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Annual Business Meeting

The Geochemical Society takes its place among the established professional societies this month, at our first annual meeting in Minneapolis. To refresh your memory, we will meet at the Nicollet Hotel, October 31, immediately following the technical session on geochemistry. The place of the meeting will be given in the general program.

Although we are now a lusty organization of nearly a thousand members we still have to cope with a few growing pains. Problems of membership requirements, classes of membership, adoption of an official journal, are some of the topics that will come up for discussion at the annual business meeting and subsequently be voted on by mail ballot. The meeting would undoubtedly go much more smoothly if the majority of members don't get by the hotel bar, but we all like a good argument, and we need your opinions and your support in discussing these and similar matters of organization and policy.

Amendments to the By-laws and Constitution will undoubtedly be proposed. Please bring News Letter #2 with you; - it contains copies of these two documents.

Other topics of interest will undoubtedly be brought up for discussion. For example, Professor R.W. Van Bemmelen and others have asked if the Society plans to publish reviews of recent Geochemical literature, or perhaps lists of titles.

This problem is being considered by a number of other organizations such as the Mineralogical Society of London, the Mineralogical Society of America, the American Chemical Society, the American Geophysical Union, and the publishers of Geochimica Acta. It is to be hoped that a broad co-operative program of abstracting can be undertaken soon.

Should we attempt to list employment opportunities in the Geochemical News? What can be done to encourage establishment of Departments or Professorships of Geochemistry? To secure co-ordination and expansion of Geochemical curricula? Bring your own pet suggestion.

Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta

We can now announce that members of the Geochemical Society may subscribe to Geochimica Acta at the rate of \$10.00 U.S. per year. This is approximately one half the current price to individuals; one seventh of the institutional subscription price. Send your checks to: Pergamon Press, Inc., 122 East 55th St., New York 22, N.Y., or to Pergamon Press, Ltd: 4 & 5 Fitzroy Square, London W. 1, and indicate that you are a member of the Geochemical Society.

Notes and News

Treasurer George T. Faust asks that changes or corrections of address be sent directly to him, at the United States Geological Survey, Washington 25, D.C. He will then notify the Secretary and the addressograph plates will be corrected.

Jack Green, of California Research Corporation, La Habra, California, has informed us that the Geochemical Table of the Elements for 1958 is in preparation. Data in the 1953 table will be brought up to date. Electronegativities and ionic radii will be revised. Thermal neutron capture cross sections will be added, and abundance data modified in an attempt to give plus and minus values to the numbers. Published data and preprints obtained prior to January 30, 1958, will be included.