

Alaska Geological Society - Minutes from the April 2019 Board Meeting

Date: April 16, 2019
Location: BP Energy Center, Anchorage
Secretary: Keith Torrance
Present: Art Banet
Steve Carhart
Andrew Dewhurst
Jennifer Crews
Kirk Sherwood
Keith Torrance
Laura Gregerson
Larry Smith
Steve Wright
Ken Helmold
Alex Busk
Sue Karl
Trystan Herriot & Sean Reagan (by phone in Fairbanks)

1. Art Banet called the meeting to order at 11:30 and provided the agenda. A quorum was present.
2. Minutes from the March Board meeting were discussed. No corrections. Andrew Dewhurst proposed a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Holly Fair. Approved
3. Treasurers Report. Holly Fair was not present, but sent an update by email. The main points are:
 - AGS has \$57 more in our general checking than our books indicate we should have and Holly has to track down why that is. It's not something that occurred this past month but over the past 6 months somewhere. At least it's in our favor; it could be accumulated interest that I failed to account for in my spreadsheets. I have not deducted the scholarship checks yet which have already been written because they have not come on the bank statements yet
 - AGS received a \$500 matching donation from ConocoPhillips for the Richter scholarship donation which is shown on the sheet
 - The non-profit certification through state of Alaska (renewed each year for \$40 annually which Holly did last year and will do again this year) is different from and in addition to the reporting required to be submitted every two years for our registered entity with the Dept. of Commerce. Sue Karl received a letter about. I have some notes from the last treasurer on how to file that report and Holly will speak to them about it, find out what is needed and get back with Sue to make sure we handle it appropriately by the July 1 deadline.
 - AGS are registered for pick click give and Holly paid the dues on time for that... that will be not 2019 but 2020.
 - Taxes are due at the end of the fiscal year (June 30) and Holly will do those.
 - Non-profit re-certification can be applied for only after our taxes are submitted and accepted. Holly will take care of that in July.
4. The Vice President report was made by Andrew Dewhurst. Dr. Jit Bhattacharya (UAA) is scheduled for 23 April. Laura Gregerson will talk in May. Looking for speakers for the fall session. Discussion on providing box lunches for the meetings. Andrew feels that it could be managed via the website with payment in advance. It could also flag members who

have not paid their dues and send a reminder. Food has to be ordered via BP. Suggestion is to roll this out for the first meeting of the 2019/2020 session.

5. Old Business.

Scholarship awards have been made and the final three checks will be mailed this week. Sue Karl discussed paying the biennial \$25 fee to continue non-profit status. The renewal letters are sent to her home address because she has been a constant fixture of AGS and is the designated person.

The new website is still not active; still some issues with broken links on the old site. No reason why it can't go live now.

Jennifer Crews has the software for Square set up on her phone.

6. New Business

- Several board positions need to be filled for next session. These are:
- Treasurer; Holly Fair has resigned due to work commitments
- Secretary; Keith Torrance is leaving the state in May.
- President-elect
- 3 board members have terms which expire.

Discussion on possible candidates. Keith suggested Keith Guyer and agreed to contact him. Jennifer has reached out to Scott Digert at BP. Hillcorp, ENI, and Oil Search geologists might be another source. Jennifer, Kirk and Monte have terms that expire; Jennifer and Kirk are willing to stay on. Ken is willing to stand if Monte steps down.

Discussion on the voting process. The slate will not be ready for the April lecture but will announce that nominations are open. Voting can be done on-line and via a paper ballot at the May lecture.

Discussion on forming an advisory group that would meet once per year and provide input on membership, the Tech Conference and university/scholarship participation. Broad agreement that it must involve UAF/UAA. Dr Sean Reagan (UAF) agreed and led a discussion on how to engage with students at UAF.

For the meeting this session, there has been no WebEx link at UAF. The student who was the facilitator graduated last year. Important to find another contact at UAF to host the Webex meetings.

Discussion on the 2020 Technical Conference with Trystan and Dr Sean Reagan. A date of May 1st was suggested by Dr Reagan, which is the first Friday in May. Venue would be the main geology lecture hall for the talks and the halls for poster. Sean will look into the venue availability and student schedule on that date. All agreed that Friday would be preferable to Saturday. Important to identify sponsors as a first step. Steve Carhart plan to make a trip up to Fairbanks next month to meet with Sean and Trystan.

Discussion on the 3P conference, which AAPG is looking to hold in Anchorage in 2020. Dates not fixed; it would either be May or October. Dave Houseknecht inquired whether AGS would like to be involved. Yes; be level of participation may depend on timing.

7. Motion to adjourn at 12:45pm by Laura Gregerson, seconded by Andrew.

Respectfully submitted by: Keith Torrance, Secretary

April 17th, 2019.