

AGS Board Meeting – March 16, 2010

1. Call to Order 11:35 am.

Board Members present (minimum 7 for quorum):

Anchorage

Tom Homza
Tom Morahan
Dick Garrard
Al Hunter
Ken Helmold
Rick Levinson
Laura Silliphant
Chad Hults

Fairbanks

Marwan Wartes
Jim Clough
Lee Ann Munk

2. Approve minutes: Laura motioned to approve minutes, Rick seconded; motion passed unanimously.

- Discussion about where to take the money out of for Scholarships. The AAPG meeting cost may be as much as \$50,000 so our general fund should be kept as large as possible. We voted to take the money out of the general fund last meeting contingent on the conference costs being under \$24,000. There is much unknown about the true cost of the conference so we decided to table the final say of where the money is taken from.

3. Treasure's Report (Al Hunter):

- Currently the scholarship funds came out of the general fund. We can transfer funds from the scholarship account later if the meeting cost does truly come out to be above \$24,000.
- We brought in just a little money this last month from memberships.
- Few bills to pay

4. Technical Conference (Ken).

- Six possible speakers for ½ hour talks.
 - Kate Bull
 - Ken Papp
 - Lui Sass
 - Rich Koler
 - Jessica Lerone
 - Bryce Williams
- Need more posters and Attendees, only have two posters signed up.

- Need to set up on-line registration so we can get a good estimate on numbers so that we can order the proper amount of food. UAA food list and costs look reasonable.
- We all need to drum up posters and volunteers.

5. Scholarship Committee (Chad)

2010 AGS scholarship recipients

11 applied – 4 funded \$1250

Kevin Stack (UAF MS, Pat Druckenmiller) – Talkeetna Mountains Hadrosaur – **fund** visit Museum of the Rockies in Bozemen, MT to examine material from other hadrosaurs for taxonomic comparison.

Ronni Grapenthin (UAF PhD, Jeff Freymueller) – Crustal Deformation in Volcanic Regions / GPS campaign around Redoubt – **fund** travel to Vienna Austria for EGU meeting.

Christine Kassab (Purdue MS, Ken Ridgway) – Basin analysis and DZ of Arkose Ridge Formation – **fund** misc. field work expenses.

David McAlpin (UAF PhD) – Remote Sensing of lahar and dome of Redoubt – **fund** tuition and help pay for high resolution datasets.

VOTE: Laura motions to approve scholarship disbursements, Ken 2nd.

- Next year should we advertize a minimum award amount and/or at least one large award (e.g. \$2000) for best proposal? May bring in more applications. Chad will talk to Robert and committee to make up proposal.
- Robert told Tom that he would like to make sure we get more industry on the committee next year, especially from the mining community.
- It was brought up that Richter fund oversight is lacking. The bylaws state the Scholarship committee decides on the disbursement of the awards and the board approves the funds. Neither was done this year. With our new tax status we must be more vigilant managing our funds.
- It is the goal to make a budget for next year. Tom H., Tom M., Al, and Laura will have one made up by June.

6. AAPG Conference (Tom).

- \$50,000 seems too large for our share so Tom will work with Dave on solidifying this number.
- All in all the “ball is rolling.”

6. Election (Tom).

- All board offices are up for re-election and Al, Chad, Ken volunteered to stay in their positions for next year. 2 director seats are available for next year.

VOTE: Ken motioned to have Lee Ann's term expire 2012 (extend one year) so that we have a 3 year stagger for the 6 director seats.

7. Other.

- Industry sponsored raffle at the AGS conference? This idea was shot down because we need a gaming license to run a raffle so it may be hard to do. Tom will look into "borrowing" a license from another group.
- Foraker should be at our last meeting for training. Al will look into getting this scheduled.

12:54 pm Adjourn: Ken motioned, Al 2nd, motion passed unanimously (i.e. everyone left).