

## **AGS Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 21, 2009**

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 11:36 am.

Members in attendance include:

In Anchorage:

Pete Barker  
Ken Helmold  
Rick Levinson  
Laura Silliphant  
Al Hunter  
Art Banet  
Diane Shellenbaum  
Tom Morahan  
Tom Homza  
Tom Marshall  
Sue Karl (late arrival)

In Fairbanks (via phone):

Jim Clough  
Bob Gillis

2. **Approve Minutes:** There was a short discussion on April's meeting – a few minor grammatical changes were made. Also in the discussion of the Trailside proposal \$600 was amended to read \$500. Laura Silliphant called for motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Tom Morahan. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** AGS received a couple of large checks for advertisements in the newsletter. A few bills have not yet been received in the mail; the secretary will watch for them in the mail and relay them to the treasurer as soon as possible. In general the society's financial status is fine.

A summary report of AGS finances follows -

Income of \$2,045.00 was deposited in the AGS bank account by Al Hunter.

Expenses as of 05/13/09 total \$1,745.21

Net Income as of 05/13/09 total \$299.79

Total balance as of 05/13/09 is \$51,148.61

Details of AGS Cash Flow & Balance Sheet (May 13, 2009):

4. **Luncheons and Conferences:** Steve Jones of BP will talk Thursday, April 22 on the development of the Liberty Field. So far fifteen members have signed up for a hot lunch, twelve for a box lunch and eighteen to twenty members are expected to bring their own lunch. Next month's speakers are Paul Decker & Rocky Reifenstuhl from DNR. They will speak on the geology of Alaska Peninsula.

The tech conference scheduled for Friday, April 24 in Fairbanks will be held in the Reichardt building on the UAF campus. The poster sessions will be held across the street in at the UAF Museum – admission will be free to the full museum with conference registration. Pat Druckenmiller has picked up the abstract booklets for the meeting. Fifty people have pre-registered for the conference; sixty to seventy people are expected to attend. Both ConocoPhillips and PRA have been very helpful in organizing the conference.

Tom Morahan has reserved the BP Energy Center for next year's luncheon series. The regular meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month. One exception is December 10 which could be possible be a joint GSA-AGS meeting. The annual GSA-AGS picnic will be May 27. Schlumberger will provide a grill and some food as yet to be determined. In past years steak and lobster were featured.

5. **Nominating Committee:** The May meeting will be an official business meeting dealing with changes to the by-laws and election of new officers. It should be announced in advance to allow for maximum participation. Art Banet agreed to chair the nominating committee for election of new officers. Tom Homza and Ken Helmold agreed to be on the committee. Dave Hite has agreed to continue as the AAPG delegate for AGS.

6. **By-Laws Committee Report:** Sue Karl discussed Part IX of the financial data required by the IRS. Pete Barker suggested that Sue fill in the necessary details as appropriate because she is the one person most familiar with the form and IRS requirements. Three things are required: 1) Board must approve the new by-laws, 2) new by-laws must be notified by a public notary and 3) by-laws must be faxed to the State of Alaska, Department of Commerce. The State must approve the new by-laws before going back to the IRS.

Sue Karl has agreed to use her address (4200 University Drive) as the official permanent address of record for AGS. Pete Barker offered a motion to authorize spending up to \$500 for complete IRS paperwork. Diane Shellenbaum seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Board members should monitor their e-mail for any late changes associated with the IRS. There was a long discussion of specific changes required by the IRS. Tom Homza offered a motion to authorize Sue Karl to represent the AGS in business dealings with the IRS. Diane Shellenbaum seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

AGS has to file with the state in September and pay \$20 to remain a good corporate citizen. Diane Shellenbaum offered a motion to accept the restated and amended articles of incorporation. Tom Morahan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The new by-laws propose four classes of membership:

1. Regular – Geology degree or 4 years experience – voting member
2. Associate – no degree required – non-voting member
3. Student – non-voting member
4. Honorary - voting member

There was a long discussion of the merits of the four tier system and the rights associated with each class. This was followed by another long discussion of the differences between a “regular” and a “special” meeting. Tom Homza offered a motion to approve the by-laws modified as of April 21, 2009 as amended during the April 21, 2009 board meeting. Pete Barker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. AGS Legacy Material Including Old AGS Newsletter:** Discussion postponed until May meeting.

**8. Ad Hoc Items:** None

**9. Motion to Adjourn:** Laura Silliphant called for motion to adjourn the April meeting. Motion seconded by Rick Levinson. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm.