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Annual Meeting

The first annual meeting and business meeting of the Geochemical Society will be held at the Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 31 through November 2, 1956 in conjunction with the meetings of the Geological Society of America and associated societies. For information circulars concerning hotel reservations, program, etc., write to the Secretary, The Geological Society of America, 419 West 117th Street, New York 27, New York.

Scientific Papers

Members or others wishing to present papers at the annual meeting should obtain abstract forms from the Secretary. Please note that papers can be considered only if the following requirements are met:

1. Abstracts are received by July 1.
2. Abstracts are within the 250 word limit.
3. Abstracts are truly informative.
4. Abstracts are submitted on official forms.
5. The contributor indicates, on the abstract form, the minimum time in which he can do justice to his topic (maximum is 15 minutes).
6. Permission to publish abstract is certified (if employer requires).

These rules have been adopted by the Program committee of G.S.A. and associated societies in an effort to lighten a too-crowded schedule and at the same time to allow presentation of as many significant papers as possible.

News of the Society

Membership continues to climb. 534 copies of the first issue of the News were mailed, and circulation of this issue will be above 600. Remember, applications for charter membership will be accepted until July 1.

At the time this issue of the News goes to press, Earl Ingerson has received 257 returns from the circular inquiring about plans of the members regarding subscription to *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*. Of these, 171 wish to subscribe at the reduced rates

offered. If this rate of returns continues we should reach the 250 member subscription requirement to qualify us for the straight \$10.00 per year subscription rate. Please return your blank to Earl if you have not already done so.

George Faust, our treasurer, has asked the News to extend his thanks to the many members who included notes and comments with their membership applications. Owing to the considerable correspondence involved in discharging his official duties, he is unable to acknowledge them personally.

Committees of the Geochemical Society

The President of the Society with the advice of the Council, appointed the following committees:

Program – Brian H. Mason (Chairman), R. L. Smith, George W. Wetherill, and the Secretary, ex-officio.

Nominating – C. B. Slawson (Chairman), George C. Kennedy, J.F. Schairer, Gerard Kuiper, R. A. Roland.

Auditing – Joseph J. Fahey (Chairman), S. Zerfoss, L.T. Aldrich.

Publications – J. L. Kulp (Chairman), John Verhoogen, H. V. Warren, Thomas G. Thompson, L. R. Wager, and the Secretary, ex-officio.

Incorporation – A. Van Valkenberg (Chairman), J. W. Greig, M. Fleischer, G. Kullerud.

Constitution and By-laws – M. Fleischer (Chairman), Dennis Shaw, J. R. Goldsmith.

Education – J. A. S. Adams (Chairman), M. L. Keith, K.B. Krauskopf, C. E. Tilley, R. M. Garrels.

Membership – O. F. Tuttle (Chairman), J. B. Thompson, W. R. Foster.

Announcement of a Special Double Number of “Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta”, July-August 1956

This issue will contain the following papers:

- 1) Silica in Hot-Springs Waters
Donald E. White, W. W. Brannock, and K. J. Murata, U.S.G.S.
- 2) Dissolution and precipitation of Silica at Low Temperatures
Konrad B. Krauskopf

3) Potassium-Argon dating
R. E. Folinsbee

Subscribers who wish extra copies of this special issue may obtain them for \$4.20; non-subscribers for \$7.00. For \$2.80 additional non-subscribers may obtain the entire current volume of six numbers. Orders may be sent to:

Pergamon Press Inc.,
122 East 55th Street
New York 22, New York

And should be received by early July so that the proper number of copies can be printed.

Constitution and By-laws

The Constitution and By-laws, adopted by the Society at the organizing meeting in New Orleans, November 7, 1955, are reproduced here for your information and consideration. Please bring this with you to the annual business meeting in Minneapolis; it seems quite likely that there will be lively discussions at that time, especially relating to qualifications for membership.

Constitution of the Geochemical Society

- I. The Society shall be known as The Geochemical Society.
- II. The object of the Society shall be to encourage the application of chemistry to the solution of geological and cosmological problems.
- III.
 1. The officers of the Society shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer, each to be elected annually, by a majority of those voting.
 2. There shall be an executive council, to be composed of the above officers, the retiring president, and six other members of the Society, who shall be elected for terms of three years each, excepting that at the first election two shall be elected for one-year terms, two for two-year terms, and two for three-year terms.
- IV.
 1. There shall be only one type of general membership. All members shall be entitled to vote on all matters, including elections of officers, that are considered by the Society.
 2. Any person who is qualified to advance the objectives of the Society shall be eligible to membership. Minimum experience requirements alone will not necessarily qualify a candidate for membership.

- V. Amendments to the constitution may be proposed to the Council by 5% of the membership, or by any 25 members, whichever is less. The council shall indicate whether it approves or disapproves, but in either case they shall be submitted to the members for mail ballot.

The amendment is accepted if approved by two-thirds of those voting on it.

By-laws of the Geochemical Society

- I. Membership – Nominations for membership shall set forth the candidate's qualifications, must be endorsed by two members in good standing, and shall be passed upon by the Council.
- II. The annual dues shall be two dollars (\$2.00). Memberships are to run for calendar years.
- III. 1. The duties of the officers shall be the usual ones performed by such officers.
- The president, secretary, and treasurer shall make annual reports to the Society.
2. The Executive Council shall direct all affairs and activities of the Society, except that the president, vice-president, and secretary may act as an emergency executive committee.
3. The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Council, such committees as may be needed to further the objects of the Society. These shall include a Nominating Committee and a Program Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, not more than one of whom shall be a member of the Council, to serve one-year terms. The Chairman shall be chosen from one of the members of the committee for the preceding year. The Program Committee shall consist of three members plus the Secretary serving ex-officio. They shall, operating under policies laid down by the Council, make arrangements for the program of the annual meeting and shall cooperate with other Societies having programs of interest to this Society.
- IV. Nominations for office shall be made by the Council, one nomination for each office. They shall be made known to the members at least three months before the annual meeting. Other nominations may be made in writing by any ten members; they must be in the hands of the secretary at least forty-five days before the annual meeting. Ballots carrying all nominations without distinction between those of the Council and any others shall be distributed to the members. The officers elected shall enter on duty at the adjournment of the annual meeting.

- V. The Council shall have the authority to arrange for affiliation or association with other scientific societies, and the president shall, with the Council's approval, appoint representatives to such organizations.
- VI. There shall be an annual meeting of the Society, to be held, whenever practicable, at the same time and place as that of the Geological Society of America, and such other meetings as may be called by the Council.
- VII. Amendments to the By-Laws may be proposed to the Council by any ten members of the Society. The Council shall indicate its approval or disapproval, but in either case, they shall be submitted to the members by mail ballot and must be approved by two-thirds of those voting upon them.

Officers and Councilors

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