

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

**Date:** May 5, 2020

**Secretary:** Heather Beat

**Present:** Steve Carhart

Steve Wright

Andy Dewhurst

Kirk Sherwood

Corey Ramstad

Art Banet

Ken Helmhold

Laura Gregerson

Trystan & Sean (via phone from Fairbanks)

1. Meeting called to order 11:35. Minutes reviewed and approved.
2. Treasurer report: all accounts look good.
  - a. Corey will send out the treasurer's report after the meeting today.
  - b. All scholarship deposits were made. 3 have been cashed, and 3 have not.
  - c. For Tech Conference, none of the sponsors wanted their money back.
3. Vice Presidents Report
  - a. May 21 luncheon from Tom Douglas, virtual presentation.
  - b. AAPG distinguished lecturer still on track for September, Steven Hubbard, however, we have not confirmed, and could change due to quarantine/virus. May be virtual only.
  - c. Tom Houmza has been nominated for VP
  - d. Ken is working on newsletter and aiming to get it out by early next week.
    - i. Laura wants to involve a geotechnical engineering firm, need to get this information on the website – Heather
  - e. Since we are using a virtual platform, we can involve other areas and societies for talks. Something to think about for future talks.
  - f. Have had 70 people vote for AGS board positions.
4. President's report
  - a. Technical conference is still scheduled for late September.
    - i. UAF is still not sure if there will be in-person classes next semester, so tech conference needs to be flexible. We are not looking at a different venue currently.
  - b. Steve and Corey are going to finish up sponsorship letters and send them out to companies about sponsoring conference and AGS.
    - i. Companies that gave money for sponsorship will be included on website and newsletter. Steve will be sending these to Ken.

- c. We have new members and an increase in membership. Kirk sent out the details earlier this week regarding this.
  - d. Jit would like to be involved in AGS board.
    - i. Suggest that he be involved on scholarship board and on tech conference committees.
5. No update to scholarship information.
6. Steve will stop paying for virtual platform and use USGS money, will donate the remaining to AGS. Need to figure out which platform we want to go with.
  - a. Google meet is included with our google suite and we can continue to use it for virtual board meetings.
  - b. For the actual AGS talks, we need to figure out what platform we want to go with. What platform is wide enough for our audience?
    - i. Webex is \$13.99/month.
    - ii. Have been exceeding 60 people on the AGS talks.
    - iii. Could have a company sponsor the virtual platform and pay for the annual fee in exchange for advertisement.
7. Voting deadline is May 19<sup>th</sup> by email and the 13<sup>th</sup> by mail. The elected officials will be announced at the following AGS luncheon.
8. Steve wants to nominate himself along with Jit and Sean to promote the University system.
  - a. What can our society do to help promote the university?
  - b. UAA has a monthly talk, so it would be good to collaborate with the department to make sure we're working effectively.
  - c. Sean suggests increasing the number of student memberships by increasing our social media presence.
    - i. Post things to highlight work being done in Alaska, by Alaskan geologists.
    - ii. Could work together with geoscience club at UAF – Heather
9. Steve would like to have a summer AGS board meeting to finalize before summer break. Probably early June. Steve has scheduled a virtual meeting for Tuesday, 09 Jun'20.
10. Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.