

AGS Board Meeting

DOG House, Atwood Building
March 18th, 2008

Attendees

Anchorage: Peter Johnson, Pete Barker, Robert Blodgett, Art Banet, Greg Wilson, Mark Olson, Jennie Flight, Laura Silliphant, Mark Olson
Fairbanks (via telephone): Jim Clough

Meeting called to order at 11:30 am. President Art Banet

Robert Blodgett motions to accept February Minutes. Pete Barker seconds. All in favor.

Trailside Discovery Presentation

- Geo attended in place of Tom and gave an overview of the Trailside program
- Any funding provided by AGS would be dedicated to geology focused programs:
 - “Geology Rocks”, 6-7 year olds
 - No field trips due to safety concerns
 - Offered for 6 weeks
 - “Rubble, Bones and Bedrock”, 8-9 year olds
 - Flat Top and Portage field trips
 - Offered 4-5 weeks
 - “Earth, Ice and Fire”, 10-13 year olds
 - Field trip oriented
- Trying to target lower income families and get them out into nature – give them an experience they can remember
- Not sure why there was a breakdown between Trailside and AGS. We used to supply geos for these programs. Greg W. suspects that many of those volunteers have left the state.
- Other trailside programs also have geology components (Creek to Peak, as well as a 5 week program based out of Spring Creek Farm which has 1 week of geology focus)
- Art B. asked how many kids are run through the program every year
 - In Anchorage, > 2,000 participate in the trailside program. Including the valley, +/- 300 kids run through the geology program
 - 15 kids in each program, so 50-90 in Geology Rocks, 75 in Rubble, Bones and Bedrock and 60 in Earth Fire and Ice (Anchorage only numbers)
- Greg W. asked how many Staff
 - Trailside abides by American Camp Association standards, so 1 instructor for every 7 students. So, 2 instructors for each program, one lead instructor and one assistant
- Art B. concerned about the website for Trailside, noting that it was hard to navigate for this sort of info. Geo reports that they are working on the website
- 11:57 pm Geo Departs

- Peter J. motions to support scholarship at \$1,000 level with the stipulation that it go to geology related programs. Pete B. seconds the motion.
- Discussion: Jim Clough concerned about the geo content of the website / program and wonders if there are any volunteers to take this on. Peter J. shared his experiences and suggested that someone from the resources side of geology should talk to the instructors at Trailside. Clough and Banet observed that Trailside (Alaska Center for the Environment) were anti-coal / Coal Bed methane. Peter J. reiterates that it would be good to have someone give them an appreciation of resource development. Laura S. shares that the kids she has talked to have really enjoyed it. Peter J. asks that AGS be acknowledged for their support and Greg W. confirms that we are. Clough suggests that we invite Geo to our Technical conference. Greg W. suggests that they could put a poster together to advertise what they do. Clough suggests we invite them to give a talk about their program in the fall.
- Greg W. sums up the discussion that we fund their program at \$1000, with the stipulation that funds are allocated to geology specific programs, and that we send Geo an invitation to the tech conference and invite them to give a talk (brief) in the fall at one of our meetings.
- All in favor

Vice President's Report

- Speakers:
 - May: hoped to have Liberty team, but they are too busy. Peter J. talked to Jerry Siok, hoping to get him to talk about his experiences in the Middle East
 - Peter B. suggests that we talk about how MMS evaluates lease sales, or perhaps Jim Fowler to talk about CBM (he was in the paper today)
 - Peter J suggests the scholarship recipients to give talks on their work.
 - Jim Clough suggests a metalogenesis talk (Tom Bunsen giving a talk in April in Fairbanks). Also suggests a tectonics workshop from Trond. Next year's VP could contact him
 - "There is Geology Rocks", 6-7 year olds

Next Year's Board

- Tom Morahan could be either President or Vice President
- Treasurer: Laura has a recommendation Dave S.
- Still need a secretary and either a President or a Vice President. Diane Shellenbaum?
- 4 board seats also need to be filled. Student as a board member?

Tech Conference Report

- So far we have 3 posters. Looks like there are a lot more potential posters out there. DGGs posters that are headed to AAPG could always bring those to our tech conference as well. APU / UAA student posters.
- Oral session is fairly well assembled. Should run til 2:00 and then have time for posters after that

- Greg W. : we have committed to paying Jim Sweet and Gil Mull airfare
- Kathy Connor has a few students interested in attending and Peter J told her about the transportation allowance being offered
- Discussion of how to handle expenses for speakers. Greg W. suggests some options: We could make arrangements for them (e.g. at the Residence Inn) or let them do their own thing and just give them a stipend. Laura S. requests that in any situation that she get the receipts for accounting purposes.
- Art B. motion to support up to \$1000 for each of the 3 people we are bringing up. Receipts will be required and reimbursements will be made once the receipts have been delivered. All in favor.
- Discussion of how we are going to support the posters at the Energy Center. Renting poster board support will be cost prohibitive. We need to scope the poster hanging situation while we are at the talk this Thursday
- Peter J. notes that we will need to tell presenters how big their space will be
- Clough wonders about awards for the founding fathers of AGS.
- Greg W. suggests an honorary membership.
- Clough motions to offer honorary membership to the founding fathers. Peter J. seconds. All in favor.
- Laura S. asks about video taping Gill's talk. Greg W. asks if all of it can be video taped. Need to get each of the speaker's permission. Peter J. suggests audio and slides, but no video. Clough adds that we should get a picture of each speaker to add to insert to the slide pack. Mark Olson will look into recording the talks in sync with slides

