

AGS Board Meeting – January Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 12, 2021

Secretary: Heather Beat

Present: Andy Dewhurst

Tom Homza

Corey Ramstad

Sue Karl

Ken Helmhold

Jen Crews

Matt Frankforter

Sean Regan

Steve Carhartt

1. Meeting called to order 11:37am. Minutes approved.
2. Program Committee
 - a. Tom needs someone to MC the AGS talk January 21, 2021.
 - i. Sean will be the MC and Andy will handle the technical aspect. Tom already uploaded the announcements that need to be presented beforehand.
 - b. Have speakers lined up through May.
3. Finance Committee
 - a. Corey got in touch with AGS insurance provider. AGS currently has two insurance policies – (1) motor vehicle, and (2) insurance for the board.
 - i. Sue mentioned in the past we carried field trip insurance separately, when needed, which covered motor vehicle insurance. Should investigate dropping motor vehicle since we have not had a field trip, can add again if we have a field trip.
 - ii. Corey needs to research bills over the past few years a little more to see what the society has paid.
 - iii. Jen suggested contacted Monte, who would be a good resource for prior insurance costs.
4. Advertising Committee
 - a. Steve sent out 8 advertising letters before Christmas. Has not heard back yet.
 - b. Steve is also sending out emails to potential advertiser after making a few modifications.
 - i. Steve will send out the email letter to AGS board. Please reply with any contact information you have regarding potential advertisers.
5. Scholarship committee
 - a. Jen and Andy will send out invitations to Conoco and Hilcorp.
 - b. Sue has multiple people that are interested in the scholarship committee. Still needs 1 more person. Looking for someone in an environmental/geotechnical engineering role.

- c. Sue has sent out request for proposals for scholarship applications. Applications are due February 1.
 - d. Candidates for scholarships will be presented at board meeting in March.
 - e. Sue will work on visual (letter) for advertising scholarships.
- 6. Membership committee
 - a. Roster of current/paid/active members has been uploaded to the website. Current through January 10, 2021.
 - b. Renewal of membership process has been initiated with Jan.
 - i. Heather needs to follow up with Jan to check status of web design for renewal.
- 7. Technical conference
 - a. Sue contacted AMA for how they set up virtual conference.
 - i. AMA hired a consultant to make sure all presentations and documents were uploaded, and the technical side went smoothly. Poster presentations were presented as PowerPoints. This way posters didn't have to squeeze information onto one screen.
 - ii. For virtual conference, need 1 person who is completely dedicated to admitting people into the virtual talks.
 - iii. PowerPoints for talks need to be sent to AGS prior to conference to mitigate any technical glitches.
- 8. Alaska News Source requested contact information for a geologist in relation to the Haines mud slide
 - a. We should have a list of people for these sorts of requests to go to.
 - i. Kirk has been great with these requests in the past, but probably is not the best candidate for the Haines mudslide event. Perhaps contact AGS member Eric Cannon (eccannon1955@yahoo.com) to look at it or to recommend a soils/slope failure source.
 - ii. Sue Karl and Sean Regan will be added to this list.
 - b. Do we need a tab on the website to direct these questions? Which email should they go to? At present, most inquiries seem to come to the President's AGS email.
- 9. Science for Alaska Forum
 - a. Sean will be presenting. He will send out information on date/time.
- 10. Meeting Adjourned at 12:24.