

**Minutes of the Second Business Meeting
19th General Meeting of IMA
Kobe, Japan
Thursday 27th, July 2006
International Conference Center, Main Hall**

Hour: 18H00-18H40

IMA Council

Present: Ian Parsons, President, in the chair
Takamitsu Yamanaka, First Vice-President
Nicolai Yushkin, Second Vice-President
Maryse Ohnenstetter, Secretary,
Robert Downs, Treasurer
Alain Baronnet, Kari Kojonen, Marcello Mellini, Walter Maresch, Councillors.
Excused: Tony Naldrett, Past-President, Ian Campbell, Councillor

National Delegates

	National Society	Balloting power	Delegates
1	Mineralogical Association of Argentina	1	
2	SGGMP : Specialist Group of Geochemistry, Mineralogy and Petrology (SGGMP) (Geological Society of Australia)	3	William BIRCH Dermot HENRY Alfonso TRUDU
3	Mineralogical Association of Austria	3	Herta EFFENBERGER Volker HOECK Ekkehart TILLMANN
4	Mineralogical Union of Belgium	1	Frédéric HATERT
5	Mineralogical group (Brazilian Society of Geology)	1	
6	Bulgarian Mineralogical Society	1	Yvan BONEV
7	Mineralogical Association of Canada	4	Dogan PAKTUNC Jeanne PAQUETTE Elena SOKOLOVA Mehmet F. TANER
8	Chinese Society of Mineralogy, Petrology and Geochemistry	3	Anhuai LU Shengrong LI Rucheng WANG
9	Croatian Mineralogical Association (Geological Society of Croatia)	1	
10	Mineralogical group (Czech Geological Society)	1	Milan NOVAK
11	Mineralogical Society of Denmark	1	
12	The Mineralogical Society of Egypt	1	Mohamed Ali MANDOUR
13	The Mineralogical Society of Finland	1	Kari KOJONEN
14	French Society of Mineralogy & Crystallography	4	Patrick CORDIER Daniel NEUVILLE
15	German Mineralogical Association	5	Thomas Karl FEHR Juergen KOEPKE
16	Committee of Economic Geology, Mineralogy and Geochemistry (Geological Society of Greece)	1	
17	Mineralogical and Geochemical Section of the Hungarian Geological Society	1	Tamas WEISZBURG
18	Mineralogical Society of India	2	
19	Mineralogical group (Israel Geological Society)	1	
20	Italian Mineralogical and Petrological Society	3	Giovanni FERRARIS Stefano MERLINO Simona QUARTIERI
21	Mineralogical Society of Japan	4	Kiyoshi FUJINO Satoshi MATSUBARA Eiji OHTANI
22	Mineralogical Society of Korea	1	
23	Mineralogical group (Royal Geological and Mining Society of the Netherlands)	1	Ernst BURKE
24	The Mineralogical Society of New Zealand	1	
25	Mineralogical group (Norway Geological Society)	1	Gunnar RAADE
26	The Mineralogical Society of Poland	2	Marek MICHALIK

27	Mineralogy Group (Geological Society of Portugal)	1	
28	Mineralogical Society of Romania	1	Corina IONESCU
29	Mineralogical Society of Russia	5	Askhab M. ASKHABOV Nicholay BORTNIKOV Tatiana L. EVSTIGNEEVA Stanislav K. FILATOV Nicolay SOBOLEV
30	Mineralogical Society of Slovakia	1	
3&	Mineralogical Association of South Africa	2	Sabine VERRYIN Roland MERKLE
32	Spanish Society of Mineralogy	2	
33	The Swedish Mineralogical Society	1	
34	Swiss Society of Mineralogy and Petrology	2	
35	The Ukrainian Mineralogical Society	2	
36	Mineralogical Society of Great Britain and Ireland	4	Ben HARTE Mark WELCH
37	Mineralogical Society of America	5	Barb DUTROW George HARLOW Charles PREWITT H. Catherine SKINNER Joseph SMYTH
38	Mineralogical Society of Uzbekistan	1	Rustam KONEEV

1. Welcome by President Ian Parsons

Delegates were welcomed by the President of IMA for their attendance at the second IMA Business Meeting.

