

The meeting was convened at the Congress Center in Davos, Switzerland on Aug. 17, 2002, and came to order at 9:10 am.

**Present:** Judith McKenzie (President), Tim Drever (Vice President), Jeremy Fein (Secretary), Ken Peters (OGD Chair), Frank Podosek (GCA Editor), Scott Wood (Special Publications Editor), Albrecht Hofmann (Director), Eric Oelkers (Director), Erwin Suess (Director), Francis Albarede (President of EAG), Seth Davis (GS Business Manager), Johnson Haas and Carla Koretsky (Geochemical News co-editors), Alex Halliday (2002 Goldschmidt Organizing Committee member), Yukihiro Matsuhisa and Jun-ichi Matsuda (2003 Goldschmidt Organizing Committee members), Susan Stipp and Bjorn Jamtveit (2004 Goldschmidt Organizing Committee members), Mickey Gunter (Proposed 2005 Goldschmidt Organizing Committee member), Lynn Walter (Past Chair, Patterson Award Committee), Rod Ewing (President of MSA), Friso Veenstra (Elsevier Product Manager).

**President's Report:** Judith McKenzie made introductory remarks, and reported that the health of the Geochemical Society is strong, reflecting the overall strength of geochemistry as a whole. Highlights from the past year include the identification of a strong group of medal recipients, and a new group of committee members to help carry out the Geochemical Society's programs and mission.

**Vice President's Report:** Tim Drever reported that his primary activities involved the identification and nomination of replacements for openings in GS committees. A concern was raised that the Program Committee did not include enough 'hard rock' geochemists. Drever reported that every effort was made to provide balance to the committee according to scientific discipline, but due to a large number of people who declined to serve on the committee, some disciplines, specifically high-temperature geochemistry, are not well represented. To remedy the situation for this year, Daniele Cherniak at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has agreed to serve as an informal additional member of the committee. Drever suggested that in the future the Vice President should solicit input from other members of the Board of Directors to help identify candidates for these positions.

**Nominations Committee Report:** Judith McKenzie reported that due to a mis-communication, the previous Nominations Committee did not provide nominations for the two out-going GS Directors or for the out-going Treasurer. McKenzie has contacted Becky Lange, and Lange has agreed to serve for a second two-year term as Treasurer if elected. Jan Veizer, the new chair of the Nominations Committee, will be charged with identifying two nominees for the open Director positions as soon as possible. The changeover date of July 1 for committee membership was identified as one source of difficulty, and a number of different options were discussed.

**International Secretary's Report:** Because of a scheduling conflict, Eiichi Takahashi could not attend the Board meeting. A description of activities was submitted by Takahashi for distribution at the meeting, and is summarized below:

*Goldschmidt 2003:* Details will be reported by Dr. Matsuhisa (President of the organizing committee for GS2003) at Davos Meeting – see below. The university campus is a 10 min walk from the station of the Shinkansen and is linked by local train (2 stations) with the historical town of Kurashiki where most people will stay. The City of Kurashiki is a well known historical preserved town of the Edo period, and there are a range of museums and civil events. Field trips during the meeting will include a half-day trip to Himeji castle (world heritage, Shirasagijyo in Himeji city) and Korakuen (one of the best Japanese gardens in Okayama city). All lecture rooms (80, 150, 300 seats) are clean and modern, equipped with

intelligent PC projector plus OHP. Up to 10 lecture rooms plus sites for poster and exhibition areas will be located in the same building. There are two good concert halls that can be used for special lectures and ceremonies.

At the same time as Goldschmidt 2003 is held, the Sakuyo University and the city of Kurashiki are hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Tchaikovsky Contest for young musicians (annually held in one city in the world). The Contest starts two weeks earlier than Goldschmidt, so that only the final contests will overlap with the Goldschmidt 2003 week. There will be few conflicts except housing and we may have some fringe benefits such as small concerts at the Sakuyo University Campus for Goldschmidt participants.

*Geochemical Society Short Course for Isotope Geochemistry:* On Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of 2001, a lectures series (short course) for young scientists on isotope geochemistry was held at Hayama, Kanagawa prefecture, Japan. The short course was planned by E. Takahashi, and Prof. Takafumi Hirata (both at Titech, Tokyo Institute of Technology) acted as the organizer. The short course was sponsored by the Geochemical Society and the Geochemical Society of Japan and the company Seki-Technotron. Prof. K. O'Nion of Oxford University and Prof. R.N. Clayton of University of Chicago gave invited lectures. The participants (in total 51) consisted of approximately half graduate students and the other half scientists from various universities and research labs in Japan. Prof. R. Nesbit (Southampton) also attended as a special guest speaker. We extend our special thanks to Professors R.N. Clayton and K. O'Nions who flew to Japan despite the very difficult travel conditions after Sept. 11.

