Alaska Geological Society - Minutes from the February 2019 Board Meeting

Date: February 12, 2019
Location: BP Energy Center, Anchorage
Secretary: Keith Torrance
Present: Andrew Dewhurst
Monte Mabry
Kirk Sherwood
Keith Torrance
Laura Gregerson
Steve Carhart
Jennifer Crews
Ken Helmold
Sue Karl
Trystan Herriot (by phone)

1. Andrew Dewhurst called the meeting to order at 11:36 and provided the agenda. A quorum was present.
2. Minutes from the November meeting were discussed. No corrections. Laura Gregerson proposed a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Monte Mabry. Approved
3. Treasurers Report. Holly Fair was not present. Noted that letter need to be sent out to 2018 donors. Noted that the website doesn’t allow you to complete lifetime membership. Kirk stated that AGS currently has 139 paid members, which is comparable to Feb 2018. Repsol and Oil Search should be good areas to recruit. Suggested a letter campaign to solicit more members. Tabled for next meeting.
4. The Vice President report was made by Andrew Dewhurst. Schedule filled for the remainder of the 2018/2019 session with Rob Witter’s talk re-scheduled for 15 March; Dr. Jit Bhattacharya (UAA) is scheduled for 23 April and Greg Wilson scheduled for 21 May. Andrew is looking for any ideas for the September talk. Laura Gregerson is working on a paper giving the history of 500 wells on the North Slope for AAPG and it was agreed that this would make a great talk. Keith Torrance is talking to the UAA Geology Club this week and will talk about AGS membership to the students.
5. Technical Conference. Discussion on the 2019 Tech Conference. Trystan has talked to Sean Ragin at UAA, who is interested in helping organize it, but thinks that 2020 is more realistic. Karri Siccard has provided some input to Trystan and agrees that it needs a minimum of a 6 month lead time. Discussion on student participation and integrating posters into the student course work. Really important to choose a date when the lecture theatre is available. Steve Carhart volunteered to be a conference organizer provided there is a local academic chair. Steve plans to travel to Fairbanks next month to meet Sean and Trystan at UAF. Motion made to postpone the Tech conference to 2020 by Keith Torrance, seconded by Kirk Sherwood - Approved
6. Scholarships. Sue Karl provided an update on the applications. Sue has formed a committee to review the applications and make award recommendations. Motion made to accept the committee members. Fewer applications received than in 2018 but there are more from Anchorage. Sue will confirm with AAPG that they plan to make a match.
7. Other Business. Keith to track down Jana DaSilva to ask about the Science Fair. No decision yet on the John Beeder paper; tabled for May. Motion to accept the new web site design proposed by Steve Carhart; seconded by Kirk Sherwood. Approved.
8. Motion to adjourn at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Keith Torrance, Secretary