AAPG Delegate Discussion

- Art B. – need to select delegates to invite to AAPG. Also have a request for delegates for PSAAPG meeting in April
- Greg W. : have to designate these delegates formally. Someone should contact Arlin and see if he's going. Otherwise, need to designate an alternate

Webpage Report

- Clough sent a mock-up to Peter J.
- Picture in upper right will change every time
- Add another column on the right. In the center will be the main item of the month.
- Need at least one contact live on the board list
- Clough asks about resolution / file size for submitted pics. Peter J. indicates that they don't have to be high resolution. The revolving photo from the upper right will be able to be displayed as a scrolling slideshow. Pictures can be submitted at the 'web viewing' resolution
- Web page is currently functional, but not fully polished.

Treasurer's Report

- Pete B and Laura S. to go to the safety deposit box on Thursday

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

J. Flight – AGS Secretary 2007-2008

**EMAILS FROM March 19th –
SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX THREAD**

From: Silliphant, Laura J (DNR) [mailto:laura.silliphant@alaska.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 3:31 PM

To: Pete Barker; Banet, Arthur; Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Olson, Mark A; Blodgett, Robert; Shellenbaum, Diane P (DNR); Flight, Jennifer N; Clough, James G (DNR); Johnson, Peter; Gillis, Robert J (DNR); Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic

Subject: Board Reminder

Hi Pete

I just got off the phone with the First National Bank of Alaska. They are unable to schedule an appointment for tomorrow, Thursday, with the company that drills the safety deposit box. I requested either Friday the 21 or Friday 28 around the lunch hour. They are going to call me back with the date and time as soon as they can schedule the appointment with the company that drills the safety deposit box.

The cost to get into our box will be \$125.00.

I will contact you as soon as they contact me. Thank you for the heads up yesterday to call and schedule an appointment.

Regards,
Laura

From: Johnson, Peter [mailto:Peter.Johnson@mms.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 3:42 PM

To: Silliphant, Laura J (DNR); Pete Barker; Banet, Arthur; Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Olson, Mark A; Blodgett, Robert; Shellenbaum, Diane P (DNR); Flight, Jennifer N; Clough, James G (DNR); Gillis, Robert J (DNR); Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic

Subject: RE: Board Reminder

I haven't been paying attention too much to this safety deposit issue. Do we have any record of who last accessed the box? The bank should have a record of that (at least mine does). I take it all former treasurers have been contacted.

Sorry for my ignorance.

Peter

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From: Silliphant, Laura J (DNR) [mailto:laura.silliphant@alaska.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 4:00 PM

To: Johnson, Peter; Pete Barker; Banet, Arthur; Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Olson, Mark A; Blodgett, Robert; Shellenbaum, Diane P (DNR); Flight, Jennifer N; Clough, James G (DNR); Gillis, Robert J (DNR); Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic

Subject: RE: Board Reminder

We contacted the treasurers we could think of. I just called the First National Bank back and they are going to track down the sign in card to see who the last person was. All the lady could tell me is that it has been a while so she was going to have to look up something that had been scanned.

They are going to call me back when they found the info.

Laura

From: Silliphant, Laura J (DNR) [mailto:laura.silliphant@alaska.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 5:13 PM

To: Johnson, Peter; Pete Barker; Banet, Arthur; Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Olson, Mark A; Blodgett, Robert; Shellenbaum, Diane P (DNR); Flight, Jennifer N; Clough, James G (DNR); Gillis, Robert J (DNR); Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic

Cc: SHAFER, DAVID C; Reifenstuhl, Rocky R (DNR)

Subject: safety deposit box -- it has been 12 years since someone successfully got into the thing...

According to the records at the bank, 1996 was the last time someone from AGS had successfully been in the box. 12 years ago.

I guess on 4/13/04 someone tried to come in and look at the contents of the box but never got into the box??? The list of signers at that time were: Greg Wilson, Dave Shafer, Tom Morahan, and Rocky Reifenstuhl.

The plan is to go forward with drilling the box. They will call me with the date and time as soon as they hear back from the company that drills the box.

Laura

From: pbarker@gci.net [mailto:pbarker@gci.net]

Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 5:14 PM

To: Bob Blodgett; Bob Gillis; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; Laura Silliphant; Plawman, Tom; Ric Wilson; Ted Bornemann; Weeks, Micaela

Subject: Fw: Friday March 21 at 11:30 -- drill the safety deposit box

----- Original Message -----

From: [Silliphant, Laura J \(DNR\)](#)

To: [Pete Barker](#)

Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 1:53 PM

Subject: Friday March 21 at 11:30 -- drill the safety deposit box

The safety deposit box is located at the downtown branch on 4th Ave.

The appointment is for tomorrow, Friday, March 21 at 11:30.

Laura

Laura J. Silliphant

Petroleum Geologist

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501c3 THREAD

From: Susan M Karl [mailto:skarl@usgs.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 4:10 PM

To: Silliphant, Laura J (DNR)

Cc: Flight, Jennifer N; Peter Johnson; Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Weeks, Micaela

Subject: RE: AGS 501c3 app

Hi Laura for items 2-4, Jennifer, Peter, and/or Greg for item 1, and Mikie for item 5

I finally have time to deal with this.

The application/form 1023 is not too bad. I can easily deal with most questions. However I need a few items for documentation.