**Treasurer's Report:** Because of a scheduling conflict, Rebecca Lange could not attend the Board meeting. The Treasurer's Report is summarized below:

The amount of money in our checking accounts going into the year 2002 suggests that our financial health is good. We unexpectedly made money (\$38,062.20) on the Goldschmidt meeting in May, 2001. Two of the Bank United CD accounts matured in 6/00, and because of the difficult stock market climate, these were renewed. In 2001, \$15 K was transferred from the Reserve Special Fund to the Medals Special Fund (to pay for medal purchases in 2002 and to leave a positive balance in the Medals Fund). These Special Funds are abstractions (the money is in our checking and investment accounts), but very real and important ones for tax purposes. Advance payments to Elsevier for 2001 GCA subscriptions were made in 2002; similarly, royalties for GCA from Elsevier are expected in 2002. Typically, advances are made, but this was not done in 2001. The subscription payments and royalties roughly balance out, and so this deferment to 2002 does not make a big difference to the accounting for 2001. The full Treasurer's Report with financial details was distributed to all Board of Directors.

**Secretary's Report:** Jeremy Fein summarized the actions that were taken by the GS Board since its last annual meeting. These are listed below:

- 1) Approved the nomination of Dr. John Hayes for the 2002 Goldschmidt Medal.
- 2) Approved the nomination of Dr. Harry Elderfield for the 2002 Patterson Medal.
- 3) Approved the nomination of Dr. Ruth Blake for the 2002 Clarke Medal.
- 4) Approved the nomination of Dr. David Des Marais, Dr. Mike Drake, Dr. Irving Friedman, Dr. Christopher Martens, Dr. Phil Meyers, Dr. Garrison Sposito, and Dr. John Wasson to be named as Geochemistry Fellows at the 2002 Goldschmidt Conference.
- 5) Approved the nominations of replacements for outgoing Geochemical Society Committee members as put forth by Vice President Drever.

- 6) Approved the reappointment of Frank Podosek as Executive Editor of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* for a new three year term.

**GS Business Office Report:** Seth Davis reported on the following items:

*Current Membership:* As of July 31, 2002 the society has 1,523 members. Memberships are down slightly from last year. A factor for this could be attributed to potential new membership and renewals taking advantage of the automatic membership registration feature offered with the Davos Goldschmidt Conference. Paul Beattie has estimated that about 350 professional memberships and 200 student memberships were submitted with conference registrations. If applied to 2002 totals that would boost membership to nearly 2,100 members. Member demographics are given in Appendix I.

*2002, 2003 Membership Drives:* The 2002 membership drive started on November 15<sup>th</sup>, the same as for 2001. This caused considerable pressure on the renewal process as nearly 2/3 of memberships were processed within a 6 week period. It is in the best interest of the Society to start as early as possible for the 2003 drive. The by-laws recommend starting three months before the end of the year, and October 1<sup>st</sup> seems like an ideal time to start as it would be in conjunction with the release of the October 2002 issue of *Geochemical News* (#113). Subscription information is given in Appendix II.

*Publication:* In March 2002, the remaining stock of Special Publication books (volumes 1 – 6) located at Cadmus's Lancaster Press in Maryland, USA was relocated to a storage facility at Washington University's Tyson Research Center. The storage facility is a bomb-proof underground ammunitions warehouse built in the 1940's. Washington University acquired these bunkers in 1963 and the nearly 2000 acres of surrounding woods for wildlife conservation and research. Being underground, the facility maintains a fairly cool and steady temperature, and there are de-humidifiers present to keep everything dry. It seems to be an excellent location for these books. April 2002 marked the release of Special Publication Volume 7, printed by the University of Idaho Press. Stock of these books is also located at Tyson. Publication statistics are compiled in Appendix III.

**GCA Executive Editor's Report:** Frank Podosek reported on the following items:

**Editorial Office Staff**

As noted in the prior Editor's Report, an office staffing level of 2.0 full-time people has simply been inadequate to handle the normal workload, and half-measures such as temporary help or a graduate student intern have turned out to be impractical. I have requested increase of the staff level to 3.0 full time people, and Elsevier has recently agreed to support the office at this level. The third staff member came on board July 1, at which time the staff consisted of Linda Trower, Cayce French and Bridget Healy.

Unfortunately, a complex situation has developed, such that Cayce French is no longer employed in this office and Bridget Healy is on leave; her return is dubious. Pending replacement of Cayce's position, Karen Pollard (formerly employed in this office) is helping out on a part-time basis. Some tasks that are non-time-critical are being postponed, and Linda and Karen are keeping the office running without falling too far behind. Other temporary help is available if needed. Although the situation is difficult, I am confident that inconvenience to journal clientele will be minimal.

## **Manuscript Statistics**

A tabulation of manuscript processing statistics (submissions by type, acceptance rates, processing times, etc., is shown in Appendix IV.

