

# AGS Board Meeting

MMS Conference Room, Centerpoint Building

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008

## Attendees

**Anchorage:** Peter Barker, Art Banet, Jennie Flight, Peter Johnson, Tom Plawman, Diane Shellenbaum, Greg Wilson, Laura Silliphant  
**Fairbanks (via telephone):** Bob Gillis, Jim Clough

**Meeting called to order at 11:35 am.** President Art Banet

## President's Report

- Website is becoming operational but need input on content
- Peter J. would like to get everyone's ideas and comments by the end of February
- Several folks liked the idea of a revolving photo on the home page. Request submissions for photos. Art to announce at Thursday's luncheon that we are looking for photos for the webpage.
- Peter J inquired whether anyone had a digital copy of the logo that has been on our publications. Greg W. said that he had one that he could send.
- Other suggestions of content for the webpage are scans of the by-laws, articles of incorporation
- Other items still needed on the webpage are: tech conference page, business page with minutes, archived newsletters
- **Action Items:**
  - **Jennie to email 2007-2008 minutes to Peter J.**

## Secretary's Report

- Received a request from Trailside Discovery for \$1,000.
- Board would like to hear from a Trailside representative about how they incorporate geology into their program.
- **Action Items:**
  - **Jennie to email Tom Burek at the Alaska Center for the Environment and invite him to attend next board meeting and talk about their program**
  - **Jennie to scan the Trailside request and send it out to the board**

## Tech Conference Report

- Discussion of how posters can be accommodated at the Energy center. The center has a few poster boards, and can hang some materials on the wall of the Birch Room with tape. Will have to rent poster support from elsewhere if we need more than the walls since the Energy center does not have many poster support boards available
- So far do not have any responses on posters. We are actively soliciting for posters. All talks are by invitation only.
- Discussion of having a video web page (Juke Box).

- Greg has put in a call to Wally Hickel. Hope to have him as the lunch speaker at the technical conference
- Estimated attendance if Wally, et al. were available, to be at > 100 people
- Attendance was 65-67 people last year, so need to request that the Birch room be set up to accommodate a large crowd
- Need to add 'big names' to the flyer in order to draw a larger attendance
- We are supporting Gill and Art to come up
- Gordon to talk about Prudhoe
- Greg W. trying to get a speaker for an economic talk – what Prudhoe has meant to the State of Alaska
- Greg W. thought that Petroleum News was doing a special article on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Prudhoe. Maybe able to co-ordinate advertising for our tech conference with them
- Discussion of places for students to stay when they come down from Fairbanks and of paying for a van to bring students down from Fairbanks
- Tom P. concerned with liability issues with getting a van
- Greg W. suggests a conference stipend / transportation allowance be issued for each student
- Tom P. made motion to offer \$50/person for up to 20 students as attendance stipend for any student attending the tech conference from outside the Anchorage area. Pete B. seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Action Items**
  - **Tom P. to send out tech conference announcement and call for posters to BP community**
  - **Art to request volunteer host families at next talk**

### **Vice President's Report**

- Current requests for a hot lunch are not enough to meet the minimum order. We have a few box lunch requests.
- March speaker: Marti Miller
- April: Tech Conference
- May: Hoping to have a talk on Liberty

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Laura reports that we are basically breaking even on lunches
- Tim Ryherd needs to be reminded about the advertising invoices

### **Field Trip Report**

- Sue Karl is actively pursuing field guide to Hatcher Pass
- Insurance issues: We do not have insurance through PSAAPG. No PSAAPG affiliates are covered unless they are hosting the annual convention (as we did in '06)

- Greg W. suggests that we approach GSA to be a formal affiliate of their organization. Peter B agreed and felt that it was more appropriate for us to be affiliated with GSA rather than AAPG anyhow.
- Peter J. wondered about running our field trips in conjunction with a university
- **Action Items**
  - **Tom P. to call GSA and find out what GSA affiliation would look like**
  - **Tom P. to contact Alaska Natural History Society to see what they do for liability coverage**

