmMin (electronic-portion of member dues)	\$ 15	\$ 15	0
Institutions			
US (paper + electronic)	\$ 1300	\$ 1320	1.5
Non-US (paper + electronic)	\$ 1325	\$ 1335	0.75
Institution (electronic)	\$ 1225	\$ 1235	0.82
Multi-site Institution (negotiable)	\$ 1250+	\$ 1260	0.8
Institutions (GSW subscribers)			
Am Min (paper) (domestic)	\$ 270	\$ 275	1.85
RiMG (paper)	\$ 250	\$ 255	2.0

b) It is recommended that the 2022 MSA dues be maintained at 2021 levels (\$85 for members, \$45 for early career members, and \$20 for students).

B. Mark Van Baalen, Chair of the FAAC, requests Council approval to extend the deadline for the J. B. Thompson, Jr. Fund for Mineralogy/Petrology for another 10 years. This will give the fund time to reach its \$100K goal. (Appendix B).

Mark Caddick approves to extend the deadline for the J. B. Thompson Jr. Fund. Przemek Dera seconds. The motion is passed unanimously. Carol Frost points out that J. B. Thompson's students are getting older, perhaps Council should contact the students to see if they want to contribute to this fund.

C. The Treasurer and MSA Executive Director will provide brief updates on MSA finances and key indicators (Appendix C).

III. COMMITTEES, OFFICERS, AND APPOINTED POSTS

A. Committee on Committees

1. Consider, amend where necessary, and vote on the proposed list of committee members and chairs (Appendix D).

John Valley will replace George Rossman as Liaison to the Gemological Institute of America. Pamela Burnley noted that she did not have enough information as Chair for the Committee on Committees to make sure there was enough diversity of disciplines and it was hard to get early career researchers to serve. It was suggested that in membership renewal, perhaps an option could be self-selection of discipline.

Action item: Mark Ghiorso to contact the Membership Committee to see if we can extend the term of existing members and/or add one more person to the committee now to make sure there is continuity. Bob Bodnar has agreed to serve. Pamela to suggest the one more person to serve.

Action item: Mark Gbiorso to contact the Membership Committee to ask how best to solicit the membership for information related to discipline.

B. Bodnar approves the proposed list of committee members and chairs. Francis McCubbin seconds. The motion is passed unanimously.

2. Authorize the MSA Secretary to contact individuals in the order(s) listed (except when restricted by guidelines for the position).

Carol Frost approves the MSA Secretary to contact the individuals on the Committee on Committee lists. Pamela Burnley seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

Officer Nominating Committee

- a. Discuss potential candidates for Vice President and two Councilor positions (Appendix E).

3. Diversity Task Force

Presentation by Cam Macris of the Diversity Task Force, and a request for the task force to become a standing committee of MSA. Discussion. (Appendix F). [vote]

Jennifer Jackson suggests that there should be a standing voting member of the Diversity Task Force for the Committee on Committees and can identify members that could serve on committees.

Mark Caddick approves the request for the task force become a standing committee member of MSA. Jennifer Jackson seconds. The motion is passed unanimously.

Action item: Diversity Task force to contact the Chair of the Committee on Committees (Pamela Burnley) to review committee Handbooks to re-evaluate our policies through an equity lens.

IV. OPERATIONS

A. Council Meetings:

1. Fall 2021 Meeting and GSA: Council needs to decide if the Fall 2021 MSA Council Meetings and Management Committee Meeting will be held at GSA in Portland or will occur in some other fashion.

Council meeting will be tentatively virtual October 9, 2021.

Francis McCubbin approves the tentative date October 9, 2021 for the next Council meeting. Bob Bodnar seconds. The motion is passed unanimously.

Action item: Ann to send out Doodle pool if this remains a virtual meeting, could have it on an alternate (M-F) date.

2. Council also needs to decide on the date and venue for the 2022 Spring Second Council Meeting.

Carol Frost approves that the 2022 Spring Second Council Meeting should be at MSA Headquarters May 2022. Pamela Burnley seconds. The motion is passed unanimously.

B. MSA IT Update:

Ann Benbow and MSA IT Specialist Gloria McFarland will give a brief overview of the IT situation at MSA and progress to date.