## **Electronic Access, Proofs, Supplements**

As previously proposed, beginning this year individual member subscribers have access to the electronic version of GCA on Elsevier's website, independently of institutional access. The access includes several years' past volumes as well as the current volume. The access is valid during the current calendar year, and it is a password system, and therefore portable (i.e. a member may access it from anywhere). At least for this year, electronic access is free, compliments of Elsevier, automatically granted to every member who subscribes to GCA at the normal rate. Subscribers are advised of their electronic access privileges, and provided with password and instructions, in an e-mail from the GS business office.

Also as previously proposed, all GCA authors are given temporary (three-month) access to the electronic version of GCA on Elsevier's website, independently of institutional access, personal subscription, or society membership. This assures authors of the opportunity to download the published versions of their own manuscripts. (A downloaded manuscript file can serve as a source for reprints.) Since most authors are not society members it may also be hoped that familiarization with the journal will encourage authors to consider joining one or both of the sponsoring societies.

In addition, effective this year, authors can obtain their proofs, and submit corrections, electronically. Proof files are posted (password-protected) on a website maintained by Cadmus, the company which contracts with Elsevier for production services, including printing, for GCA. Authors are notified of proof availability by an e-mail message generated by Cadmus. Electronic proofing is not mandatory; Cadmus will provide traditional hardcopy (and accept hardcopy corrections) upon request. The principal perceived benefits of electronic proofing are that authors need not be at their home institutions to get the proofs and it is easy to share proofs among co-authors.

Also effective this year, the electronic version of GCA papers posted on Elsevier's website can also include electronic supplements. The supplements are files provided by the authors; the website listing of the main article will include links to the supplement files. The supplements may include text, tables, figures, images, animations, etc., which are important to archive and keep available to the public but which are judged to require too much space to be published in the journal or are otherwise inappropriate for journal publication (e.g. animations, computer programs).

## **Goldschmidt Abstracts in GCA**

As was proposed and approved last year, abstracts for the Goldschmidt Conference will be published in a supplemental issue of GCA, starting with this year's conference in Davos. The abstract issue, just like any other, will be mailed to individual subscribers and to institutional hardcopy subscribers. It will also be part of the registration packet for all conference attendees. There are approximately 1750 abstracts submitted this year, which will make a thick (two abstracts to a page) but manageable issue.

Abstracts for the Davos conference were collected, formatted and organized by Cambridge Publications, who contracted for these services with conference organizers before publication of abstracts was approved last year. Cambridge Publications has subsequently contracted separately with Elsevier for additional services involved in preparing abstracts for publication in GCA.

Elsevier will absorb most of the cost of publishing the abstracts as part of GCA. They will provide hardcopies to the conference organizers, and include the hardcopies in individual member subscriptions, at the run-on cost. For this year the run-on cost is estimated at \$19 per copy.

A draft set of guidelines for publication of Goldschmidt Conference abstracts in GCA is given in Appendix V. These guidelines are intended primarily for future use, but they are consistent with this year's practice. It can be expected that they will be revised from time to time, particularly later this summer in light of this year's experience,

but the basic features should persist. The Editor requests a formal society resolution approving these guidelines. This is expected to be important in maintaining continuity even though the people primarily responsible for organization of the conference are different from one year to the next, and for abstract publication becoming part of the overall process of planning future Goldschmidt conferences.

***Eric Oelkers moved that the Board approve the guidelines for publication of Goldschmidt Conference abstracts in GCA. Scott Wood seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 8 votes for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.***

***It was further moved that the Board recommend to future Goldschmidt Conference organizers that hardcopies of the GCA volume that contains the Goldschmidt abstracts be made available to conference attendees as an option at the time of conference registration. The motion passed with 8 votes for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.***

Judith McKenzie closed the GCA Executive Editor Report session by thanking Frank Podosek for accepting another three-year term as the Executive Editor of GCA, for his continued service, and for bringing innovative ideas to the production of GCA.

**Special Publications Editor's Report:** Scott Wood reported on the status of the following Special Publication volumes:

1) Special Publication No. 7 (Crerar volume): It appeared in April 2002, with a cost of \$55 for members, \$80 for non-members, and some copies were sold to authors at \$25/copy. 1000 copies were printed at a cost of \$22,500. 151 copies had been sold as of August 5, 2002. Approximately 50 copies were given free to first authors of all papers, to Princeton University, to Scotia Macrae (Crerar's widow), to the Library of Congress for copyright registration, etc. Book reviews of the volume have been arranged to appear in *The Canadian Mineralogist*, *Economic Geology*, and *Mineralium Deposita*. A full page ad for the volume appeared in the July 2002 issue of *The Geochemical News*, and free ads have appeared in the newsletters of the Mineralogical Association of Canada (June 2002) and the Association of Exploration Geochemists (July 2002) in return for future ads in our newsletter. An ad was sent to the Society of Economic Geologists to appear in their newsletter, a notice was sent via e-mail to all GS members, and ads were also posted to a number of electronic bulletin boards, and on the GS website.

2) Special Publication No. 8 (Giggenbach volume). The volume will be published in cooperation with the Society of Economic Geologists, and will be edited by Stuart Simmons. Manuscripts are still in the review stage.

