

## Alaska Geological Society – Minutes from September 2020 Board Meeting

**Date:** September 8, 2020

**Secretary:** Heather Beat

**Present:** Ken Helmhold  
Sean Regan  
Andy Dewhurst  
Steve Carhart  
Tom Homza  
Corey Ramstad  
Monte Maybry  
Jen Crews  
Kirk Sherwood  
Laura Gregerson

1. Meeting called to order at 11:37 by Andy
2. The BP energy center is reserved for our monthly presentations through 2021. It's currently still closed.
3. Andy wants to change the structure of the board and formally form committees.
  - a. Finance committee – Laura Gregerson.
    - i. Corey (treasurer) gave an update of how our finances are handled, accounts owned by AGS, paper mail, and an update that the budget will be created within the next few months.
    - ii. When AGS spends \$500 or more, there needs to be approval from the board and when it is \$5000, approval needs to happen from the membership.
    - iii. Draft budget will be sent out to board before next board meeting and will be discussed then.
    - iv. Sean Regan is volunteering to be on the finance committee since it needs 3 members. Andy moved to have Sean added to finance committee, approved.
  - b. Program Committee – Tom Homza
    - i. AGS has speakers through January.
    - ii. Potential for-profit company giving a talk next year. Want to emphasize no sales pitches - the talk needs to be technical. AGS probably needs to add to the bylaws about this because it's a point that comes up frequently.
    - iii. PSAAPG has acquired Microsoft Teams licenses, one of which they have reserved for AGS. We will be using Teams starting in October due to Google Meet charging for meetings longer than an hour starting September 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - iv. Corey paid Bovey trophies for the speaker gifts. Tom will be picking up the trophies soon.

- v. For luncheons it is a good idea to have a roll call for where people are tuning in from or a survey following the talk
  - c. Membership committee – Kirk Sherwood
    - i. Kirk sent out a membership e-mail September 3<sup>rd</sup> to our membership base for dues renewal. Will continue doing this monthly until November.
    - ii. Went over membership status
    - iii. Kirk also added a way for members to check their membership status via the website.
    - iv. Also proposed to change the bylaws to make membership section clearer. Kirk will re-write and circulate before the next board meeting so we can vote next board meeting.
  - d. Scholarship committee
    - i. Sue was not able to make it. However, we need 4 additional committee members.
  - e. Fairbanks committee – Sean Regan.
    - i. Sean thinks there is value to be added to have a Fairbanks committee – especially with getting the Fairbanks community more involved particularly UAF and mining community
    - ii. Would be good to have more mining technical presentations for luncheons. Also, Sean will reach out to geophysical institute for involvement.
  - f. Website committee – Heather Beat
    - i. Not a lot of updates to the website this summer besides membership status.
    - ii. Add an ask a geologist question to the website. Needs refinement
  - g. Bylaws committee – no committee, but everyone needs to read the bylaws.
  - h. Advertising committee –
    - i. Steve headed this up last year. Will continue with drafting up a letter to current advertisers.
  - i. Field Trip Committee –
    - i. Sean Regan and Jen Crews are interested in starting this committee.
    - ii. Potentially table this until post-covid.
    - iii. Should this committee have a free-standing field trip separate from the tech conference? Would there be enough interest? Yes.
  - j. Publications committee – Alex Busk & Kirk Sherwood
    - i. How it works now is if a person is interested in purchasing a publication there is a form on website to purchase/order publications, the person mails a check and then publication is mailed out.
    - ii. Kirk has only received one request, however, the person never mailed in the check. Is this process too cumbersome for people to use?
4. Meeting adjourned at 12:58pm by Andy. Will do an introduction next board meeting.

Notes respectfully submitted by Heather Beat on September 10, 2020.