

AGS Board Meeting – January 19, 2009

1. Call to Order 11:36 am.

Members present:

Anchorage

Al Hunter
Ken Helmold
Dave Boyer
Chad Hults
Tom Holmza
Rick Levinson
Laura Silliphant
Tom Morahan
Dick Garrard

Fairbanks

Marwan Wartes

2. Approve minutes: Laura motioned to approve last meeting minutes, Ken seconded; motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasure's Report (Al Hunter):

- Donations now up to \$1400 and \$750 matching
- CHECK WITH YOUR EMPLOYER TO FIND OUT IF THEY HAVE MATCHING FUNDS OR "PAY FOR HOURS VOLUNTEERED."
- Balance remaining about even
- Checking account balance is too high, we should move money into a savings account. Much discussion about where to move the funds. Whether to move the funds to the Scholarship account or make a new general savings account. Note that during our November meeting we closed the Morgan Stanley account and moved most of the money into the checking account and some "seed" money into the Scholarship account. The discussion revolved around the level of protection for the Scholarship account, whether to treat it as a general savings account, moving money in and out freely, or to only put in scholarship donations and only take out scholarship payments.

VOTE: Chad motioned "the intent of the scholarship account is to fund scholarships, except in extenuating circumstances, and with majority board approval." Laura seconded and passed unanimously.

- Al will move some of the checking account funds into a new general savings account.

Note bylaws statement: SECTION 2. *Books and Accounts.*

The Society shall maintain scholarship accounts separately from an operational account. The scholarship accounts shall be designated for disbursements for scholarships and no other purpose.

4. Letter from Bob Swenson about Association of America Society award to Lisa Mukowski requesting funds to purchase a fossil to go with the award.

- Dick suggested instead that we ask BP or Exxon to donate a chunk of Ivishak ore to represent the most economically important geologic formation to Alaska. Dave said he would approach Exxon to get permission for a chunk of ore. This needs to be done soon.

5. Monthly Lecture (Ken):

- 27 signed up.
- Discussion whether we should have a reminder E-mail go out the week of the talk. Ken will work with Greg to get it done. Also, what about posting the talk in AND? Tom will pursue.
- Ken concerned that the February speaker is a “bit squirly.”

Date	Speaker	Affiliation	Title
1/21/2010	Bill Morris / Mark Scheihing	ConocoPhillips	Karoo basin sedimentology
2/18/2010	Mark Myers	SOA-DNR	Geology and politics of AGIA
3/18/2010	Pat Druckenmiller	UAF/UAMuseum	Mesozoic marine reptiles
4/15/2010	Don Gautier	USGS - Reston	What is in the KIC well?
5/20/2010	Brigette Martini	Ormat	Geothermal prospects of Mt. Spurr

6. Tech conference (Ken)

- April 15 conflicts with AAPG meeting so Ken will find venue and fix date. Will explore BP center and UAA for venue. He will also send out a special E-mail announcement with place, date, and call for abstracts.
- NEED TO FIND TALKS!!!

7. Field Trip Insurance:

- Meeting with Alaska Museum of Natural History made clear that their mission is too divergent from ours and that it will not work out to do fieldtrips with them. Although it would be a good place to sell our publications.
- Tom Plawman has hopes that the Alaska Geographic Society may be a better fit.

7. Scholarship Committee

- Robert has formed this year’s committee: Al Hunter, Greg Durocher, Chad Hults, and Ric Wilson.

12:49 pm Adjourn: Chad motioned, Dave seconded; motion passed unanimously.