Here are the items I need to file the 501c3:

1) Minutes from board meeting of March 2005 that have the revised wording of the AGS Bylaws, *OR* the updated, post 2005 version of the bylaws -- I only have the 1958 version of the bylaws. I also need the location of the updated dissolution clause in the updated bylaws. (In my records and the newsletter article, we decided to put all funds in an AAPG - directed scholarship fund if AGS is dissolved.)

2) EIN = Employer ID number (??since we don't pay anybody do we even have one of these?)

3) Accounting info for pages 9 and 10 of IRS form 1023 (attached)

4) Page 20 question 2 of form 1023-- does AGS normally have gross receipts less than \$5000?

5) page 25 of form 1023, schedule H, 1e and 1f -- copy of solicitation for sholarship application and a copy of the scholarship application itself.

If you have a written description for 4a-d p. 25, that would be wonderful. Otherwise I can write it and you can approve it. Also for number 6 -- do you have the names of the people who have been on the scholarship committee the last 3 or 4 years?

Thanks!

Sue

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TECH CONFERENCE THREAD

From: Banet, Arthur [mailto:Arthur.Banet@mms.gov]

Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 8:21 AM

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Subject: Requesting ideas or comments or additions

One of the best ideas I think we've had is to record the Conference proceedings. Here's what I am proposing to send to our speakers. Please take a look at it and let me know what can be done to improve it.

Thanks

The AGS Technical Conference for 2008 is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the discovery at Prudhoe Bay. From both the Economic and Geologic venues, this is the biggest event in Alaska since Statehood. The AGS is fortunate to have a program of speakers who will share their insight with us. The topics include the State's North Slope land selection, industry's management decisions, the discovery onsite, the initial and evolving operations of the North Slope, Prudhoe's economic impact and what the future may hold for us.

AGS would like to preserve the excitement of this Conference and make it available to those who were not able to attend the venue. We have already had several opportunities to include AGS members in Fairbanks for our regularly scheduled presentations over a telephone connection for a live feed to accompany PowerPoint's of the respective talks. This has proven to be popular with our widespread membership. Consequently, we'd like to inquire if it would be acceptable if you could provide AGS with a copy of your presentation at the Technical Conference and if it would be permissible to make an accompanying video of your presentation.

From: Wilson, Gregory C [mailto:Gregory.C.Wilson@conocophillips.com]

Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 9:55 AM

To: Banet, Arthur; Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic

Subject: RE: Requesting ideas or comments or additions

[Art et al,](#)

[A couple of issues to consider:](#)

We had discussed that AGS take this one step further by arranging the Conference proceedings into an AGS publication, both digital and paper volume. I'll organize all the slides - with captions from the spoken presentation - into a hardcopy volume, and then as a companion we will enclose a CD of the PowerPoint and oral recording.

Several issues I can think of off the top of my head:

1. First, I still like the idea of encouraging our members to congregate once a year to exchange ideas. If we make the presentations available electronically before or during the Conference, we discourage attendance to the actual event and also limit the ability of AGS to market the publication. Therefore, consider me old-fashioned, but I suggest that we not distribute the ppt until its ready to be marketed as a publication. If we start streaming the conference to other locations with no registration necessary, we dilute the idea of having an annual Tech Conference and increase the financial burden to AGS. I have no problem with distributing the proceedings after the event as a publication.
2. I'll have to talk with John Sweet to see if there are copyright concerns, since some of his material is likely a part of his Prudhoe publication.
3. Part of our discussion on Tuesday was that we would record the audio, but perhaps not the video of the event, like what UAF has done with Gil and others. The audio would accompany their ppt slides. Do we have any concern that these gentlemen may not necessarily want to be video'd, but will be too polite to say no?

Comments?

- Greg

From: Clough, James G (DNR) [mailto:jim.clough@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 10:16 AM
To: Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Banet, Arthur; Blodgett, Robert; Shellenbaum, Diane P (DNR); Flight, Jennifer N; Johnson, Peter; Silliphant, Laura J (DNR); pbarker@gci.net; Gillis, Robert J (DNR); Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic
Subject: RE: Requesting ideas or comments or additions

Greg has made some good points. I think that issue no. 1 is addressed appropriately in his comment. We do want to encourage attendance in person, and some would likely not attend if they can catch it on the internet, though I doubt if someone would want to sit from 9AM to 2PM to watch. It would take a lot of internet resources to accomplish this probably.

Issue 2. I have had similar issues in conferences that I have organized. If it is prepared afterwards, they can remove any proprietary slides for the final release (that would mess up audio, would have to repair that)

Issue 3. I think that having audio accompanying a PowerPoint would really be better anyways. It would be nice perhaps to have a photo of them as the first slide, maybe someone can take a photo of each at the podium (with their agreement) and this could be the opening slide for each presentation.

Jim

Jim Clough

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From: Wilson, Gregory C [mailto:Gregory.C.Wilson@conocophillips.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 3:01 PM
Subject: AGS Technical Conference

Please find enclosed an updated meeting announcement and call for abstracts for the ...

Annual AGS TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

April 17th at the BP Energy Center (9:00 am to 5:00 pm)

Oral Program (Morning and Early Afternoon): Commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the Prudhoe Discovery

Poster Session (see enclosed for abstract submission)

REGISTRATION (includes lunch and abstracts with program)
Members \$25
Nonmembers \$30
Student Members: Free
Student Nonmembers: \$5

Register by Monday, April 14th (5:00 pm) at vp@alaskageology.org (preferred) or call Peter Johnson at 334-5329

Seating may be limited and lunches will be catered, so if you register but cannot make it please advise Peter by Monday, April 14th, or expect to be billed by AGS.

