

# AGS Board Meeting

MMS Conference Room, Centerpoint Building

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008

## Attendees

**Anchorage:** Mark Olson, Peter Barker, Ted Borneman, Mikie Weeks, Art Banet, Jennie Flight, Peter Johnson, Tom Plawman

**Fairbanks (via telephone):** Bob Gillis, Jim Clough

**Meeting called to order at 11:45 am.** President Art Banet

## Membership Report

- Mark has complete membership lists
- 161 people have paid through 2008, last year at this time only had 120 paid members
- Question to the board of what to do with memberships that have expired? Pete B. raises question of whether we should drop all those that haven't paid? Ted B. points out that we need an easy way for member to pay.
- Peter J. moves that we send an email to all delinquents that their membership has expired and that they will be dropped from the list. Ted B. seconds the movement. All in favor.
- How about email notification only? We could change membership form to have member select only email, only print or both forms. As a side bar, board discusses the archiving of older newsletters on the website (with a 6 month delay?). Currently we have the talk abstract online. Whole newsletter used to be available, but now just abstract.
- Ted B. motions that we add the choice of newsletter format with the membership form: print only (\$20), email only (\$15), or both (\$20). Students can have whatever form they want for same rate as current (\$5). Art B. seconds motion. Discussion: Enact this in November of next year since we are already taking membership renewals for the 2007-2008 year. We will therefore table the rate increase vote til later; however the email / electronic notification can start now at the current membership price. Need to check in to the newsletter printing to see if there is a minimum requirement for printing. Art B. revises motion to have electronic option enacted as soon as feasible. Ted B. seconds motion. All in favor. Will clear up the price increase at a later meeting.
- Action Items:
  - Mark to send out electronic notification to delinquents
  - Greg W. to update membership form with electronic newsletter option

### **President's Report:**

- Budget: Projected \$12,900 income and \$13,985 expenses for the year. Will delay further discussion til Laura is present

### **Scholarship Report**

- Mikie has printed the scholarship announcements, which will be sent out this week. It is too late to change the requirements (currently student must be enrolled at an Alaskan University) for this year, but it is something we can consider next year. Mikie reminds the board of the Richter scholarship which is more suited to out of state students studying in Alaska. Because we do not yet have 501c3 status, we have not been very successful at getting donations to build up this scholarship.
- Mikie suggests tabling this discussion as well until next year (September) so that we can vote on the requirements as well as funding levels in advance of the announcement distribution.
- Action Items: Mikie to write up the application / eligibility requirements for the current scholarship.

### **Field Trip Report**

- Insurance coverage for AGS field trips unclear. Believe from conversations with David Hite that the field trip has to be joint PSAAPG in order to get their coverage. Have many suggested locations for field trips (Wishbone Hill, Hatcher Pass), but need to clear up our insurance issues before these trips can be progressed.
- Action Items: Tom Plawman to distribute PSAAPG's list of specific requirements for these field trips (e.g. renting vehicles vs. driving ourselves)
- Tom P. figures > 2 months notice will be required for these field trips to be approved. Tom P. also wonders if we are going to use the XOM field trip safety format, indicating that in his experience it is less intimidating than the book implies. It requires a safety plan and safety assessment for each stop
- Tom offers assistance with these matters if someone wants to lead a trip, but does not want lead role on the safety assessment
- Mike Bellowich has offered to do a trip to Wishbone Hill (even if we don't have a tech conference). Sue Karl had considered a Hatcher Pass trip

### **Tech Conference Report**

- Pete B. suggests the concept of a "Field Conference at Hatcher Pass". Ted B confirms that facilities are available for seminars, etc. Tom P. adds that trip could begin and end at the Hatcher Pass parking lot, perhaps minimizing the safety /insurance issues with driving up the road
- Ted B and Pete B. willing to help with a field conference. Ted B. will manage the logistics/planning with Pete B's help. Tentative timing is for next fall Aug / Sept 2008
- Action Items: Tom P. to see if PSAAPG is ok with the field trip start and end at Hatcher pass to remove the driving liability. Tom P also to check with Sue Karl to see if she will organize the technical conference while Ted B / Pet B deal with logistics

- SPRING CONFERENCE? Need firm commitment from someone by the end of the month to put it on. Jim Clough suggests that we hold it on “All Campus Day” (no class) – he will look into the date for that this year
- Art will call Jim next week to see if there is any interest
- Jennie to check on energy center availability for April 17<sup>th</sup> all day

### **Vice President’s Report**

- Webpage is down, but we don’t know why. The host company is in Wasilla and Pete J. has been unable to get a hold of them or Cliff. Concerns about this hosting company from other users (phishing).
- Jan Hazen out of town over Christmas. She should have something up in a month.
- Ted B. suggests that the content include a repository for the minutes / board notes
- Art suggests that the webpage include write-ups about honorary members
- Cliff is somewhat hurt that he has not been included in the webpage discussions. Board agrees that we should recognize Cliff and Laura Silliphant for their efforts.
- March and April still open for talks.
- Pete J. reminds everyone to RSVP for meetings, even if they don’ want lunch. The main concern is the occupancy. The Energy center sets the room up according to our planned attendance and it is a fire / egress hazard if we underestimate the number of attendees

### **Other Business**

- Pete B. asks what is going on with the safety deposit box. Jennie indicates that the forms that we all signed a few months ago were to allow the current board access to the box. Jennie thinks that Laura is looking in to getting the key.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm

J. Flight – AGS Secretary 2007-2008