

## Alaska Geological Society – Minutes from March 2020 Board Meeting

**Date:** March 10, 2020

**Secretary:** Heather Beat

**Present:** Steve Carhart

Steve Wright

Andy Dewhurst

Kirk Sherwood

Corey Ramstad

Art Banet

Ken Helmhold

Sue Karl

Trystan (via phone from Fairbanks)

1. Meeting called to order
2. Presidents Report
  - a. Discussed budget and technical conference. Sponsorship amount has doubled from what we initially budgeted, currently have \$4200, expected \$2000.
    - i. Permafrost tunnel field trip 1pm and 330pm – need to be added to the website.
    - ii. Museum of the North backroom will be open for questions with Pat Druckenmiller.
  - b. Steve has drafted a letter and invoice to advertisers in the newsletter. This will automatically be sent out in October for advertisers to pay.
3. VP Report
  - a. Have guest speakers through November 2020. Dave Buthman is presenting at next week's talk.
  - b. Board needs to decide if we should continue to have the AGS talk, make it virtual, or cancel.
    - i. Heather recommends still having the talk but making the Go To Meeting public and sending out the information to the link to our membership base so they can make their own decision on whether they wish to still attend or use the Go To Meeting. Andy will send out information to Kirk and Heather. Kirk will send information out to our members, and Heather will send to Jan to upload to our website.
  - c. Bovey trophies is working on creating new speaker plaques.
    - i. Thank you, Art, for the donation.
4. Scholarship candidate selection presented by Sue.
  - a. Board voted and approved scholarship candidates selected by scholarship committee.
  - b. Ken will put scholarship winners in the newsletter (monies awarded not included). This information will also be added to the website once Sue has notified the winners.

5. Discussion of cancelling or rescheduling the technical conference in Fairbanks. Andy suggests having a 'drop dead date' for deciding.
  - a. Steve will consult with Sean about what UAF is doing as far as virus protocol.
  - b. April 7<sup>th</sup> will work as this cutoff date.
  - c. In e-mail sent out about March luncheon, Andy will include information to monitor technical conference website for any potential cancellations.
  - d. Steve is still waiting to hear from Fort Knox about a gold mine tour – will follow up.
6. Currently have 10 abstracts for presentations at the Technical Conference.
7. Minutes approved from February Board Meeting were approved.
8. Kirk has contacted Tom Marshall's family to put his obituary in the AGS newsletter. Can also put in a link to an NPR interview in the newsletter.
  - a. Can also upload the obituary to the website. We should work on adding a tab to website to recognize important contributors to Alaska geology – can work on this later.
9. Motion to adjourn at 12:38.