

Alaska Geological Society – minutes from May 2021 Board Meeting

Date: May 11, 2021

Secretary: Heather Beat

Present: Andy Dewhurst

Steve Carhart

Matt Frankforter

Kirk Sherwood

Ken Helmhold

Tom Homza

Sue Karl

Laura Gregersen

Corey Ramstad

1. Call to order at 11:34. Minutes reviewed and approved.
2. Nomination Committee – Election Results
 - a. 40 ballots cast. All officers approved. No write-in candidates.
 - b. Tom Homza, Claudia Cannatelli, and Mike Unger will be the new directors. Very close vote.
 - c. All changes to bylaws passed.
 - d. New board/officers will be announced during the next luncheon. Then following the luncheon, Kirk will send out an email to our membership about the new officers and board.
3. Website Committee
 - a. For members to renew, we pared down the information that is required. This is live on the website.
 - b. New bylaw updates need to be sent to Jan.
4. Budget Committee
 - a. Preliminary budget for next year will be ready once Laura, Sean, and Corey meet.
5. Presentation Committee
 - a. Need to follow-up with Jenn Crews about Cordax presentation.
 - b. Google Meet Issues
 - i. Some people are having difficulty getting into the meeting. Andy put note in the newsletter that if people are having issues to email him to troubleshoot during the meeting.
 - c. Face to face luncheons starting back up in September? BP Energy Center is reserved. Abide by BP Energy Center protocol for Covid mitigation.
 - i. BP Energy Center is opening August 30th.
 - ii. Have some sort of hybrid presentation format, where it will be in person, but we will still have Google Meet or some other platform for people to attend virtually.
 - iii. Can put something on the website about a return to in-person meeting with option to still attend virtually.

6. Membership Committee
 - a. Currently at 140 members, which is on par with what we've had in the past.
 - b. Kirk is currently troubleshooting the PayPal account and issues we're having with accessing membership information.
7. Annual meeting scheduled for May 20th. Any announcements that need to be made need to be sent to Andy.
 - a. Need to reach out to GSA to see if a picnic is scheduled.
 - b. Announcement of a potential in-person luncheon in September.
 - c. Should we have a meet and greet for the new board and officers coming in for next year.
 - i. Schedule this for late May/early June.
8. AAPG annual meeting and house of delegates meeting happening at end of May.
 - a. Andy is our new delegate.
 - b. AAPG is trying to reduce the number of delegates from societies into sections and regions. If this happens, we would not have direct representation- we would be lumped into the Pacific Section.
 - i. Current board feels that we should keep representation as is for AAPG.
 - c. Motion to develop Women's Network as technical division in AAPG.
 - i. Board is split on this decision.
9. Steve is going to propose changes to the fee for students to join AGS. Will do a write-up and send out a mailer to the board.