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Announcement and Call for Abstracts

2008 AGS Technical Conference

April 17th - Anchorage, Alaska



The Alaska Geological Society is hosting the 2008 Technical Conference to be held in Anchorage, Alaska, at the BP Energy Center on April 17th from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Lunch and abstracts with program will be included with registration.

(Members: \$25.00; Nonmembers: \$30.00; Student Members: Free; Student Nonmembers: \$5.00)

Registration is now open at vp@alaskageology.org (or phone Peter Johnson at 334-5329)

Pre-Registration Deadline is Monday, April 14th at 5:00 pm.

ORAL SESSION

The morning oral session of invited papers commemorates the 40th anniversary of the discovery of the Prudhoe Bay oilfield, tentative program including:

- Oil and Gas in Alaska before Prudhoe & Initial State Lands Selections (*Tom Marshall, former Petroleum Geologist for State of Alaska*)
- Exploration & Discovery Events (*Gil Mull, former Industry & DGGS Geologist*)
- Perspective of an Exploration Manager (*Harry Jameson, by written communication*)
- Historical Context of the Prudhoe Bay Discovery (*John Sweet, author & former State legislator*)
- Prudhoe Bay – From Then to Now (*BP Engineering*)
- Historical Economic Impact of Prudhoe Bay to Alaska (*Scott Goldsmith, UAA Economist*)
- The Great Beyond (Exploration after Prudhoe) (*Art Grantz, USGS Emeritus*)
- State of the State in Geology (*or Anything but Prudhoe ...*) (*Bob Swenson, State Geologist*)

POSTER SESSION

This is an excellent opportunity to present a poster on your recent geological research in Alaska. *AGS welcomes diverse Alaska topics – students strongly encouraged to participate.* All abstracts will be published in an AGS Technical Conference Proceedings Abstracts volume available at the conference and through the AGS publications website.

Deadline for Abstract submission is March 31st, 2008, 5:00 PM

For poster submission, please email the following information:

Poster Title

Authors(s)

Contact Information (mailing address, email, phone number)

Abstracts are restricted to 1 page in length including text and any illustrations. Please include title, authors, affiliations and contact information for the corresponding author. Use 12 point Times Roman font, with standard 1.25" margins left and right, 1" margin top and bottom.

Please submit your abstract in MS Word (.doc) to: arthur.banet@mms.gov

STUDENT TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

For full-time students living outside the greater Anchorage area, please enquire about \$50 per student travel assistance stipend. Students need not be presenting a poster to qualify.

ORGANIZATIONAL CONTACTS:

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ARRANGEMENTS

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From: Banet, Arthur [mailto:Arthur.Banet@mms.gov]
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To: Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic
Subject: Posters and program

<<Poster Session Titles.doc>> <<program of events.xls>>

Here is the list of Posters which have been submitted. It's quite an impressive array of topics. I also have a tentative Program. We have a lot of talent lined up for the Conference. I think the speakers' program well. I've put Art Grantz as the lunch speaker. He typically puts on a good talk. He's getting an honorary membership, and he's probably going to bring in a few more people. I think it's a good accompaniment to the Scholarship awards. I think Bob Swenson's topic also lends well into the posters.

Open to feedback

Art

From: pbarker@gci.net [mailto:pbarker@gci.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 10:56 AM
To: Banet, Arthur; Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic
Subject: Re: Posters and program

It all looks great!! The only issue that I see is that I don't think there will be enough time in the last 2.5 hours of the day to absorb all the interesting posters. Will the posters be up early in the morning? If not, it may be a reasonable suggestion for the authors. What time will the facility be open?

Pete. B.

From: Johnson, Peter [mailto:Peter.Johnson@mms.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 11:48 AM
To: Pete Barker; Banet, Arthur; Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic
Subject: RE: Posters and program

[We have the facility from 8:00 to 5:00. Another group will be using the room starting at 5:45](#)

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Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 11:54 AM
To: Banet, Arthur; Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom
Subject: Re: Posters and program

Art,

It does look great, however one of our posters is missing -- the Northern Alaska Peninsula map by myself, Chad Hults, and Nora Shew. Note also, my middle initial is H, not N as shown in your list. Additionally, as the 3 maps we are presenting all adjoin, it would be nice if during the poster session they were adjacent. Makes the story better.

Finally, you might check the place SpongeBob comes from, unless he has moved, it should be Alaska!

Ric

From: Wilson, Gregory C [mailto:Gregory.C.Wilson@conocophillips.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 1:07 PM
To: Banet, Arthur; Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic
Subject: RE: AGS conference

[Sorry to hear about Art's accident.](#)

[As for the Tech Conference, we could attempt to have someone else give a similar talk \(Art, since I know Houseknecht can't attend, the other likely replacement is a few offices down from you and Peter\), or I'm perfectly fine with more time in the oral program schedule. I think Tom Marshall could use more time than we currently allocate, and we could also work in an additional 10 minutes or so during break periods in the morning and at lunch to view posters. What do you think?](#)

[- Greg](#)

From: Banet, Arthur [mailto:Arthur.Banet@mms.gov]
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To: Wilson, Gregory C; Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman;

Tom; Wilson, Frederic
Subject: FW: AGS conference

[Major bummer](#)

From: Arthur Grantz [mailto:agrantz@usgs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 11:46 AM
To: Banet, Arthur
Subject: Re: AGS conference

Dear Art,

Some three weeks ago I took a tumble while skiing and did some moderate damage to my left leg. My delay in replying to your gracious message was due to uncertainty as to whether it was medically clever to sit in an airplane for several hours with a still swollen leg. Today I was told that it would be best to ask for a rain check and give a presentation to AGS at a latter date.

