

Alaska Geological Society - Minutes from the January 2019 Board Meeting

Date: January 15, 2019
Location: BP Energy Center, Anchorage
Secretary: Keith Torrance
Present: Larry Smith
Kirk Sherwood
Keith Torrance
Art Banet
Holly Fair
Steve Carhart
Jennifer Crews
Alex Busk
Ken Helmold
Trystan Herriot (by phone)

1. Art Banet 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. Steve Carhart proposed a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Alex Busk.
3. Treasurers Report. Holly Fair provided the Treasurer's Report. Financials for the month were discussed. It was noted that \$190 in bounced checks from PSAAPG will need to be re-issued or cancelled. Holly thought that there is excess money in petty cash and \$50 might be a better float. Holly to move the excess to the checking account.
4. The Vice President report was made by Keith Torrance in Andrew's absence, who was out sick. The talk by Rob Witter from the USGS has been re-scheduled to March because of the government shut down; Rick Van Nieuwenhuysen from Trilogy Metals (was NovaCopper) is scheduled for February with a talk on the Ambler mining district. March is re-scheduled with Rob Witter's talk; Dr Shuvajit Bhattacharya from UAA is scheduled for April. Andrew is working on a speaker for May (Greg Wilson or Pebble.) The calendar of events is up to date. Paul Decker's talk in December was excellent and well attended but the room was too small. Some discussion on how to keep the Birch room; this was empty during Paul's talk because another group cancelled. We can't request a room and BP make decisions based on the number of attendees on the form. John Thornley's talk at GSA was very well attended, but Fairbanks had issues dialing to the audio. We should offer GSA a joint meeting in return (Rob Witter's ?). The VP laptop does not have a MS Office license. Keith explained that he used a personal license that is linked to his own MS account and not the laptop. Andrew thinks that non-profit organizations can get license for \$3 per month per user and will investigate fully.
5. On-going business was discussed. The new website is almost complete. Agreed that it should be launched as soon as possible and a link to the (inactive) site will be sent out. We do not have a local organizer fixed for the Spring Tech Conference in Fairbanks. Trystan has been in contact with Paul McCarthy at UAF to try and identify someone. Paul was the most recent organizer of the Imperial barrel competition. The proposed Friday date for the conference may be an issue for UAF because of class timetable re-organizations. Is Saturday an option? Archive AGS

material is being sorted at the GMC and is about 50% complete. Some discussion on the value of keeping correspondence and other society records.

6. New business

Some discussion on an article submitted for publication to the AGS newsletter by John Reeder on the M7.0 earthquake. Some members have expressed objections to the content, but articles in the journal are not peer reviewed. Tabled for further discussion; Andrew suggested waiting until after Rob Witter's talk in March. Art Banet will be out of town for a couple of months.

7. Motion to adjourn at 12:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Keith Torrance, Secretary

January 23rd, 2019.