3) Special Publication No. 9 (Kaplan volume – proposed). A proposal for a Special Publication to honor the scientific contributions of Dr. Isaac R. (Ian) Kaplan was prepared by Ronald Hill and presented by Scott Wood. The Board discussed the merits and expenses of this proposal, as well as the range of topics covered by the papers that have been lined up for the proposed volume. ***Eric Oelkers moved that the Board approve the proposal, with a limitation for the Special Volume of 450 pages. In order to achieve this page limit, the Board recommends that Dr. Hill reevaluate the author list to focus the volume more on organic geochemistry. The motion was seconded by Erwin Suess, and it passed with 8 votes for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.***

Scott Wood further reported on a proposal for student book award. He also provided updates on the Reviews in Mineralogy and Geochemistry (RiM&G) volumes that are co-sponsored by GS. The following volumes have been approved by the Board of Directors in previous meetings:

- 1) Noble Gases in Cosmochemistry and Geochemistry (Porcelli, D., Ballentine, C. and Wieler, R., eds.) – V. 47. This volume went to press in early summer 2002 and should be available at Goldschmidt 2002. No short course is associated.
- 2) Applications of Synchrotron Radiation in Low-Temperature Geochemistry and Environmental Science (Fenter, P., Rivers, M., Sturchio, N. and Sutton, S., eds.). A short course is scheduled to take place on December 4-5, 2002 in Monterey, CA.
- 3) Uranium-series Geochemistry (B.Bourdon, S.P. Turner, G. M. Henderson and C.C. Lundstrom). A short course to be held in Bristol before the EGS/AGU/EUG in Nice in April 2003 is planned.

**Program Committee Report:** Judith McKenzie reported that Marty Goldhaber is the new Chair of the Program Committee. A number of items were discussed that could be used to make the Program Committee more effective, including the submission of more proposals to other conferences for symposia that could be sponsored by the Geochemical Society, and the advertisement in the Geochemical News of calls for these types of proposals.

In a related topic, Judith McKenzie described the Geochemical Society's Meetings Assistance Program (MAP). The Geochemical Society wishes to help support geochemically-oriented meetings. GS MAP has been created to this end. This program is divided into two parts:

- **Part I:** This is a \$10K award given each year from the Treasurer of the GS to the organizers of the Goldschmidt Conference that year. This award is automatic, that is, no application is required. The money is to be used exclusively for assistanceships to graduate students attending Goldschmidt Conferences. It is the responsibility of the conference organizers to distribute the money as they think best. However, it is also the responsibility of the organizers to report to the GS Treasurer how the money was distributed in a brief report after the meeting takes place.

- **Part II:** This is a \$10K sum per year that is to be used by GS members to financially support geochemistry sessions/symposia at any scientific conference of geochemical relevance. The following guidelines will be enforced.

- 1) Individual GS members who are symposium/session organizers can apply for such a MAP award.
- 2) Proposals should be between 1 and 2 pages in length and should describe the overall conference, the session(s) for which funds are required along with the session(s) speaker list, and exactly how the requested funds will be spent.
- 3) The amount requested cannot exceed \$2,000 per proposal.
- 4) Only one proposal from the same individual or group can be submitted in a 12 month period.
- 5) Proposals are reviewed and awarded/rejected by the Program Committee of the Geochemical Society. Submission is made to the Chair of the Program Committee (see the GS website for current chair by clicking on About the GS, then Governance, then GS Personnel). Although the proposals are judged primarily on merit and funds available, grants will be distributed as widely as possible across the board range of disciplines and geographical areas represented by the GS, and also as evenly as possible throughout the calendar year.
- 6) There is no submission deadline, but it would be wise to submit a proposal as early as one can be put together. If the proposal is rejected because that year's funds have already been assigned, the organizers will still have time to seek funding elsewhere.

**Discussion of Developing World Scientist Sponsorship Program:** This issue was brought up in response to a letter by Mark Logsdon that was published in the July 2002 issue of *Geochemical News*. A number of possibilities were discussed, including the use of sponsorship programs to enable students from developing countries to attend Goldschmidt conferences and to enable Geochemistry Society members to sponsor a member from a developing country at a reduced rate.

**Current and Future Goldschmidt Conferences:**

- 1) 2002 Goldschmidt Conference: Davos, Switzerland – Alex Halliday presented a report on the 2002 conference. The conference organizers broadened the scope of the meeting by engaging a wide range of scientists; they used scientists from across Switzerland to help plan the meeting; they arranged sponsorship to provide extra support for those from developing countries; they developed the concept of the International Program Committee to produce relevant and exciting scientific sessions; and they chose a location that is well-supported by local infrastructure. By many measures, the conference was a success: over 1700 abstracts were submitted, with over 1500 preregistrations. The conference generated over 400 new members to the GS and EAG. For continued success for future Goldschmidt conferences, Halliday recommended the use of a proactive Goldschmidt Advisory Board, the continued use of the International Program Committee, the continued use of Cambridge Publications, GCA and Elsevier, the promotion of Goldschmidt as the one international meeting that geochemists must attend each year, and an effort to make geochemistry as organized as geophysics and geology in promoting itself and organizing its major conferences.