My sincere apologies for your now wasted effort on behalf of my participation in the AGS meeting. I hope I can get another chance, perhaps this summer or fall.

All the best,

Art

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"Banet, Arthur" <Arthur.Banet@mms.gov>

03/28/08 11:50 AM

To "Grantz, Arthur" <agrantz@usgs.gov>

cc

Subject: AGS conference

Dr. Art.

I have made arrangements for the AGS Technical Conference. I have a room for you at the Marriot Springhill Suites. The current reservation is likely under Geological Society, but I can change that and get a reservation number for you, if this sounds appropriate.

Would you have an abstract available for your presentation? And a few words would come handy too. I wouldn't know where to begin to do you justice. We're also asking if it would be appropriate to record your presentation. We're anticipating that this year's conference will be rather unique in its scope and attendance.... At least that is the verbiage I've used when seeking some industry support.

We've had several days where the temperatures are in the 40's and wall to wall blue sky. I'm hoping we can corral some weather like this for the Conference. But April in Anchorage is less than predicable.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Art Banet

From: Johnson, Peter [mailto:Peter.Johnson@mms.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 1:17 PM
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Subject: RE: AGS conference

Greg,

I think it would be best to continue with the existing speakers and not try to fill Art's spot. It is going to be hard to keep to the schedule that we have now and it would be nice to give the poster presenters a little more time. The question is who should we put in the lunch time slot? Spongebob might be a good choice.

Peter

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Subject: RE: AGS conference

Definitely a bummer. I was really looking forward to his talk. I think we should use the open time as Greg suggests by giving more time to Tom (and perhaps Gil), rather than trying to line up a substitute on short notice. Extra time to look at posters will also be welcome, since some of us may have to get back to our day jobs.

Do we still have an opening for a speaker in May? Could we bring Art Grantz up then (assuming he is sufficiently recovered)?

Tom

From: Wilson, Gregory C [mailto:Gregory.C.Wilson@conocophillips.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 1:22 PM
To: Johnson, Peter; Banet, Arthur; Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic
Subject: RE: AGS conference

My preference is for Bob to speak during lunch, since his topic will be of general interest and that is when we will have our scholarship recipients present. Bob will be giving a "State of the State" in geology.

- Greg

From: Johnson, Peter [mailto:Peter.Johnson@mms.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 1:27 PM
To: Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Banet, Arthur; Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Wilson, Frederic
Subject: RE: AGS conference

I do have a speaker for May (Jerry Siok). It is always good to have speakers to suggest to the new VP for next year.

Peter

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From: Wilson, Gregory C [mailto:Gregory.C.Wilson@conocophillips.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2008 8:14 AM
Subject: Prudhoe Bay Discovery 40th Anniversary - AGS Technical Conference

Please see the enclosed newsletter for the FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT and registration instructions for the

2008 ALASKA GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

ORAL PROGRAM - COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRUDHOE BAY DISCOVERY

Speakers listed in the Newsletter, many of whom played a significant part in the event and those events surrounding the discovery.

POSTERS - a complete listing in the Newsletter

Date: Thursday, April 17th at the BP Energy Center

Oral Program: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Lunch is included with registration

Posters: Will be up all day; discussion with authors 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Please note - registration may be limited to the capacity of the venue; current registration is more than halfway to that capacity.

See you there!

- Greg

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From: Banet, Arthur [mailto:Arthur.Banet@mms.gov]

Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 9:34 AM

To: Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic

Subject: Tech conference full

FYI All

According to Peter Johnson and his list. The Tech Conference is full already. I believe 90 is the maximum that the fire code will allow. We came close to that number once before and were reminded by the staff, that it wasn't a good idea to exceed that. Monday is the last official day for pre registration. For the last several years we've had quite a bit of late comers registering for talks at the door. Consequently, I wonder if we may be looking at turning away a number of potential attendees.

Art

From: Wilson, Gregory C [mailto:Gregory.C.Wilson@conocophillips.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 9:51 AM

To: Banet, Arthur; Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic

Subject: RE: Tech conference full

Since I've been sending out the meeting notices, I guess I should send a note to our mailing list / membership regarding:

1. Registration has reached capacity
2. Please notify Peter if you have to cancel
3. Peter will maintain a wait-list (?) and fill cancellations, but onsite registration is unlikely
4. We will follow up on those who reserved a spot but failed to show - as they will have cost AGS revenue and other potential participants a seat.

Any comments?

- Greg

From: Banet, Arthur [mailto:Arthur.Banet@mms.gov]

Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 10:00 AM

To: Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic

Subject: RE: Tech conference full

Peter says he's contacted the Energy Center. We can get rid of the tables and that lets us seat 120. However, lunch will be on your lap (in one way shape or form). I'd suggest we at least retain a Speakers and invited guests table for a modicum of decorum, particularly since some of these attendees may not be equally lap-savvy.

From: Plawman, Tom

Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 10:04 AM

To: Banet, Arthur; Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Wilson, Frederic

Subject: RE: Tech conference full

That sounds like a good idea. If we can squeeze in a few more that will be good. Also, I know of a number of folks who will only be able to attend part of the day, due to other commitments (day jobs, etc).

