

MINERALOGICAL NOTES

PROCEDURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL MINERALOGICAL ASSOCIATION COMMISSION ON NEW MINERALS AND MINERAL NAMES

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1. Proposals for new mineral names or changes in mineralogical nomenclature should be made to the Commission on New Minerals and Mineral Names, International Mineralogical Association (abbreviated as Commission hereafter),

- (a) through the appropriate National Committee where these exist (France, Japan, USSR, in 1970), or
- (b) directly to the President of the Commission (at present to Michael Fleischer, U. S. Geological Survey, Room G-20, GSA Building, Washington, D. C. 20242, USA)

The data furnished should include as many as can be obtained of those needed by the Commission to judge the validity of the proposal (see following outline).

2. The President is authorized to write to the author asking for more data when he considers this desirable, or pointing out possible objections either to the mineral or to the name. The President is required, however, if the author wishes, to submit the proposal to the Commission, whether he approves it or not. It is sent out by air mail and 40 days (45 days from May 1 to Sept. 1) is allowed for a reply. If a new name is proposed to replace an old one, the President must write to the original namer, if he is alive, and obtain his comments, to be supplied to the Commission.

3. Members of the Commission are urged, not only to vote, but to comment in detail. If objections are raised that are serious in the opinion of the President, he is authorized to suspend the vote, to send the objections to the author for a reply, and to send copies of the objections and the reply to the members of the Commission before re-opening the voting. Any member who objects to a proposal may ask the President to use this procedure.

4. As a courtesy, proposals dealing with opaque minerals are sent to the Members of the Ore Commission of IMA, who do not vote, but are invited to submit advisory opinions. Serious objections by them are to be treated by the President as in #3 above. The President is authorized, if he thinks it desirable, to submit proposals to specially competent mineralogists for advisory opinions.

5. When a vote is completed, the President notifies the Commission, the author, and the journal in which publication is intended of the results, and communicates to the author the comments of the members, but the votes of individual members are not disclosed. The Commission may publish the results of votes, but unpublished names of disapproved minerals are not given.

6. Reconsideration of adverse votes can be requested by an author at any time if new data are obtained.