

Alaska Geological Society - Minutes from the March 2019 Board Meeting

Date: March 12, 2019
Location: BP Energy Center, Anchorage
Secretary: Keith Torrance
Present: Art Banet
Andrew Dewhurst
Holly Fair
Kirk Sherwood
Keith Torrance
Laura Gregerson
Larry Smith
Steve Wright
Ken Helmold
Alex Busk
Sue Karl
Trystan Herriot (by phone)

1. Art Banet called the meeting to order at 11:30 and provided the agenda. A quorum (7) was present.
2. Minutes from the February Board meeting were discussed. No corrections. Andrew Dewhurst proposed a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Holly Fair. Approved
3. Treasurers Report. Holly Fair provided an update on the society's finances. Membership revenue is up for the past two months. With the cancellation of the Technical Conference in Fairbanks this year, income is likely to exceed expenditure. Will move funds into the scholarship funds to cover the 2019 awards. Sue Karl will not make announcements at the Thursday luncheon until the awardees have been notified and the AAPG match received.
4. The Vice President report was made by Andrew Dewhurst. Rob Witter's talk is scheduled for March 14; this is a joint meeting with GSA. The talk has been advertised in the local media so Andrew is expecting a big turnout. Dr. Jit Bhattacharya (UAA) is scheduled for 23 April but had requested a change of date to accommodate some out-of-state visitor. The board agreed that this was not feasible. Greg Wilson was scheduled for 21 May, but is moving his talk to the fall instead. Laura Gregerson Laura Gregerson has agreed to step in to talk about history of 500 wells on the North Slope, but on a different date. Andrew has sorted the booking with the BP Energy Center. To accommodate. The picnic with GSA is scheduled for May 22nd. Discussion on having a table set up for Rob Witter's talk for memberships, publications, etc.
5. Old Business. The scholarship committee chaired by Sue Karl met and selected the recipients of scholarship awards. There were only 9 applications and awards were made to 8. There was a big increase in applications from UAA, but very few from UAF. The society needs to encourage greater participation from UAF by reaching out to the faculty there. The awardees are:

Richter Memorial Scholarship \$2000:

Curtis Bernard, MS candidate, University of Alaska, Fairbanks
Project: *Geologic mapping in remote Alaska to guide hyperspectral imaging applications to mineralization*

Alaska Geological Society Scholarships \$5000:

\$1000 Jordan Jenckes: MS candidate, University of Alaska Anchorage

Project: *Hydrochemistry of fresh water fluxing to the Gulf of Alaska: a focus on silicate weathering of glacial and non-glacial meltwater streams*

\$2000 Brandon Keough: MS candidate, Purdue University

Project: *A sedimentary record of the growth of continents by collisional processes, Cantwell basin, central Alaska Range, Alaska*

\$1500 Zena Robert: MS candidate, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Project: *Climate change and the Denali Park infrastructure: landslide hazard assessment of the Denali Park Road*

\$500 Kelsey Tucker: BS candidate, University of Alaska, Anchorage

Project: *Integrated geochemical and petrophysical analysis of the Hue Shale, North Slope of Alaska*

PSAAPG Scholarships \$4000

\$1500 Scott Pantaleone: MS candidate, University of Alaska, Anchorage

Project: *Potential for fluid storage, utilization, and risks of induced seismicity in the Cook Inlet basin, Alaska*

\$1500 Ben Suranovic: MS candidate, University of Alaska, Anchorage

Project: *Comparison of highstand and lowstand deltaic deposits in the Brookian*

\$1000 Triffon Tatarin: MS candidate, University of Alaska, Anchorage

Project: *Tectonic history, fault evolution, and structural inheritance along the Beaufort margin, northern Alaska*

Sue reported that Patrick Mansell (KSU), one of the 2018 scholarship recipients, presented the Richters with a copy of a poster that he presented at the Geological Society of America's 2018 annual meeting.

Art Banet had no announcements to make of the Tech Conference but hopes to meet up with Steve to discuss.

6. New Business

Keith hasn't been able to track down Jana DaSilva to ask about the Science Fair. Keith will send the link to the judge volunteer page.

It was noted that Steve Jones, a longtime GSA member, had passed away last month.

Discussion on the John Reeder paper. Trystan and Ken have strong opinions that it should not be published. Art and Andrew have a contrary view. Agreed that it is not suitable for the newsletter but that we should invite Dr Reeder to give a talk and allow discussion.

Vendors for core scanning technology will be holding a demonstration at the Geological Materials Center in conjunction with the AOGA conference on May 30th.

7. Motion to adjourn at 12:45pm by Keith Torrance, seconded by Andrew.

Respectfully submitted by: Keith Torrance, Secretary

March 14th, 2019.