Halliday further recommended: 1) that if Goldschmidt conferences remain large, it would be worthwhile budgeting to provide half a year sabbatical for the conference organizer as well as half a year of secretarial time; 2) that a well configured and organized conference center is essential for a successful large conference; and 3) that the submission of abstracts in MS Word format allows delegates to easily include much more information (e.g., tables, figures, equations) in each abstract, but a number of technical difficulties exist with the use of MS Word.

- 2) 2003 Goldschmidt Conference: Kurashiki, Japan – Yukihiro Matsuhisa reported on the plans that are underway for the 2003 conference, planned for Sept. 7 – 12, 2003. This will be the first meeting held in the western Pacific region. The Geochemical Society of Japan will take part in the sponsorship. The city of Kurashiki is located about 200 km west of Osaka, easily accessible by the bullet train (*Shinkansen*) from Tokyo (3.5 hours), Osaka (1 hour), or Fukuoka (2 hours). A local airport at Okayama is also connected to Seoul, Shanghai and Tokyo. Kurashiki was a local trading center in western Japan in the 17th to 19th centuries, preserving attractive medieval Japan atmosphere in its old town area. Matsuhisa reported that the organizing committee has reserved the facilities of Kurashiki-Sakuyo University for the conference. At least 9 parallel oral sessions each with 100 to 150 people seated can be organized, together with plenary sessions, poster sessions, and exhibition areas. A large cafeteria, computer facilities, and childcare facilities are also available. The International Program Committee (IPC) will help plan the special sessions for the meeting as they did for the Davos meeting. Besides proposals by the Task Groups of IPC, the organizing committee also has issued a call for session proposals from the geochemical

community in general. For details, see the *Geochemical News*, No. 112 and the Goldschmidt 2003 website (<http://www.ics-inc.co.jp/gold2003/>). The abstracts of Goldschmidt 2003 will be published in a supplemental special issue of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, and will be distributed to the participants together with CD-ROM at the conference venue.

- 3) 2004 Goldschmidt Conference: Copenhagen, Denmark – Susan Stipp presented a report for the Organizing Committee of the 2004 conference, planned for June 6 – 11, 2004. A significant concern is the expected growth of the Goldschmidt Conference. Using previous European Goldschmidt conferences as a model, approximately 2000 delegates can be expected for the 2004 meeting. A number of options were discussed to deal with this size of meeting. The scientific emphasis of the meeting will be on Geochemical Processes, and the physical and scientific planning of the meeting are progressing on schedule.
- 4) 2005 Goldschmidt Conference – Scott Wood and Mickey Gunter presented a full proposal to hold the 2005 Goldschmidt Conference at the University of Idaho, on May 23-27, 2005. After considerable discussion concerning the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal and the site, it was decided to postpone a decision concerning the location of the 2005 conference in order to consider alternative sites and to further consider the Idaho site. The Board would also seek to elicit comments from the Goldschmidt Forum, and from Board members who could not attend the Davos Board of Directors meeting.

**MSA Co-Sponsorship of Goldschmidt Conferences:** Rod Ewing briefly summarized the strong interest of the MSA in collaborating and supporting Goldschmidt conferences and Geochemical Society activities in general. He urged the Board of Directors to compose program committees to include scientists with expertise in mineralogy, and he thought it would be especially productive to forge closer relationships between these two communities.

**Patterson Award:** Judith McKenzie, Lynn Walter, and Alex Halliday led a discussion of the criteria considered for awarding of the Patterson award. The award was originated in response to a perceived need for more awards in geochemistry in general, to reward an outstanding piece of recent research rather than a career award, and to bring added recognition to environmental geochemistry. Some discussion ensued as to whether ‘environmental’ connotes ‘anthropogenic’, and the Board agreed that the Patterson Award committee should interpret the word in its most general sense.

**Geochemical News Editors’ Report:** Johnson Haas and Carla Koretsky reported that they have initiated a number of changes to the *Geochemical News* during their tenure as co-editors. These changes include the addition of color pages, a significant reduction in the cost of foreign mailings of the newsletter, the creation of a free job advertisement section, and a number of editorial and content changes. They presented details on the newsletter budget, the cost of which is approximately \$7,000 USD per issue. This cost is approximately the same as the cost under the previous newsletter editor.

Judith McKenzie commended both Haas and Koretsky for the excellent job that they have done with Geochemical News, adding to the attractiveness of the product and to the value of the newsletter to society members.

