

AGS Board Meeting – November 17, 2009

1. Call to Order 11:33 am.

Members present:

Anchorage

Tom Homza
Al Hunter
Ken Helmold
Dick Garrard
Chad Hults
Dave Boyer
Tom Morahan
Dave Hite
Rick Levinson
Laura Silliphant (late)
Sue Karl (late)

Fairbanks

Jim Clough
Marwan Wartes

2. Approve minutes: Dave motioned to approve October Minutes, Rick seconded; motion passed unanimously.

3. 2011 AAPG pacific section meeting (Dave Hite):

- Taylor West AAPG conference coordinator. Looking into Hera Group Conferencing for additional services.
- Finalizing attendance numbers with Sheraton. Reserving 800 rooms, need to fill at least 520 to have free conference rooms.
- Need to develop memorandum of understanding between AGS, SPE, and AAPG.
- **NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!** Need at least 25 volunteers for the meeting. Audio visual, databases, editors, finance, short courses, field trips, etc. etc.
- Checking on feasibility of having a north slope field trip. Also, Marwan is working on trip to Kenai Peninsula, Homer.

4. Treasure's Report (Al Hunter):

- Balances for November \$1500 out but only \$500 in. Need to get memberships paid. Publications are a little higher. No donations to scholarships yet. We will have many expenses soon for speaker travel, eg. \$1038 for Steve Hubbard ticket.
- Taxes were filed Nov 9.
- Accounts – Morgan Stanley interest is not paying for the \$90 annual fee so we should drop it.

Rick motioned to transfer Morgan Stanley balance to both the 1st National Bank AGS scholarship account (\$10,000), and the rest to the general checking account.

Ken Seconds, motion passed unanimously. In future meeting we will bring up the topic of funds distribution between the various accounts.

Final Account Lineup at 1st National Bank (see treasurer for balances):

- General AGS (checking)
- AGS Scholarship (savings)
- Richter Scholarship (savings)
- Note that we usually run a deficit and the only way we stay in the black is from profits of meetings.
- Fundraising:
 - Foraker Group could be a great partner to help us raise funds. Cost is \$100/year and \$100/hour for training. They are non-profit and have fingers into many parts of our community that could provide funding.
 - Tom suggests that before we become members of any fund raising group we should have a person spearheading the fundraising for AGS.

5. Fieldtrips: What about insurance? It is too expensive to purchase our own insurance, so, is there a way to get a corporate or non-profit sponsor? Tom in E-mail later suggested Natural History Museum as possible co-sponsor? Rick will look into insurance costs.

6. Scholarships: Sue sent feelers for scholarship donation advertising. Most ¼ page ads run \$500. Tom again emphasized we needed someone to champion fund raising instead of hap-hazardly floundering our way. Tom, Sue, and Robert will work on scholarship advertising.

7. Monthly Lecture (Ken): 20 box lunches ordered. Ran through season's list of presenter (see last month's minutes for list of presenters).

- Video taping meetings
 - Had issues in the past with people video taping the lectures.
 - All think it is most prudent to ban all pictures and videos of meetings. Presenters must give express permission in writing. Tom will write up blurb for newsletter.

8. AGS Website upgrades (Tom): Check out the new upgrades. Kudos to Sue, Laura, and Jan for help on website.

10. Odds: We should sell AGS T-shirts. Jim will run down costs and manufacturer. Chad will forward high-res AGS logo for use on T-shirt.

1:00 pm Adjourn