

Alaska Geological Society – Minutes from February 2020 Board Meeting

Date: February 12, 2020

Secretary: Heather Beat

Present: Monte Maybry

Steve Carhart

Kirk Sherwood

Steve Wright

Andy Dewhurst

Art Banet

Sue Karl

Laura Gregersen

1. Meeting called to order at 11:40 by Andy.
2. Kirk went over membership. Steve went to a mining convention and got a bunch of new contacts that Kirk has followed up on. January minutes approved.
3. Finance update, Corey unable to attend but provided information regarding the account and overview. Insurance for AGS has been worked out. It was being sent to an unmonitored e-mail account. We paid the insurance fee, which was \$500 more than last year.
 - a. AAPG may have an option for cheaper insurance.
 - b. AGS did receive \$500 from Conoco for a general donation from Andy.
4. Need to amend newsletter to take Alexandra Busk off the publications chair. It is currently Kirk Sherwood, but he hasn't received anything.
5. VP Report
 - a. Program for guest speakers is set through the fall. Andy has gotten in contact with all the speakers. Working on a distinguished lecturer for September from AAPG.
 - b. Another idea for outreach is to link up with 49th state and their science talks and putting these in the newsletter. Perhaps having a geology talk at one of these.
 - c. General announcements need to be sent to Andy the day before the lecture for him to present.
 - d. Corey will do the announcements before the March lecture and introduce the speaker. Motioned by Steve C. and seconded by Steve W. Andy is open to having whoever do the introduction and announcements before the lectures.
 - e. Approved spending \$500 on plaques for guest speakers. Approval by Steve, seconded by Heather. Approved by vote.
 - f. Approval to refund Pat Druckenmiller for his travel expenses for his lecture last month \$200.
 - g. No update on the laptops.
 - h. Need a slide to remind people to donate to the scholarship program before the talks.
 - i. Steve has a rough draft letter to send to the existing advertisers about rate changes.

- j. Everyone needs to get in Webex and practice using it for the lectures. USGS wants us to use this for our lectures.
6. Technical Conference
- a. Two scheduled field trips to the permafrost tunnel on Friday.
 - b. Friday there will be a no host dinner
 - c. Saturday conference from 8am-3pm. 1-2-minute presentations from each student presenting posters/lectures from UAF and UAA, then quick presentation from professors in the morning. Afternoon will be dedicated to keynote speaker and other lecturers/poster presenters.
 - d. Still need poster presenters and lecturers! Each one of us needs to be responsible to find one lecturer and poster presenter. Proposed by Steve, seconded and approved.
 - e. Fort Knox Gold Mine offered a field trip to their mine – Steve is still working on the details.
 - f. Need a sponsorship chairman, abstract and posters chairman, and accounting chairman. Kirk offered to help with the accounting portion.
 - g. Steve will send out letter to Fairbanks mayor/AK Legislators from Fairbanks to attend the Tech Conference.
7. Approached by PSAAPG to verify e-mails and contact information.
8. Scholarship
- a. Committee change - Hannah Dietterich will be changed to Game McGimsey because Hannah will be out in the field. Voted and approved.
 - b. Sue contacted Cynthia Huggins at PSAAPG and AGS will be receiving matching grants, should be \$4000.
 - c. Have 11 students that have applied to the scholarship, 7 also applied to the Richter scholarship. Numbers are a little low. Deadline for the scholarship was February 1st.
 - d. Need to have e-mail addresses and password information for AGS committees sent to the board. Potentially have all committee members have access to the admin privileges.
 - e. Committee is reviewing scholarships and scoring them. This information should be uploaded to the google drive. Committee will meet on Feb. 25th to approve the top candidates.
 - f. Board needs to validate choices by March board meeting. Sue will then send these names to PSAAPG who will send the matching funds. Hopefully scholarship winners will be announced by the technical conference.
 - g. One of the requirements for getting a scholarship from AGS is for them to send a paragraph a year later to say what they have accomplished with that scholarship money. This can then be put in the newsletter or they can be a guest lecturer for AGS luncheons.
9. Andy will go as the AAPG delegate in Ken's place for the meeting in Houston.
10. New business
- a. Steve got a note from Science Olympiad for Matsu Valley. Sent an e-mail out with information on this Please volunteer.
 - b. Feb 26, Baker Hughes is doing a Geochem volatile analysis lunch and learn at the GMC of the Square Lake well in NPRA, USGS has followed up on the research.
 - i. A note will be sent out to the newsletter distribution list. Should make people RSVP for this.

11. Meeting adjourned at 12:56.

Notes respectfully submitted on February 13, 2020 by Heather Beat