From: Wilson, Gregory C [mailto:Gregory.C.Wilson@conocophillips.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 10:10 AM

To: Banet, Arthur; Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Johnson,

Peter; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic

Subject: RE: Tech conference full

Yes, please maintain enough table space for those you outline below.

Right now the schedule I placed in the Abstracts with Program includes a half-hour break at lunch, then a continuation of the oral program, including scholarship recipients. That means that we'll send people through line, then back to their seats (sans table) to eat during a continuation of the oral program. I suggest we keep soup off the menu. Do we want to go with a sandwich buffet instead of something potentially messier?

I should still send out comments 2 - 4 below, but amend #1 to read "registration is near capacity".

- Greg

From: Wilson, Gregory C [mailto:Gregory.C.Wilson@conocophillips.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 10:27 AM

To: Plawman, Tom; Banet, Arthur; Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Wilson, Frederic

Subject: Abstracts Cover Photo

How do you like this for a cover to our Abstracts with Program? Its one of the DST's from PB St #1.

- Greg



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**The Prudhoe Discovery at 40:
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F E X

From: Plawman, Tom

Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 11:10 AM

To: Wilson, Gregory C; Banet, Arthur; Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Wilson, Frederic

Subject: RE: Abstracts Cover Photo

It's an awesome photo. As a history buff I totally love it, since that's the way it was. However, from an oil patch PR and PC perspective, I can easily imagine some anti-oil person seizing on it and using it to complain about what nasty, low life, rape the land and polute the environment type guys and gals we are.

What does everyone else think?

If we want a historically accurate but less controversial image, I would suggest Gil's arial shot of the PB St #1 well site (one lonely rig and ice runway amidst a whole lot of white nothing). It sure shows the contrast of then and now.

Other opinions?

Tom

From: Johnson, Peter [mailto:Peter.Johnson@mms.gov]

Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 11:16 AM

To: Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Plawman, Tom; Banet, Arthur; Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Wilson, Frederic

Subject: RE: Abstracts Cover Photo & maximum number

The 120 is the Fire Code maximum, so we can't exceed that number. At this point we have 92 reservations.

As for the cover photo, we might want to make it clear that this is not how the oil field is managed today (I assume it isn't is it?). The sponsors might not want to show so much black smoke going into the Arctic atmosphere.

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From: Johnson, Peter [mailto:Peter.Johnson@mms.gov]

Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 11:23 AM

To: Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Banet, Arthur; Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Ted

Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic
Subject: RE: Tech conference full

This looks good Greg. I would add that all attendees must be registered in advance.

Peter

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From: pbarker@gci.net [mailto:pbarker@gci.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 11:26 AM
To: Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Banet, Arthur; Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Wilson, Frederic
Subject: Re: Abstracts Cover Photo

I think the photo is fantastic and should be used. There are a many incidents in the history of our industry, country and culture that none of us are proud of. Should Germany deny the fact of the holocaust, the US the treatment of natives and american Japanese, our industry the Santa Barbara and Valdez oil spills and it goes on. To those who would make a fuss of this photo, I ask them to show me the spot where this horrible incident occured and explain how this has impacted that area and the planet. Finally, how is it that we should change the past? Sweeping distasteful incidents of the past under the rug is neither honest nor moral. Therefore use the photo, take some pride in our past accomplishments and learn from our mistakes.

Pete

From: Wilson, Gregory C [mailto:Gregory.C.Wilson@conocophillips.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 11:30 AM
To: Plawman, Tom; Banet, Arthur; Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Wilson, Frederic
Subject: RE: Abstracts Cover Photo

I appreciate the input on the cover photo and recognize the potential controversy and will change it with reservation per recommendation, but also consider that the abstracts volume will be less widely distributed than the CD of the PPT's we plan to market. Will we delete slides from those PPT's?

I suppose the bigger issue with the cover is that the black smoke and the Conference Sponsors are printed on the same page.

- Greg

From: Robert B Blodgett [mailto:rblodgett@usgs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 11:39 AM
To: Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips)
Cc: Banet, Arthur; Diane Shellenbaum; Ted Borneman; Wilson, Frederic; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Johnson, Peter; Robert Gillis; Plawman, Tom
Subject: RE: Abstracts Cover Photo

I like the photo! Leave it as is. You will never make everybody happy.

Robert B. Blodgett

From: Frederic (Ric) Wilson [mailto:fwilson@usgs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 12:01 PM
To: Robert B Blodgett; Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips)
Cc: Banet, Arthur; Diane Shellenbaum; Ted Borneman; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Johnson, Peter; Robert Gillis; Plawman, Tom
Subject: RE: Abstracts Cover Photo

Folks,

Personally, history and all aside, I don't think the photo is a very good choice. When you want to show a picture of your car, you don't do it from the tailpipe.

I think the discussion on this photo has been incredibly defensive, which is a bad way to start things off. Surely there are better photos to convey the discovery at Prudhoe than with what today would be considered an environmental disaster. Would you put the Exxon Valdez on the cover of a symposium about the pipeline and its impacts? I think not unless you were from "Earth First."