### **Publication Report**

- Publication ordering on web still not working on PayPal
- Dwight Bradley has supplied the Kachemak Guidebook. Need to add that to publication list and get it out to Alaska Natural History Society
- Pete B. suggests that there are many places where our publications could be sold
- Peter J. pointed out that the Alaska Natural History Society would help us to get our publications out to a wider audience

### **Other Business**

- Next newsletter needs to include an announcement about voting for board members / officers in April. The new board will be announced in May
- Diane S. asked about the 501c3 and Laura confirmed that Sue was pursuing it
- Diane also volunteered to contact the Foraker group (a non-profit that supports non-profits) to see what services / suggestions they could offer us
- Jennie asked about including email traffic with the secretary notes. Decided to include pertinent emails with the minutes and then to vote on whether they remain included.

Tom P. motions to adjourn. Diane seconds. All in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

J. Flight – AGS Secretary 2007-2008

**EMAILS FROM FEB 19<sup>th</sup> – MAR 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**TRAILSIDE THREAD**

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**From:** Flight, Jennifer N [mailto:Jennifer.Flight@bp.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2008 4:17 PM  
**To:** trailside@akcenter.org  
**Subject:** Trailside Discovery Funding Request

Dear Thomas -

The Alaska Geology Society received your request for a \$1,000 donation to assist the Trailside Discovery Program and we wanted to invite you to our next board meeting to tell us a little bit about your program and kinds of geology activities you offer. Would you be able to join us at our next board meeting on March 18th at 11:30am? The meeting will be on the 8th floor of the Atwood Building in the conference room affectionately known as the DOG House.

I hope you'll be able to join us! Please feel free to call / email with any questions

Jennie Flight  
AGS Secretary 2007-2008  
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**From:** Tom Burek [mailto:trailside@akcenter.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2008 9:30 AM  
**To:** Flight, Jennifer N  
**Subject:** RE: Trailside Discovery Funding Request

Hello Jennifer,

I would be more than happy to attend the meeting and speaking about our program.

Thank You,

Thomas Burek

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**From:** Pete Barker [mailto:pbarker@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2008 11:20 AM  
**To:** Flight, Jennifer N; Banet, Arthur; Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic  
**Subject:** Re: Trailside Request

It looks like this program does NOT fit into the objectives of AGS in fostering the geological education of our youth. This is not to say that the program has no value but rather that is not the

sort of thing that we should invest in. Therefore, I suggest that we discontinue our financial support. My mind could be changed if their new request indicates that they plan to include some geology in their program or, better still, describe how they have included geology in the past and how they plan to continue doing so.

Pete B.

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**From:** Johnson, Peter [mailto:Peter.Johnson@mms.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2008 12:41 PM  
**To:** Flight, Jennifer N; Banet, Arthur; Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Jim Clough; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic  
**Subject:** RE: Trailside Request

The program seems to have changed relative to the AGS involvement. For a number of years (until maybe 2 years ago), AGS supported them financially but also provided geologist for a week long camp which included trips to Glen Alps to look at Anchorage area tectonics, field trips to Portage Glacier, Earthquake park, the Sand dunes at Kincaid Park, etc ( I think one year someone did seismic refraction in the park strip using a hammer and plate). We also donated to their organization as a scholarship for disadvantaged campers.

I don't know if they still have a geology week or who they use to teach it if they do. I would like to hear from them before making a decision on donating money to them.

Peter

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**From:** Frederic (Ric) Wilson [mailto:fwilson@usgs.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2008 7:32 AM  
**To:** Pete Barker; Flight, Jennifer N; Banet, Arthur; Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom  
**Subject:** Re: Trailside Request

Folks,

I tend to agree with Pete. While it is a wonderful program - my kids participated, I'm not clear why we see it as appropriate for AGS. Maybe as Pete says, they can clarify that for us.

