

AGS Board Meeting – February 16, 2010

1. Call to Order 11:30 am.

Board Members present (minimum 7 for quorum):

Anchorage

Al Hunter
Ken Helmold
Dave Boyer
Chad Hults (late)
Tom Homza
Rick Levinson
Tom Morahan

Fairbanks

Marwan Wartes

AGS Members present:

Sue Karl

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

3. Treasure's Report (Al Hunter):

- Scholarship Donations:
 - \$500 from **Chevron** “in kind” for Al’s volunteer time with AGS
 - \$200 **Chevron** matching
 - \$250 **BP** matching
 - \$2000 from **Shell**
- **PRA** gave \$1000 for food at last AGS conference. Ken will approach PRA for this year’s conference.
- Filed an Amended Tax return because of 501C3 requirements, but we were a 501C6 last year. Next year will be more complex because of 501C3.
- Al suggests we join Foraker for \$100/year because they offer multiple seminars. Reduced fees for seminars for members. We will get their newsletters.

VOTE: Tom Morahan motioned to join Foraker Group, Ken 2nd, Unanimous consent.

4. Technical Conference (Ken).

- Seven confirmed speakers for ½ hour talks.
- Peter Johnson will do publication.
- Need more posters and Attendees.
- We should serve food and drink during poster session to bribe people to stick around after the talks. Posters will be in a separate room this year.

7. Scholarship Committees

- Sue on Richter: Tom Miller, Peter Haeussler, Micaela Weeks, Marion Richter, and Game McGimsey will be on the Richter committee this year and will decide tomorrow on winner. They will pass on non-chosen applicants to general scholarship committee.
- Discussed gross award amount. General agreement to keep the amount to the standard \$5000 for this year but possibly increase it next year with announcement of increase. Much discussion about whether we would get more or better applicants if the award amount was designated as up to a certain amount.

VOTE: Last meeting (January 19, 2010) we voted in a motion that stated “the intent of the scholarship account is to fund scholarships, except in extenuating circumstances, and with majority board approval.” This goes against the bylaws (which we overlooked) that states, “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.” Tom motioned that we should go by the bylaws and negate the January motion, Ken 2nd, passed unanimously.

VOTE: Tom motioned that we fund this year’s scholarships with the general fund and not the scholarship fund contingent to Dave Hite confirming that AGS will not have to pay more than \$24,000 for the 2011 APG meeting. Ken 2nd, passed unanimously.

1:01 pm Adjourn: Dave motioned, Al 2nd, motion passed unanimously.