Respectfully,
Ric

From: Wilson, Gregory C [mailto:Gregory.C.Wilson@conocophillips.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 12:35 PM
To: Frederic (Ric) Wilson; Robert B Blodgett
Cc: Banet, Arthur; Diane Shellenbaum; Ted Borneman; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Johnson, Peter; Robert Gillis; Plawman, Tom
Subject: RE: Abstracts Cover Photo

All,

This dialog has been a hoot, and thanks again for all the input - I find the responses and emotions representative of the legacy of Prudhoe to this day; everything from seeing the lifeblood of Alaska

to car exhaust! In appreciation of the full range of emotions, I think we have to show deference to our sponsors and the full membership of AGS. I like the photo, but I feel more strongly about having the AGS and sponsors logos on the cover than I do the photo, even if it does capture a pivotal point in Alaska's history.

The cover has generally been a bland sort, but I'm open to suggestions that could be more inclusive. Even the lone Prudhoe well invites controversy - compare that to Deadhorse today!

With emotions as strong as what we've seen, I'll repeat that the Board will have to discuss the issue of marketing the photos in a CD documenting our Conference, as some of the drill stem test photos will certainly be a part of presentations. The CD will have wider distribution than the abstracts volume, which typically falls flat immediately following the Conference.

Thanks again,

- Greg

From: Plawman, Tom
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 2:11 PM
To: Wilson, Gregory C; Frederic (Ric) Wilson; Robert B Blodgett
Cc: Banet, Arthur; Diane Shellenbaum; Ted Borneman; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Johnson, Peter; Robert Gillis
Subject: RE: Abstracts Cover Photo

Just to add a couple more comments on the photo. I think including the photo "in" the presentations, CD, or whatever is fine and should be done. It is part of the historical record. I don't feel at all defensive about that. It was what happened, at the time it was the way things were done, with the infrastructure (none) and technology of the day that was probably the only way the well could have been tested. If any of us had been there we probably would have not had a problem with it. Just add some explanation to that effect.

The REAL issue is if that is the photo we should use on the cover, with our sponsor's logos? Do we want that to be the first thing people see about this conference? I helped obtain the money we are getting from BP. Presumably in the future there will be more occasions when AGS will want to ask BP to support some event. Do you want to go back to BP next year or the year after and hear "Well the last time we gave you money you paired our logo with a photo of"? I don't know about ConocoPhillips or FEX, but I know BP isn't supporting this conference because they are interested in the historical record. They are supporting it to generate good publicity for BP. One thing I've learned in my advanced age is that biting the hand that feeds me usually isn't a good idea.

Unless Pete and Robert are willing to pony up the money next time that we won't be getting from BP because we've made them mad at us, I suggest we use a less controversial photo for the cover.

Cheers,

Tom

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From: Silliphant, Laura J (DNR) [mailto:laura.silliphant@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 2:45 PM
To: Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Frederic (Ric) Wilson; Robert B Blodgett
Cc: Banet, Arthur; Shellenbaum, Diane P (DNR); Ted Borneman; Flight, Jennifer N; Clough, James G (DNR); pbarker@gci.net; Johnson, Peter; Gillis, Robert J (DNR)
Subject: RE: Abstracts Cover Photo

I vote to keep the corporate sponsor's name & logo on the cover with AGS's logo. Keep it simple and corporate. I would like to see these companies supporting other AGS efforts in the future.

Once I receive their checks I will send them a thank you letter.

Laura

From: Clough, James G (DNR) [mailto:jim.clough@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 3:01 PM
To: Silliphant, Laura J (DNR); Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Frederic (Ric) Wilson; Robert B Blodgett
Cc: Banet, Arthur; Shellenbaum, Diane P (DNR); Ted Borneman; Flight, Jennifer N; pbarker@gci.net; Johnson, Peter; Gillis, Robert J (DNR)
Subject: RE: Abstracts Cover Photo

Many good points have been raised. My initial thought was "cool photo", but then I thought (as others here have commented) I wonder what the public or news media perception might be of all that black smoke. Since this meeting will be covered by Petroleum News Alaska, it might also make it into the mainstream media. So perhaps leaning towards the cautious side on a cover photo is in the best interests of all. Those within the presentations shouldn't be any problem at all. Everyone would understand the historical context I think.

Also, is there still a move to record the audio of the presentations?

Jim

From: Wilson, Gregory C [mailto:Gregory.C.Wilson@conocophillips.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 3:10 PM
To: Clough, James G (DNR); Silliphant, Laura J (DNR); Plawman, Tom; Frederic (Ric) Wilson; Robert B Blodgett
Cc: Banet, Arthur; Shellenbaum, Diane P (DNR); Ted Borneman; Flight, Jennifer N; pbarker@gci.net; Johnson, Peter; Gillis, Robert J (DNR)
Subject: Audio

Mark Olson is working on getting software that will allow us to record the audio and dub it into the PPT files. Chances are we'll get a 30 day trial period with the software without having to buy it, but even if we chose to buy it AGS gets a reasonable non-profit price. We would likely recover the cost in CD sales in no time.

No need for more comments on the cover - it, like the initial discovery, is history.

- Greg

From: Wilson, Gregory C [mailto:Gregory.C.Wilson@conocophillips.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 4:09 PM

Subject: AGS Technical Conference / Prudhoe Bay Discovery at 40 - A Retrospective

All,

Subject:

Alaska Geological Society Technical Conference

Oral Session commemorates the Prudhoe discovery, featuring some of the history makers and witnesses

Poster Session - various Alaska topics

We have increased the conference attendance maximum from 90 (already there) to 120 (fire code maximum)

1. We have increased the maximum by removing most of the tables
2. If you plan to attend, you will need to register soon
3. If you register but later find you cannot attend, please formally cancel with AGS

Please read below for registration information

AAPG ALTERNATE THREAD

From: Banet, Arthur [mailto:Arthur.Banet@mms.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2008 1:13 PM
To: Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Tom Morahan; rgarrard@talisman-energy.com; Thomas.Homza@shell.com; tplawman@gci.net; Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic
Subject: FW: Alternate Delegate for 2008 Convention

If we have any takers, let me know. We have to send AAPG a request for an alternate.