Voting by general agreement was agreed if there was no opposition on a proposed item.

All the items to be voted on had been presented during the first Business Meeting through overhead transparencies (see appendices of the first Business Meeting).

2. Approval of the agenda

The following agenda was approved by the delegates :

1. Change in the Constitution: Communications Officer Position in the Council
2. Proposed List of IMA Councillors
3. Merging of CNMMN and CCM
4. Vote on New Officers in IMA COM/WG
5. Meetings
 - 2007
 - 2008- IGC or EGU
 - 2009
 - 2010 - 20th General Meeting of the IMA, Budapest
6. Strategic plans for the IMA
 - Medal
 - RRUFF database
 - Funding IMA
7. IMA Commissions and Working Groups
 - New structure proposal
8. Council : New Committees
9. Closing by President Ian Parsons

There was one question asked by E. Tillmanns relative to an additional modification of the constitution. The proposal consists in including the first Vice-president in charge of organizing the next General Meeting of IMA within the Executive Officers. This proposal was similar to the one presented by E. Tillmanns during the second council meeting.

It was answered that any change within the constitution would require a notification to National Representatives several weeks in advance of the business meeting.

3. Change in the IMA constitution : Communications Officer Position in the Council

The following text, proposed by President Ian Parsons and approved by the Council, was submitted for approval to delegates. The proposal consists of amendments to Article 4B (a) of the Constitution (new or changed words underlined):

The Council consists of the President, the First and Second Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, The Treasurer, a Communications Officer, five ordinary Councillors, and the retiring President. The first six of these will hereafter be referred to as the Officers.

The President, Secretary, Treasurer and Communications Officer form the Executive Committee. A person occupying..... [*No further changes*].

There was one question relative to the duration of the appointment of the Communication Officer. As for the other councillors, there is no limit for this. However, the term should be long enough for the Communication Officer to establish contacts with as wide a range of societies and individual members as possible.

Modifications to article 4 B were unanimously approved by the delegates.

4. Proposed list of IMA Councillors

The following list was unanimously approved by the delegates.

N°	Position	Name
1	President	Takamitsu Yamanaka
2	First Vice-President	Ekkehart Tillmanns
3	Second Vice-President	Nicolai Yushkin
4	Past-President	Ian Parsons
5	Treasurer	Robert Downs
6	Secretary	Maryse Ohnenstetter
7	Councillor	Joel Grice
8	Councillor	Kari Kojonen
9	Councillor	Anhuai Lu
10	Councillor	Walter Maresch
11	Councillor	Marcello Mellini

5. Merging of the CNMMN and CCM

The merging of the CNMMN and CCM consisted of the dissolution of the CCM and the reorganization of the CNMMN with a change of name to 'Commission on New Minerals, Nomenclature and Classification' (CNMNC).

The merging was unanimously approved by the delegates.

6. Election of Officers of some Commissions - Working Groups for the period 2006-2010

Delegates unanimously approved the position of the following officers in the IMA commissions and working groups.

Commission or Working Groups	Position	Name
Com. on Applied Mineralogy	Chair	Dogan Paktunc
Com. on Mineral growth and Interface Processes	Chair	Katsuo Tsukamoto
Com. on Museums	Secretary	Dermot Henry
Com. on New Minerals, Nomenclature and Classification	Vice-Chair 1	Frédéric Hatert
	Vice-Chair 2	Stanislas K. Filatov
W.G. on Inclusions in Minerals	Chair	Sergey Smirnov
	Secretary	Pei Ni

7. Meetings plan

7.1. Rotation of the IMA General Meeting - It makes sense that the IMA General Meeting would occur successively in Europe, within the Pacific rim and in the Americas. Following the IMA meetings in Edinburgh, 2002, Kobe, 2006, and Budapest, 2010, the IMA meeting in 2014 should occur in the Americas. It was suggested that the 21st General Meeting should occur in the United States of America, provided that the Mineralogical Society of America agrees with the proposal.