**Proposal for GS/MSA Magazine Collaboration:** Rod Ewing presented a proposal to establish a monthly magazine of mineralogy and geochemistry. This new endeavor would help shape the image and activities of the mineralogical and geochemical disciplines, and would provide a medium for interacting with the broader geoscience, material science, and chemistry communities. Primary functions of the magazine would be to better showcase achievements in mineralogy and geochemistry to the scientific community in general as well as to the public, and to attract students to the disciplines represented in the magazine. Ewing outlined the potential content, editorial structure, staffing requirements, and budget of the magazine, which would be roughly patterned after the MRS Bulletin. This proposal was also presented to the Mineralogical Association of Canada and to the Clay Minerals Society. Ewing called for each society, if interested, to appoint two persons to represent it on a steering committee which would develop a business plan and schedule for publication, propose a new name, and propose candidates for the positions of editor and Editorial Board members.

*Tim Drever moved that the Board of Directors express its enthusiastic support for the concept of the new magazine, and that the Board will supply two members of the Geochemical Society to serve on the steering committee. Erwin Suess seconded this motion, which passed unanimously with no abstentions.*

**Renaming of the Organic Geochemistry Division:** Ken Peters expressed his strong disagreement with the suggestion to rename the OGD or to create a new division focused on biogeochemistry. Peters argued that biogeochemistry is actually a subset of organic geochemistry, and that the discipline is alive and well-represented within the Organic Geochemistry Division. There was general agreement expressed that the Geochemical Society already has adequate inclusion of biogeochemistry in both the Goldschmidt meetings and in GCA, and no change was recommended at this time.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm.

These minutes were prepared by Jeremy B. Fein, Secretary, The Geochemical Society, and were submitted September 2, 2002.

## APPENDIX I. 2002 Member Demographics.

### 2002 Membership by Country

<b>Country</b>	<b>No. of Members</b>	<b>%</b>
USA	886	57 %
Canada	85	6 %
Germany	77	5 %
Japan	76	5 %
United Kingdom	71	5 %
Australia	43	3 %
Switzerland	41	3 %
France	40	3 %
The Netherlands	21	1 %
Sweden	16	1 %
38 Other Countries	167	11 %

*The United States still makes up the bulk of memberships. However, it has decreased by 2% from last year's report, indicating that the society is continuing to diversify*

### 2002 Membership by Payment Method

<b>Method</b>	<b>No. Submitted</b>	<b>%</b>
Visa	668	44 %
Mastercard	378	25 %
Check / MO	350	23 %
American Express	111	7 %
Other	16	1 %

*Credit card processing is still vital function of the business office, comprising over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of membership payments.*

### 2002 Membership by Submission Method

<b>Method</b>	<b>No. Submitted</b>	<b>%</b>
Mail	609	40 %
Email	440	29 %
Fax	361	24 %
Phone	113	7 %

*Due to the unsecured nature of e-mail, this year's drive promoted other means of submission. As a result e-mail submissions dived 18% from last year, as many members switched to post and fax submissions.*

### 2002 Membership by Category

<b>Category</b>	<b>No. Submitted</b>	<b>%</b>
Professional	934	61 %
Professional OGD	326	21 %
Student	141	9 %
Student OGD	59	4 %
Senior	52	3 %
Senior OGD	11	1 %

*Over ¼ of members are in the OGD. Last year approximately 10% of membership would qualify for senior status. This year, the first to have senior membership, shows that only 4% are choosing to take advantage of it.*

### 2002 Membership History

<b>Method</b>	<b>No. Submitted</b>	<b>%</b>
Renewals	1350	89 %
New Unsolicited	127	8 %
New: Solicited	43	3 %
Life Members	3	0 %

*As usual, the majority of our numbers are by membership retention. But, progress has been made in recruiting memberships through GCA author solicitations via post and e-mail. A test sample of 554 GCA Authors were solicited for GS membership. Of those, 43 have joined (a 7.7% return) and just as many were returned undeliverable. Although this may seem an insignificant number, these 554 represent a fraction of the number of authors that are published in GCA and are not members. Since there is no postage for e-mail solicitations, this policy will be continued.*

APPENDIX II.  
**Subscriptions**

2002 GCA Subscriptions  
(as of GCA v.66 issue 16)

<b>Membership/Type</b>	<b>No. of Subscriptions</b>	<b>%</b>
GS Professional	781	76 %
GS Student	69	7 %
GS Senior	33	3 %
MS Professional	130	13 %
MS Student	10	1 %

Subscriptions are down from last year. A reasonable cause for this is the increased availability of Elsevier's Contents Direct on-line program.

Starting in 2002, Elsevier also gave limited access to GCA subscribing members to access GCA on-line. Note that this is currently in addition to the normal paper subscription and not a replacement of it.

In April 2002, Elsevier Science switched to a new address label format for GCA subscriptions. There have been quite a few errors in this change, most notably is the number of back issue requests for v66 issue 6, although requests for issues after 6 are also more numerous than normal. Elsevier has assured the GS that they have worked the bugs out of the new labeling system and should no longer pose a problem.

