

AGS Board Meeting – October 13, 2009

1. Call to Order 11:32 pm.

Members present:

Anchorage

Tom Homza
Ken Helmold
Rick Levinson
Dave Hite
Dick Garrard
Tom Morahan
Dave Boyer
Laura Silliphant (late)
Jana DaSilva Lage (late)
Sue Karl (late)

Fairbanks

Jim Clough

2. Approve minutes: Short discussion about fieldtrip insurance for non-conference related trips. Are we covered? AAPG conference trips are covered. Who will look into this? Ken Helmold called to motion to approve the minutes and Dave Boyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Budget: Al Hunter not present to give report but he did send out the attached Treasurer's Report prior to the meeting. Noted that Richter family put in \$1500 for Richter scholarship fund.

4. Luncheon: 79 people signed up for luncheon, which is over capacity for the BP center (Later a notice was sent out announcing an alternative venue for the same talk given a week later).

Ken mentioned that Steve Calgary's plane ticket has been paid for. Also, Dave Housnek may not be able to give a talk.

2009/2010 Line-up:

Date	Speaker	Affiliation	Title	Comments
9/17/2009	Paul O'Sullivan	A to Z	AFTA of north slope	
10/15/2009	Steve Wright	Chevron	Cook Inlet gas shortage: Fact or fiction?	
11/19/2009	Stephen M. Hubbard	Univ. of Calgary	High-latitude clinofolds	
12/10/2009	John Howell (AAPG)	Univ. of Bergen	Laser scanning and geological modeling	

1/21/2010	Bill Morris / Mark Scheihing	ConocoPhillips	Karoo basin sedimentology	
2/18/2010	Mark Myers	SOA-DNR	Geology and politics of AGIA	Mark is still not confirmed - will keep trying to pin him down
3/18/2010	Pat Druckenmiller	UAF/UAMuseum	Mesozoic marine reptiles	
4/15/2010	Dave Houseknecht	USGS - Reston	What is in the KIC well?	Dave is looking doubtful - will try Don Gautier @ USGS Denver
5/20/2010	Brigette Martini	Ormat	Geothermal prospects of Mt. Spurr	

- 5. 2011 AAPG pacific section meeting:** Dave Hite (conference chair) gave summary
- Will be at Sharaton Hotel because they do not charge for convention rooms if enough rooms are filled for the conference. Dena'Ina Convention Center way too expensive
 - Conference Direct is helping organize the conference at no charge. Taylor West SPE contact.
 - Need Volunteers.
 - Aproximately six fieldtrips will be planned – need fieldtrip committee.
 - Note: ICAM spring 2011 6-10 May – Jim Clough is organizing
 - (Dave Hite left meeting)
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- 6. Outreach:** Jana DaSilva Lange gave summary
- Happy Earth Science Week – focused on climate
 - 10/14 she will be giving a presentation on glaciers and sea level change at the Muldoon Library. Note – Muldoon Librarian is very interested in science.
 - 10/16 she will be working with K-4 kids making mobiles of Arctic food web
 - Essay contest associated with AGI (<http://www.earthsciweek.org/contests/essay/index.html>). Essays due 10/16. She sent notices to Alaska science teachers. Kudos for Tom and Joanne helping with posting it on the AGS website.
 - Jana is looking for more volunteers to present geology to schools.
 - Tom Homza gave Kudos to Jana for her outreach efforts and noted that she has a strong foundation and that we are supportive of growing the outreach program.

7. Core Workshop: Dick Garrard suggested we have a core workshop at the 2011 AAPG meeting. Many couldn't go to the AAPG meeting in Denver when a core workshop was held. Jim Clough mentioned that the AGS board approved support for the Denver workshop with the stipulation that a workshop be held here in Alaska too. The workshop in Alaska could be run by the same people with the same content as the Denver meeting workshop. Ken Pap at the Eagle River State Geological Materials Center is supportive and could provide core. Ken Helmholt volunteered to help with the workshop. Dick suggested we need to add more to the workshop by adding in a reservoir quality component analyzing thin-sections. May be held at Bayview, which has room for 6000' of core and is within walking distance.

8. Scholarships: Sue, Laura, Tom, and Al met last week about advertizing to get donations to the scholarship accounts.

- Decided new website pages specifically for AGS general account, AGS Scholarship, and the Richter Scholarship. Payments will be made through PayPal. Website easily provides receipt for tax purposes.
- Need separate accounts for scholarships to protect money if AGS folds.
- All tasked with writing proposal on how to manage funds. Noted that CD and savings accounts are very low interest bearing accounts right now and that Credit Union or Money Market accounts may be better.
- Sue reminded us that taxes are due in November.
- AGI, AAPG, GSA advertisements have been or will be submitted.
- Note that deadline for scholarship applications has been moved forward to February with awards being made in April.
- Chad suggested postcard send to all members of AGS to promote “Scholarship Drive.”
- Jana suggested we make recognition levels (silver, gold, platinum) and provide a token.
- Up-coming meeting Laura will print out stack of scholarship donation receipts and Sue will help at the door sign-in to ask all attendee’s to donate to the scholarship funds.
- Jim – Anyone approached special contacts at companies working in Alaska? Tom volunteered to make up letter of request.
- Tom – maybe we could talk companies into giving matching funds?
- Laura is going to check on “Pick Click Give” AK PFD program.

9. AGS Archives: GMC is willing to store AGS archives. We need a volunteer for organizing and archiving these records. Tom will ask Art Banet if he would spearhead this effort. Dick volunteered to help.

10. Odds:

- Greg Wilson is taking over memberships.
- Need Fudraiser Tsar.
- Tom – should we hold an auction? Most were in favor with reservation because it takes a lot of work.

