

Proceedings of the Sixty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Mineralogical Society of America in Reno, Nevada

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The sixty-fifth annual meeting of the Society was held on November 5 to November 8, 1984 in Reno, Nevada. The abstracts were organized into 15 technical sessions: five in igneous petrology, three in experimental petrology, three in metamorphic petrology, two in mineralogy and two in volcanology. In addition the Society sponsored two poster sessions, and one symposium: Diffusion in Mineral, Melt, and Glass Systems. Prior to the annual meeting a short course on Micas was organized by S. W. Bailey. All the sessions were integrated into the overall program of the Geological Society of America with the help of the Joint Technical Program Committee (T. L. Grove, MSA Representative).

The retiring president, Charles T. Prewitt, presented an address to the Society on "Crystal Chemistry: Past, Present and Future" on Tuesday, 6 November. M. Charles Gilbert gave a short address in memory of David R. Wones who died in an accident a few days prior to the meeting.

President Prewitt called the annual business meeting of the Society to order, and subsequently made some remarks. The Secretary, Treasurer, Editor of the American Mineralogist and Editor of the Reviews in Mineralogy reported to the membership on Society affairs.

1984 Council Actions

The second meeting of the 1984 Council was held in Cincinnati, Ohio on May 13, 1984 and the third meeting on November 4, 1984 in Reno, Nevada. Important actions taken were:

Awards

The Roebling Medal for 1985 will be awarded to Francis J. Turner, Professor Emeritus of the University of California at Berkeley.

The Mineralogical Society of America Award for 1985 will be presented to John M. Ferry of The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

Twenty-two American Mineralogist Undergraduate Awards were issued in 1984. All the recipients received one year's free subscription to the American Mineralogist starting with the Jan.-Feb. issue, 1985.

Research Grant

The Mineralogy-Petrology research grant for 1985 was awarded to Carol R. Nabelek of the University of Missouri at Columbia.

The Kraus Crystallographic research grant will be awarded in 1986 and the competition for this grant will be held this year. Council has increased the monetary award for both of the above grants to \$3500.

Nominations for Officers for 1986

<i>President:</i>	Paul B. Barton, Jr., U.S. Geological Survey
<i>Vice-President:</i>	Bernard W. Evans, University of Washington (one to be selected)
	Paul H. Ribbe, Virginia Polytechnic Inst. & State Univ.
<i>Secretary:</i>	Henry O. A. Meyer, Purdue University (1986-1987)
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Not on 1986 ballot
<i>Councillors:</i>	Eric J. Essene, University of Michigan (1986-1988)
	J. Stephen Huebner, U.S. Geological Survey (two to be selected)
	Robert C. Newton, University of Chicago
	George R. Rossman, California Inst. of Technology

Fellowship

Council elected the following four members to Fellowship (Iris Y. Borg, Chair):

Joseph V. Chernosky, Jr. Jerry R. Weidner
John S. Dickey, Jr. Walter E. Trzcienski, Jr.

Council accepted the following recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Fellowship (J. J. Papike, Chair):

1. The category of Fellows be retained
2. The number of Fellows not be set by some arbitrary percentage of the total membership
3. Criteria for election to Fellowship are:
 - a) Significant scientific contributions in any of the fields crystallography, mineralogy, and petrology.
 - b) A minimum of a bachelor's degree in geology or a related field.
 - c) At least 5 years of professional experience beyond the last academic degree.
 - d) Roebling Medallists and MSA Awardees automatically become Fellows.
 - e) Other attributes to be considered are:
 - i) Excellence in Earth Science education
 - ii) Outstanding service to the profession.

Financial Affairs and Management Concerns

The financial matters of the Society occupied a substantial amount of the Council's time but due to the excellent and unstinting guidance of the Treasurer, Odette B. James, Council were able to accept the recommendation that there be no change in membership dues in 1985. However, Institutional subscriptions to The American Mineralogist will increase slightly to \$110 (\$115 for non-US institutions), and page charges for authors will increase by \$5.00 to \$50.00 per page as of January 1985. Student dues will increase to

\$15.00 for 1985. These changes reflect the increasing costs of production of *The American Mineralogist*.

This was the final year for James as Treasurer of the Society. The President and Council thanked her warmly for the major time and effort she had put into the difficult task of ordering the Society's finances.

A new Executive Secretary, Barbara Minich, was appointed by Council in May to succeed F. Spilhaus. A separate office for the affairs of the Society has been organized within the AGU building and many of the members have already experienced the improvements instituted by Minich in the handling of the business affairs.

1985 Council Actions

The first meeting of the 1985 Council was held on 6 November, 1985 in Reno, Nevada.

The Council discussed a number of topics including: (1) the long term goals and priorities of the Society; (2) increasing the membership and fund raising; (3) the Congressional Fellow program of the AGI; (4) the present association of the business office of the Society within the AGU headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Council approved the budgets for the Society and *Mineralogical Abstracts*. The Society's budget for 1985 projects a deficit of about \$35,000, but some of this deficit is due to advance financial support to IMA 86 and may be recouped.

Michael J. Holdaway, Editor, and Linda Dungan, Managing Editor, of *The American Mineralogist*; Paul H. Ribbe, Editor—Reviews of Mineralogy were all reappointed for 1985 as well as Barbara Minich as Executive Secretary.

Council requested James L. Munoz to be the new Editor of *The American Mineralogist* to take effect in 1986.

Committee

The report of the Committee on Committees (Eugster, Chairman) was approved with modifications. The President, Eugster, appointed a Development Committee (Barton, Chairman) to study, examine and propose future aims and development of the Society. Views and suggestions pertinent to this charge would be welcomed by the Chairman of the committee.

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Secretary

Report of the Secretary for 1984

Results of the Election

The 1985 ballot resulted in the following elections:

<i>President:</i>	H. P. Eugster (1985)
<i>Vice-President:</i>	P. B. Barton, Jr. (1985)
<i>Treasurer:</i>	G. L. Nord, Jr. (1985–1986)
<i>Councillors:</i>	C. Klein (1985–1987) A. J. Naldrett (1985–1987)

The ballots (890) and the count were certified on August 30, 1984.

Two by-law changes regarding Fellowship matters were passed. The first change whereby members who became Fellows due to longevity could opt to receive *The American Mineralogist* at the prevailing student rate was passed; 773 for, 33 against. The second change that the contribution to become a Life Fellow would be 25 times the effective annual dues was passed; 742 for, 57 against.

Membership Statistics

As of December 1984, there were 2944 members distributed as follows: Members 1754 (+113); Student Members 619 (+49); Fellows 564 (–17); Honorary Fellows 7 (0). Numbers in parentheses indicate change from 1983.

Necrology

The deaths of the following Members and Fellows have been reported:

Horace R. Blank	Richard H. Jahns
Arthur M. Brant	V. Stephen Papezik
George W. Brindley	Frank W. Stead
Clifton S. Corbett	Robert W. Webb
Max H. Hey	David R. Wones

The Secretary would appreciate notification of the passing of any member.

Other

The appointment of a full-time Executive Secretary has resulted in major improvements in the running of the business office of the Society, and this will reflect in benefits to the members. Nevertheless, the Society consists of a dedicated, concerned and involved membership who by interaction and direction to Council keep the Society active and well. Your support and comments are welcomed and encouraged by Council.

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