2002 GN Subscriptions  
(as of GN #112)

<b>Membership/Type</b>	<b>No. of Subscriptions</b>	<b>%</b>
GS Professional	1257	58 %
GS Student	197	9 %
GS Senior	63	3 %
EAG	660	30 %

Labels for the GN issues are now submitted electronically to the GN editors who handle transferring them on to the newsletter.

Shortly after the issues have been mailed, the business office is sent the remaining overprint issues for storage and back issue distribution.

APPENDIX III.

2002 Publication Prices and Inventory	Current Price	Inventory as of 7/31/02
v.1 <i>Magmatic Processes: Physicochemical Principles. A volume in honor of Hatten S. Yoder, Jr.</i> , edited by B.O. Mysen (1987)	\$25.00	348
v.2 <i>Fluid-Mineral Interactions: A Tribute to H.P. Eugster</i> , edited by R.J. Spencer and I.-M. Chou (1990)	\$25.00	968
v.3 <i>Stable Isotope Geochemistry: A Tribute to Samuel Epstein</i> , edited by H.P. Taylor <i>et al.</i> (1991)	\$25.00	966
v.4 <i>Victor Moritz Goldschmidt: Father of Modern Geochemistry</i> , by Brian Mason (1992)	\$20.00	593
v.5 <i>Mineral Spectroscopy: A Tribute to Roger G. Burns</i> , edited by M.D. Dyar <i>et al.</i> (1996)	\$40.00 / \$60.00	1099
v.6 <i>Mantle Petrology: Field Observations and High-Pressure Experimentation: A Tribute to Francis R. (Joe) Boyd</i> , edited by Y. Fei, C.M Bertka and B.O. Mysen (1999)	\$60.00 / \$90.00	644
v.7 <i>Water-Rock Interactions, Ore Deposits, and Environmental Geochemistry A Tribute to David A. Crerar</i> , edited by R. Hellmann and S.A. Wood (2002)	\$55.00 / \$80.00	849

The inventory is an estimated count of remaining stock. A manual accounting of stock will be performed this fall.

2002 Special Publication Sales

Volume/Tribute	2001 Sales	2002 Sales	Volume/Tribute	2001 Sales	2002 Sales
Sets	15	-	v.4 Goldschmidt	160	4
v.1 Yoder	6	6	v.5 Burns	16	11
v.2 Eugster	10	5	v.6 Boyd	37	9
v.3 Epstein	12	9	v.7 Crerar	-	142

APPENDIX IV.

**GCA MANUSCRIPT ACTIVITY REPORT (WASH. U. EDITORIAL OFFICE)**

	1999 4th qtr	2000 1st qtr	2000 2nd qtr	2000 3rd qtr	2000 4th qtr	2001 1st qtr	2001 2nd qtr	2001 3rd qtr	2001 4th qtr	2002 1st qtr	2002 2nd qtr
Last Update	3/30/02	6/30/02	6/30/02	6/30/02	6/30/02	6/30/02	6/30/02	6/30/02	6/30/02	6/30/02	6/30/02
Last manuscript number	W0134	W0269	W0411	W0556	W0710	W0862	W1015	W1154	W1317	W1456	W1587
Total manuscripts logged	134	135	142	145	154	152	153	139	163	139	131
Regular Articles	121	128	135	140	147	146	147	132	152	129	125
Comment/Response	1	2	4	2	1	3	0	2	4	5	1
Invited papers	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Editorials	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Book Reviews	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	4	0	0
Awards speeches	6	0	0	2	6	0	5	3	0	0	0
Announcements	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	1
Errata	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	3	4
Status (all manuscripts)											
In print	92	72	91	79	97	67	58	30	4	2	0
In press	0	0	1	2	5	10	22	41	39	8	4
In revision	0	1	1	0	2	6	23	19	51	54	10
In review	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	103
Rejected	39	55	40	57	46	60	44	45	64	46	14
Withdrawn	3	7	9	7	4	9	6	4	5	9	0
Statistics (Scientific Manuscripts Only)											
Science MS accepted	81	68	89	78	96	74	80	71			
Acceptance rate (%)	66	52	64	55	65	50					
Mean Days to AE Report	95	87	88	92	93	94	101	92	93		
Max Days to AE Report	174	258	199	191	196	224	236	242	172		
Mean Days to Decision	184	165	182	170	164	163					
Mean Months Sub-Pub	13.5	14.1	13.4	12.5	12.5						

## APPENDIX V.

### **Guidelines for publication of Goldschmidt Conference abstracts in GCA**

The Geochemical Society, the Meteoritical Society, the Executive Editor of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* and Elsevier, as represented by its Publishing Editor responsible for GCA, have agreed that beginning in 2002 the abstracts of the Goldschmidt Conference should be published in a supplemental special issue of GCA. This document describes guidelines for implementation of this resolution.

