

Alaska Geological Society – Minutes from the January 2020 Board Meeting

Date: January 7, 2020
Secretary: Heather Beat
Present: Steve Carhart
Ken Helmhold
Steve Wright
Corey Ramstad
Kirk Sherwood
Laura Gregersen
Monty Maybry (via phone)
Trystan Herriott (via phone)

1. Meeting called to order by Steve Carhart at 11:35.
2. Heather went over minutes, minutes approved.
 - a. Budget approved via e-mail (10 approval votes).
 - b. Next time Steve sends out meeting invite, it will have a word document attachment for people with issues viewing Google Calendar Invites.
3. Kirk updated membership income. We have about \$5000 coming in from membership. Picked up 3 new lifetime members in December. Also had some donations.
 - a. Currently there are a few inactive members/societies on the membership roster. Decided to take all the names off but keep Pacific Section AAPG and SPE on the roster.
4. President's Report:
 - a. Finance committee – Corey, Steve, and Jennifer
 - b. Steve created an invoice form
 - i. USGS will be sent \$230 to pay for Webex for 1 year. Need to evaluate if we'd like to continue this for next year, or if we'd like to move to something else. Steve will send out the user ID and password for Webex so we can practice using it. With this new Webex platform we're able to have up to 50 logins.
 - ii. Need to have multiple people proficient in using Webex
 - iii. Need to make sure that UAF can log in to Webex – Sean Ragan is setting up a room with WebEx for people to listen to AGS luncheons in Fairbanks.
 - c. Steve will send out a letter to AGS board that he intends to send to our advertisers about payments so they can be featured in the newsletter and website.
 - i. After it has been edited, we will send it to the advertisers.
 - d. Pat Druckenmiller will be giving the talk January 23, 2020 over Arctic Dinosaurs.
 - e. Monthly AGS board meetings have been set up on the calendar and have been sent out to everyone's e-mail.
 - f. Technical conference is on, April 17th & 18th 8am-3pm.
 - i. Information for the conference is on the website. Including an abstract registration.
 - ii. Have 2 tours to the permafrost research lab planned.
 - iii. Dinner/reception set up for Friday night.
 - iv. Dr. Jamie Jones with USGS is a keynote guest speaker.
 - v. Jit will send out information about UAA sponsorship.

- vi. Steve is working on a general sponsorship letter for the technical conference. Will send to Heather then will send it out to the AGS board for approval.
 - vii. Posters will be paid for by Conoco Phillips.
 - viii. Standing with University of Alaska University system is the slogan of the AGS technical conference.
5. VP Report – Andy is out, but AGS received a donation from ConocoPhillips for \$500 after filing out tax ID information. Thanks Andy!
 6. Corey brought up a notice from the Alaska Federal Labor Law to pay \$15 for plaque to display that we're in compliance. We do not have any employees so we are not going to pay for a plaque.
 7. Steve Wright brought up UAA geology community advisory committee and that enrollment is down for Geology at UAA. They are also struggling to get funding for faculty positions. Have 4 unfilled positions, but have prioritized 1 for mineralogy, petrology, and volcanology due to budget restrictions.
 - a. Think about ways for outreach to boost enrollment for geosciences.
 8. Ken will be gone for the AAPG delegates meeting in Houston June 10-13. Need someone to represent AGS to attend AAPG meeting. If we do not send someone, we risk losing funding from AAPG. Being a delegate is a 4-year term, Steve needs to appoint or nominate someone for the next 4 years. Ken is willing to do this again, but he cannot attend the one this year.
 - a. This needs to be discussed at the next meeting.
 9. Laura brought up Alaska Museum of Science and Nature in Mountainview has a good geology display.
 - a. Another local outreach program that AGS can explore helping/promoting.
 - b. Laura, Steve, and Ken will work on getting a blurb into the newsletter about the museum.
 10. What else can we put into the newsletter?
 - a. Need more submissions on "My Pet Rock"
 - b. Photos of geology field trips.
 11. Meeting adjourned at 12:33.

Meeting notes respectfully submitted January 8, 2020 by Heather Beat