7.2. Next Business Meeting - There was general agreement in the IMA Council to hold a business meeting in 2008, in the interval before the 20th General Meeting in Budapest. Delegates were informed that the Council had still to discuss the location of the 2008 business meeting, but had considered the IGC in Oslo, or the European Geosciences Meeting in Vienna.

[Note: The newly elected Council considered this issue at a further Council meeting on 28th July. Oslo was considered expensive, and both venues were ruled out on the grounds that IMA was concentrating its activities too much in Europe. Holding business meetings successively in Vienna and Budapest was unsatisfactory. Council decided that the 2008 business meeting should be during the Goldschmidt Conference in Vancouver, Canada].

7.3. Council Meeting - There is agreement that the Council should hold a meeting every year. At the time of the business meeting the location had still to be determined by the newly elected council.

[Note: The newly elected Council considered this issue at a further Council meeting on 28th July. Council decided that the 2007 Council meeting should be during the Joint Meeting of the Min.Soc.of Great Britain and Ireland, Min. Soc. of America, Min. Soc. of Canada and the Soc.Fr.Min.Crist. in Cambridge, U.K. (26-28 June 2007). The 2009 Goldschmidt Conference is in Davos, Switzerland, but the location of the Council meeting was left open]

8. Strategic plans for the IMA

8.1. Medals - An IMA Medal for Excellence was proposed, to be awarded every year. A committee will be created for the nomination of the distinguished medallists. There is an overall acceptance in the IMA Council that proposals could be made by individuals as well as by national societies. Information relating to the development of the committee will be published within Elements.

8.2. Mineral database - IMA will move ahead with plans to become the home of the mineral database known as the RRUFF project, being developed by Bob Downs and funded by Mike Scott, founding president of Apple Computer. An expert steering committee will be created, chaired by Bob Downs, which will look after the development of the project.

8.3. IMA funding - There was discussion about the way IMA is funded. At present the per capita amount paid by the largest societies is considerably less than that paid by the smaller societies. Changing the funding formula would increase the dues for the large societies unacceptably. However, it was agreed, based on enquiries made, that the 15 smallest societies, with less than 25 members, should pay half of what is currently requested, reducing their dues from US\$60 to \$30 per year. This will make only a small difference to the dues income of IMA, more than compensated for by improvements in investment income.

It is suggested that societies may pay in advance for up to four years to avoid the cost of bank transfer. They may pay the Treasurer by cheque in their own currency during IMA business meetings. A receipt will be given.

Three societies, Israel, Portugal and Switzerland have repeatedly been delinquent in paying their dues. They are therefore not permitted to vote in business meetings.

9. IMA Commissions and Working Groups

There is still discussion within the Council of how to develop the activities of the IMA Commissions and Working groups. The idea has been discussed of creating a nucleus of experts at the head of each Com/WG to be more pro-active, while keeping the system of national representatives.

It has also been suggested that the chairs Com/WG should be changed regularly, perhaps every four years. Some chairs are staying too long in their position. There is also a proposal to create a new Nominations Committee to designate the chairs of Com /WG and membership of Council.

10. Council

The President suggested that the running of the General Meeting should be decoupled from the presidency of IMA. It has become traditional for the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the General Meeting to become President, although this is not required by the IMA Constitution. This is unsatisfactory because it is undemocratic, limits potential Presidents to the inhabitants of towns suitable for large meetings, and requires that they are members of national organizations which are prepared to run a General Meeting. Presidents should be elected on the basis of scientific distinction and should serve for at most two years. This would greatly increase the number of leaders of the profession who have expert knowledge of the workings and objectives of IMA. Currently a President is involved in IMA for a minimum of 12 years, successively as Vice-President when organizing the next IMA General Meeting, as President following the General Meeting, and then as Past President. The outgoing President suggested that in the future IMA should plan to reduce the term of office of the President, and select new Presidents through a nomination committee and a vote.

11. Closing by President Ian Parsons

The president thanked again the Delegates present at the meeting, the Chairs of Commissions and Working Groups, and the members of Council, and closed the business meeting of IMA.

End : 18H40