#### **Abstract Compiler**

Conference abstracts will not be processed in the regular GCA editorial office. Instead, it will be the responsibility of the Conference organization to process abstracts and provide appropriate materials to the Elsevier Production Manager for publication in GCA. The specific group responsible for abstract processing is hereafter termed the Compiler. It is anticipated that the Compiler responsible for delivery of materials to Elsevier will be the same organization responsible for processing abstracts for other purposes, such as preparation of a CD, creation of the program of technical sessions, etc. From prior experience it is expected that the Compiler will be a commercial entity which contracts with the Conference organization, but in principle the same task could be undertaken by a volunteer organization.

As regards publication in GCA, the basic responsibility of the Compiler is to deliver to Elsevier formatted camera-ready copy (CRC), along with the equivalent electronic files in pdf format. A table of contents is not necessary but the materials provided to Elsevier should include an author index.

#### **Schedule**

The Compiler must deliver the CRC and equivalent files to Elsevier no less than five weeks prior to the beginning of the Conference. Experience indicates that this requires that the deadline for electronic submission of abstracts be at least sixteen weeks prior to the beginning of the Conference.

If the Compiler meets this deadline, Elsevier will deliver hardcopy abstract issues to the Conference venue one week before the beginning of the Conference. The abstract issue will also be mailed to hardcopy subscribers, institutional and individual, at the printer's earliest convenience.

#### **Finance**

From prior experience it is expected that most of the Compiler's efforts in processing abstracts are necessary for Conference objectives other than publication of abstracts in GCA, and therefore that most of the Compiler's financial compensation will be derived from Conference organizers' funds. Conference organizers are encouraged to charge an explicit abstract fee to cover this cost (rather than absorbing the cost in the registration fee).

Some of the Compiler's work will involve preparation of materials for delivery to Elsevier for abstract publication, beyond what would be necessary without publication of abstracts. Elsevier will negotiate with the Compiler to pay for this additional service.

Elsevier will provide copies of the abstract issue to the Conference at cost (run-off plus shipping). Conference organizers are requested to include the abstract issue in the registration packet and to include the cost of the abstract issue in the registration fee.

#### **Format**

Abstract text font should be Times New Roman. Essential elements include title (14 point, bold), list of authors (10 point, large and small uppercase letters), institutional affiliation(s) (9 point) and main text (9 point), including references (9 point). As in the accompanying illustrations, title, author, affiliation and main text fields should be separated by a blank line. Title, author and affiliation fields should be centered, main text should be fully justified with indented paragraphs. Literature citation callouts in the text should be by bracketed sequence numbers, and references should be provided at the end of the text. References should have an abbreviated format, rather than the more extended format regularly required for GCA, and successive references may be run-on on the same line (see examples). Optional figures (black and white only) and/or tables, at the authors' discretion, should be permitted, subject to compliance with total length guidelines. The Compiler should provide a template in a widely used word processor format (e.g. Microsoft Word) along with instructions to assist authors in complying with these format guidelines.

The Compiler will be expected to exercise reasonable diligence in assuring that abstracts conform to these format guidelines, and also in correcting gross word-processing errors and minor typographical, orthographical and grammatical errors, as long as the meaning is obvious. Where it is evident that authors have made an error but the meaning is not obvious, or where information is missing, the Compiler will be expected to contact the author if possible and work with him/her to produce a correctly formatted abstract.

All abstracts, including required format elements and possible optional figures and/or tables, should be no more than one journal column long, so that they may be printed two to a page. This rule should be enforced strictly, to the point that abstracts are deleted if their authors cannot be contacted or do not provide a compliant abstract in timely fashion. The only exceptions are that at the discretion of the Conference organizers, a few abstracts may be designated as "plenary" abstracts and allotted one full page (two columns) rather than one column.

The formatted pages delivered to Elsevier should be numbered consecutively, with a numeral following the letter "A", i.e. pages A1, A2, etc. Abstracts should appear in alphabetical order by author. If there are any plenary abstracts they should be grouped together before the regular abstracts (alphabetical by author within each group).

## **Selection**

Conference organizers, in concert with the Compiler, are requested to enforce a limit of only one abstract per first author. An exception may be made in the case of invited plenary or keynote speakers, who may submit a second, "regular" abstract in addition to an abstract for the invited presentation.

There should be no "print only" category for abstract submission, i.e. abstracts should be accepted only from authors who intend to attend the Conference and make the corresponding presentation, oral or poster. It is understood that conference organizers cannot enforce an author's intent, but the abstract submission form should include a statement that there is no print-only category.

Abstracts are not to be peer reviewed in the normal sense, but abstracts should be screened for substantive content, and any obviously frivolous or otherwise unsuitable (libelous? salacious? incoherent?) abstracts should be rejected. While the Compiler may be involved in such screening, it is expected that this should mainly be the responsibility of symposium and/or technical session chairpersons or of the Conference's program committee.

## **Program Committee**

To help implement these guidelines, Conference organizers are requested to include the Executive Editor of GCA on the local Program Committee or other group most closely responsible for evaluating abstracts.