V. PROGRAMS: PUBLICATIONS, AWARDS, AND LECTURE PROGRAM

- A. *Elements*: Barb Dutrow, the MSA Representative to *Elements* Magazine, has several requested items, but none requiring a vote of Council:
- Please send Jodi Rosso any information for People in the News.
 - Please consider proposing an issue of *Elements*.
 - Review *Elements* in the past year, and send comments, concerns, and thoughts about the publication to Barb Dutrow.
- B. The Mineralogy/Petrology Student Grant Committee requests Council approval for their proposed awardees, Eva Baransky of Northern Arizona University and Juliet Ryan-Davis of the California Institute of Technology (Appendix G).

Mark Caddick approves the Mineralogy/Petrology Student Grant Committee request. Francis McCubbin seconds. The motion is passed unanimously.

- C. The Kraus Crystallographic Student Grant Committee requests Council approval for their proposed awardee, Si Athena Chen, Penn State University, (Appendix H). [vote]

Carol Frost approves the Kraus Crystallographic Student Grant Committee request. Przemek Dera seconds. The motion is passed unanimously.

Action item: Mark Ghiorso to contact the Diversity Task Force to encourage that committee to identify people that could apply for the Mineralogy/Petrology Student Grant and the Kraus Crystallographic Student Grant.

Action item: Solicit new language for the Kraus Crystallographic Student Grant, to reflect modern crystallography to increase applications.

If any proposals are moved from the Mineralogy/Petrology grant, they must get permission from the applicant.

- D. *American Mineralogist*: The Editors of *American Mineralogist* request Council advice on whether AmMin should have a policy about ethical mineral collecting practices. (Appendix I). [Sense of Council]

SoC supports a policy about ethical mineral collecting practices.

- E. Distinguished Lecturer Committee: This committee submits a list of nominees for the 2021-2022 Distinguished Lecturer Program for consideration, ranking and approval. Once the list is approved, the Lecture Program Administrator, Dave Jenkins, contacts people. He makes his way down the list until there are two people from the North American list and one from the European list who agree to serve (Appendix J).

The Committee is requesting Council guidance on speakers for the new Buseck Lectures from the list. Which three would be suitable for talking about “new directions in the geosciences” and which three would be appropriate for “broader/cross-disciplinary topics”? Discussion and suggestions.

The Committee seeks Council approval for having the Fall 2021 Lecture Program be virtual and the Spring 2022 Program be in-person (depending upon COVID restrictions at that time.)

Pamela Burnley supports a motion for the Lecture Program to resume. Jennifer Jackson seconds. The motion is passed unanimously.

- F. President Mark Ghiorso requests Council to consider starting an MSA Instagram account.

Pamela Burnley supports the request to start a MSA Instagram account. Glenn Gaetani seconds. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND PLANNING

A. Study on the Status of Mineralogy and Petrology in Higher Education

Ann Benbow will report on the study's status and preliminary findings.

B. 2020 and 2021 Award Recognition

GSA is planning on having a hybrid meeting in Portland, OR in October 2021. This could become completely virtual, depending upon the status of the pandemic. Ann Benbow has been in touch with the GSA Events staff and they are discouraging luncheons or receptions due to COVID restrictions.

One idea is to honor the awardees virtually in two separate ceremonies (one for the 2020 awardees and the second for the 2021 winners). We could send the awards to each of the winners well in advance, and ask them if they would be willing to have a short video shot of themselves at work and send it to MSA. (These can be easily done on an iPhone or iPad, and we have the capacity to edit.) We could make the videos part of the presentation by the respective MSA Presidents for those years, followed by talks by the citationists and the awardees. What is the Sense of Council on this plan?

C. Minerals Day 2021

What ideas for events and partners does Council have for this year?

D. 2022 Year of Mineralogy

George Harlow requests Council to consider ways in which MSA might become involved in UNESCO's Year of Mineralogy. (Appendix K)

E. Associate and Early Career Memberships

- a. MSA has a number of membership categories, but none that are suitable for the avocational mineralogist. One idea is to start a category called Associate Member for \$40/year. An Associate Member would have online access to Elements and would receive the 25% discount on any publications. This would separate the category from Members, mostly academics, who receive access to *American Mineralogist*.
- b. Early Career Membership has been declining. Would Council consider extending Early Career status to five years beyond the degree, rather than the current three years?

Would Council approve Ann Benbow researching these options and providing a cost/benefit analysis to Council at the Third Council Meeting?

The Council meeting adjourned at 4.47pm EST.