From: Donna Riggs [mailto:driggs@aapg.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2008 8:19 AM
To: Banet, Arthur
Subject: RE: Alternate Delegate for 2008 Convention

Mr. Banet: Sorry for the delay in getting back to you. I regret that Ms. Silliphant may not serve as an official voting delegate because she is an Associate AAPG member. However, she is invited and welcome to attend the reception and the meeting in order to report back to the society if you do not submit another appointed delegate.

Donna

-----Original Message-----

From: Banet, Arthur [mailto:Arthur.Banet@mms.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 2:16 PM
To: Donna Riggs
Subject: Alternate Delegate for 2008 Convention

Donna Riggs,

The Alaska Geological Society will have to send an alternate delegate to participate in the 2008 Convention. Current delegate Arlen Ehm will not be able to attend this year's convention. So, I would like to recommend Laura Silliphant as our alternate delegate. Laura is a member in good standing and current treasurer. Please let me know if there is anything else that I should do to make this happen.

Thank you,

Arthur Banet
AGS President (2007 - 2008)

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP THREAD

From: Banet, Arthur [mailto:Arthur.Banet@mms.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 8:07 AM
To: Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic
Subject: Honorary Membership

At our last board meeting we voted to grant Art Grantz an honorary membership to AGS. I'll get a plaque to commemorate that. Should we present this at the introduction or end of his talk? I am open to ideas. Also, John Sweet who will also be speaking has been a long time member and he's just asked me to send him a membership form because he's lapsed. John's in his early 80's. And he's been a member of good standing in the past. And he's contributing to our Tech Conference, big time. I'd suggest we offer him an honorary membership to AGS also. Do we need to have a formal meeting for this? Or could we debate this electronically? Please let me know.

Art

From: Ted Bornemann [mailto:erhard2002@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 12:44 PM
To: Banet, Arthur; Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic
Subject: RE: Honorary Membership

I support your proposal to offer John Sweet a honorary membership. I think this can be done via email.

Ted

From: Plawman, Tom
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 12:57 PM
To: Ted Bornemann; Banet, Arthur; Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Wilson, Frederic
Subject: RE: Honorary Membership

[I also support an honorary membership to John Sweet. I think email is fine.](#)

Tom

From: Shellenbaum, Diane P (DNR) [mailto:diane.shellenbaum@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 4:12 PM
To: Plawman, Tom; Ted Bornemann; Banet, Arthur; Flight, Jennifer N; Clough, James G (DNR); Johnson, Peter; Silliphant, Laura J (DNR); pbarker@gci.net; Gillis, Robert J (DNR); Wilson, Frederic
Subject: RE: Honorary Membership

aye

From: Gillis, Robert J (DNR) [mailto:robert.gillis@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 4:15 PM
To: Shellenbaum, Diane P (DNR); Plawman, Tom; Ted Bornemann; Banet, Arthur; Flight, Jennifer N; Clough, James G (DNR); Johnson, Peter; Silliphant, Laura J (DNR); pbarker@gci.net; Wilson, Frederic
Subject: RE: Honorary Membership

Sounds like in good idea to me

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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 4:31 PM
To: Banet, Arthur; Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Blodgett, Robert; Shellenbaum, Diane P (DNR); Flight, Jennifer N; Johnson, Peter; Silliphant, Laura J (DNR); pbarker@gci.net; Gillis, Robert J (DNR); Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic
Subject: RE: Honorary Membership

I approve as well

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SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR THREAD

From: Weeks, Micaela
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2008 4:29 PM
To: Plawman, Tom; Johnson, Peter; Banet, Arthur; Bob Blodgett; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Pete Barker; Bob Gillis; Ted Bornemann; Ric Wilson; jim_clough@dnr.state.ak.us; Laura Silliphant
Cc: 'skarl@usgs.gov'
Subject: New AGS Scholarship Chair - Jennie Flight

All - Jennie Flight has kindly decided to take over for me as the AGS Scholarship Chair. Thanks to Jennie for taking on this committee.

She and I will go through a handover before next fall. Thanks! - Micaela

L. Micaela "Mikie" Weeks

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SCHOLARSHIP THREAD

From: Weeks, Micaela
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 10:52 AM
To: Laura Silliphant; Laura Silliphant
Cc: Flight, Jennifer N
Subject: AGS Scholarship checks

Laura - Hi there! I was hoping to be able to get checks from you for the scholarships:

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|-----------------------|--------|
| Carla Susanne Tomsich | \$1500 |
| Jeff Benowitz | \$500 |
| Danielle Stoll | \$500 |
| Joshua Payne | \$500 |
| Steve Polkowski | \$1000 |
| Jacob Mongrain | \$1000 |

I was going to do the announcements at the Tech Conference next week. If you're going to be there, then I can get the checks from you then. I'm not sure if any of the students will be there in person or not. If not, then I can mail them out afterwards.

As a back-up, you can give them to Jennie at the board meeting on Tuesday.

Thanks! - Mikie

L. Micaela "Mikie" Weeks

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