

AGS Board Meeting – Friday, May 29, 2009

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 11:37 am.

Members in attendance include:

In Anchorage:

Pete Barker
Tom Homza
Diane Shellenbaum
Rick Levinson
Tom Morahan
Al Hunter
Ken Helmold
Art Banet
Jana Lage
Chad Hults (late arrival)

In Fairbanks (via phone):

Jim Clough

2. **Approve Minutes:** There was a short discussion on April's minutes – no changes were made. Diane Shellenbaum called for motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Rick Levinson. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** In general the society's financial status is fine. Funding for speaker travel is budgeted for \$1,200. AAPG Distinguished Lecturer fee is around \$500 and another \$100 is budgeted for the speaker's expenses. Jana Lage incurred \$161 in out-of-pockets community education expenses. AGS will give awards at a local science contest in conjunction with the national AGI contest dealing with climate change. Participating students will be in grades 6 – 9. All community education expenses will total around \$1,000.

A summary report of AGS finances follows -
Income of \$2,140.42 was deposited in the AGS bank account.
Expenses for June, July and August total \$2,868.78
Net Income/(Loss) for June, July and August total (\$728.36)
Total balance June, July and August is \$51,198.49

4. **Trailside Proposal:** Discussion postponed until the fall meetings.

5. **Election Ballots:** The AGS secretary was reminded to check the society's PO box for any ballots that might have been mailed in by members.

6. **Luncheons and Conferences:** Tom Morahan has reserved the BP Energy Center for the 2009-2010 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 preference is to keep having slide show presentations in Fairbanks to accompany the talks in Anchorage.

The Pacific sections of AAPG and SPE are considering having their annual 2011 meeting in Anchorage. Search is currently underway to find someone willing to chair the joint meeting. A detailed discussion was deferred until the September meeting.

7. **AGS Legacy Material Including Old AGS Newsletter:** Tom Marshall has library of old AGS newsletters that are available to peruse. This prompted a discussion of the best way to maintain old records. The merits of digital versus paper copies of old records was discussed. It was agreed to add the topic of record retention to the September board meeting.

8. **Ad Hoc Items:** Peter Johnson is working on adding the ability to order AGS publication on-line via the website.

Fifty-seven people paid for the AGS picnic – not a turnout for a rainy

Al Hunter needs to file the paperwork updating the signatures of the new board members. He will check with Laura Silliphant about the correct procedure to file the AGS tax returns with the IRS.

The next board meeting is scheduled for the third Tuesday in September (Sept. 15). It will be held in DNR's Doghouse meeting room.

Laura Silliphant volunteered to write up position descriptions for the various board positions. After a short discussion, the board assumed that Greg Wilson will stay on as the newsletter organizer-editor.

9. **Motion to Adjourn:** Pete Barker called for motion to adjourn the May meeting. Motion seconded by Art Banet. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.