Ric

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Others who agreed that we should wait on funding decisions regarding the Trailside Program until we had heard from their representative at the next board meeting:  
Diane Shellenbaum, Bob Gillis, Tom Plawman, Jennie Flight

## TECH CONFERENCE THREAD

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**From:** Clough, James G (DNR) [mailto:jim.clough@alaska.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2008 2:37 PM

**To:** Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Banet, Arthur; Olson, Mark A; Blodgett, Robert; Shellenbaum, Diane P (DNR); Flight, Jennifer N; Johnson, Peter; Silliphant, Laura J (DNR); pbarker@gci.net; Gillis, Robert J (DNR); Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic

**Subject:** RE: Tech Conference Additional comment

Greg and all,

Here are some additional things to think about:

One of the things we did last year in Fairbanks was charge students \$5 if they were a Non-member and free admission if they were a member. At the door we encouraged and got a fair number of new student members, since they could join and then get in for "free". They simply filled out a membership form. We also charged last year \$20 for AGS members and \$25 for non-members. I have attached the registration form for last year. The details would be in the treasurer's records, but I know that the meeting expenses were subsidized by AGS. If we give students \$50 to attend, do we want to cycle \$25 back into AGS?

Jim

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**From:** Shellenbaum, Diane P (DNR) [mailto:diane.shellenbaum@alaska.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2008 2:40 PM

**To:** Clough, James G (DNR); Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Banet, Arthur; Olson, Mark A; Blodgett, Robert; Flight, Jennifer N; Johnson, Peter; Silliphant, Laura J (DNR); pbarker@gci.net; Gillis, Robert J (DNR); Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic

**Subject:** RE: Tech Conference Additional comment

I vote we do the same, or similar as last year, maybe \$25 for members and \$30 for non members, and \$5 for students unless they join.

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**From:** Johnson, Peter [mailto:Peter.Johnson@mms.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2008 6:06 PM

**To:** Clough, James G (DNR); Wilson, Gregory C (ConocoPhillips); Banet, Arthur; Olson, Mark A; Blodgett, Robert; Shellenbaum, Diane P (DNR); Flight, Jennifer N; Silliphant, Laura J (DNR); pbarker@gci.net; Gillis, Robert J (DNR); Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic

**Subject:** RE: Tech Conference Additional comment

In terms of pricing, we may want to think about what we are including in the conference. Hot lunches cost \$17.75 per person. Box lunches with salads \$11.75 Coffee service \$2.00/person, 1 dozen muffins or mini danish \$12 per dozen. This gives some idea of the costs for food.

Peter

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**From:** Wilson, Gregory C [mailto:Gregory.C.Wilson@conocophillips.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2008 1:02 PM

**To:** Banet, Arthur; Olson, Mark A; Blodgett, Robert; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Jim Clough; Johnson, Peter; Laura.silliphant@alaska.gov; pbarker@gci.net; Robert Gillis; Ted Borneman; Plawman, Tom; Wilson, Frederic

**Subject:** Tech Conference

Enclosed is a first-pass at a flier for the Tech Conference. Please look it over and comment. I will print a stack for the meeting tomorrow and say a few words to the group.

We didn't get Wally Hickel (I may try again as the date gets closer), but I have put in a request to author and former exploration manager John Sweet to attend and speak.

- Greg

## BOARD MEMBERS FOR NEXT YEAR THREAD

----- Original Message -----

From: [Silliphant, Laura J \(DNR\)](#)

To: [Pete Barker](#)

Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 8:33 AM

Subject: RE: Thank you for your thoughtful gift

I am grateful enough to teach the next person how to be the treasurer!

I think Dave Shafer may be interested in doing it again. He did a great job when he was treasurer.

[Laura](#)

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**From:** Weeks, Micaela  
**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2008 12:16 PM  
**To:** Plawman, Tom; Johnson, Peter; Banet, Arthur; Bob Blodgett; Diane Shellenbaum; Flight, Jennifer N; Pete Barker; Bob Gillis; Ted Bornemann; Ric Wilson; jim\_clough@dnr.state.ak.us; Laura Silliphant  
**Cc:** 'skarl@usgs.gov'  
**Subject:** Resignation as AGS Scholarship Chair

To the AGS Board,

I will resign from the position of AGS Scholarship Chair at the end of May 2008. I have enjoyed the work for the past 4 years, but feel it is time to pass the torch. The position brings great reward in knowing that the AGS is helping to fund and foster geoscience education within the state of Alaska.

I will finish out the current scholarship commitment through May 2008 and will hand-over the information when a new scholarship chair is identified by the board.

Thank you. - Micaela Weeks

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## 401c3 DONATION THREAD

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**From:** Silliphant, Laura J (DNR) [mailto:laura.silliphant@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2008 12:59 PM  
**To:** Weeks, Micaela; Flight, Jennifer N  
**Cc:** skarl@usgs.gov; Banet, Arthur  
**Subject:** RE: AGS scholarship donation

Good afternoon Mikie!

Sue Karl said that she would take the lead on the 401c3 filings. I have all of the financials in order, and we received a letter from the IRS stating that AGS is in good standing.

I know that Sue has been busy with non-AGS responsibilities, and I do not think that she has been able to work on the 401c3 application. I could be wrong so I co-copied Sue on this email.

My best regards,  
Laura

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**From:** Weeks, Micaela  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 5:47 PM  
**To:** Laura Silliphant; Flight, Jennifer N  
**Subject:** FW: AGS scholarship donation

Laura and Jennie - I forwarded this note on to Art, and asked that it could please be discussed at the next board meeting. I need to know if there's any progress on the 401c3 issue, and really what the board would like to tell this donor. It would be best if we could provide her with a timeframe for the 401c3 status, so she can decide whether she wants to hold on to the painting, or find somewhere else that can take the donation sooner.

Thanks! - Mikie

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**From:** katherine reed [mailto:thorcogw@olypen.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 11, 2008 1:42 PM  
**To:** Weeks, Micaela  
**Subject:** Re: AGS scholarship donation

well, here we are almost 6 mo later. Are you still interested?  
Kitty

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Weeks, Micaela](#)  
**To:** [katherine reed](#)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 21, 2007 11:05 AM  
**Subject:** AGS scholarship donation

Kitty - Hello! I discussed your generous offer to donate the painting to the AGS with the board on Tuesday. I was informed that the AGS does not currently have 401c3 non-profit status, but they are working on getting this status. What that means to you is that any donation would not be tax-deductible until the change to a 401c3 is in place.

For now, it is up to you what you would like to do with the painting. The AGS would be grateful to have the painting to help support the scholarships, but we want to make sure that you get the best deal, also, in terms of being able to consider it a gift with the ability to take the tax deduction. If you are willing to wait until the organization gets 401c3 status, then we are willing to wait for the donation, also.

Thank you! - Micaela

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**From:** katherine reed [mailto:thorcogw@olypen.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2007 7:48 PM  
**To:** Weeks, Micaela  
**Subject:** Re:

So glad you replied. I has almost despired of hearing. I hope you will avail yourselves of this offer. I will make sure it is crated properly.

Carry on.  
Kitty

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Weeks, Micaela](#)  
**To:** [katherine reed](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2007 6:29 PM  
**Subject:** RE:

Katherine - Thank you very much for the generous offer, and for your support of the Alaska Geological Society.

I will take this issue to the board to make a decision at the Sept board meeting, and will get back to you towards the end of the month. Thank you! - Micaela Weeks

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**From:** katherine reed [mailto:thorcogw@olypen.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 01, 2007 8:25 AM  
**To:** Weeks, Micaela  
**Subject:**

Ms. Weeks:

I used to be a member of AGS, but am not in AK anymore. However, I am always interested in funding scholarships. To that end, I have a Marv Mangus painting that the Anc museum has seen fit to ignore. It is yours to auction if you are interested.

Kitty Reed