

AGS Board Meeting – November 16, 2010

1. Call to Order 11:35 am.

Board Members present (minimum 7 for quorum):

Anchorage

Tom Morahan
Dave Boyer
Chad Hults
Lisa Wright
Ken Helmold
Al Hunter
Dick Garrard

Fairbanks

Marwan Wartes

Committee Chairs, Delegates, and Members

David Hite
Sue Karl

1. Approve minutes: Ken motioned to approve minutes (as amended), Lisa 2nd; motion passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report (Al)

- Taxes done.
- Presented yearly profits and expenditures. No surprises.

3. Luncheon Speakers (Ken)

- All speakers confirmed except May (will be Bob Swenson or Dave Houseknecht)

12/9/2010	Alison Till Chris	USGS Anchorage	Reconstruction of arctic Alaska
1/20/2011	Waythomas	USGS AVO	Eruption of Kasatochi
2/17/2011	James Coleman	USGS Reston Alaska Satellite Facility -	Tight-gas sandstone reservoirs
3/17/2011	Lisa Wirth	UAF	Geologic use of satellite imagery data
4/21/2011	Erik Hulm	BP Alaska	Heavy oil of Alaska
5/19/2011	Bob Swenson?	DGGS	Energy development in Alaska

4. AAPG (Dave Hite)

- Pete Barker looking for volunteer judges.
- Working out chair list.
 - Looking for website coordinator (gave him Jan's contact info)
 - Looking for session chairs (Contact Sandy or Dave).
- Hitch in AK mailing announcement

- Looking to get luncheon speaker (Ken Salazar? (DOI), Someone from BOEMRE?)
- Evening event may be at AK National Heritage Center
- Thinking up spouse activities
- Forecasting \$250 – members early, \$300 members late, \$300 non-members early, \$350 non-members late, \$100/day
- Have money in spending account.
- Mid-Late February final agenda will be sent out
- Sue asked about reimbursement for field-trip setup costs.

5. Scholarships

- Robert worked with Jan to update website.
- Robert sent out notifications to schools and all known Alaska researchers.
- Could not get industry geologists to serve on committee. Volunteers?

6. Fundraising (Sunny)

- Preparing mailings to possible advertisers.
- Looking for company directories for sending out membership and donation requests.
- Will check with Foraker Group about how to hold a silent auction.
- Looking into AK share campaign – allows tax-free donation from paycheck. Also federal, municipality, and state employees have this option.
- Sign up for Combined Federal Campaign.
- We should be sending a thank-you note to all scholarship donators. Al is already sending an E-Mail think-you but for large donations a signed letter would be nice.

7. Odds

- Should we increase the student rate? No – we only have a handful of students so raising the rates won't change our budget and will have a detrimental effect on students joining AGS.
- Advertizing rates have not been changed for over 15 years. Current rates are
 1/10 Page--\$150/9mo, \$60/1mo; size=1.8 x 3.5 inch
 1/4 Page--\$300/9mo, \$75/1mo; size=4.5 x 3.5 or 2.2 x 7.5 inch
 1/3 Page- \$375/9mo, \$85/1mo; size=7.0 x 3.5 or 3.0 x 7.5 inch
 1/2 Page--\$525/9mo, \$100/1mo; size=9.0 x 3.5 or 4.5 x 7.5 inch
 Full Page--\$800/9mo, \$130/1mo; size=7.5 x 9.0 inch
 1mo rate=(9mo rate/9)+\$40 (rounded up).

VOTE: Al motioned to increase the advertizing rates by 25% (rounded to the nearest \$10) starting January 1, 2011. Dick 2nd; motion passed unanimously.

- We'll discuss web advertizing next meeting
- Bob Swenson sent E-mail requesting we send letter of support for modernization of the Geological materials center to the Governor's office. Dick will draft letter.
- Should we send letter of support for Bob Swenson? Al says that our new tax status does not preclude us from sending letters of support for political appointees

as long as we do not give financial support. But, we must fill out a **IRS Schedule C**.

VOTE: Ken motioned we write a letter of support for Bob Swenson stating something along the lines of “AGS has had a good working relationship with Bob and DGGS. We enjoyed working with him and support his continued service.” Dave 2nd; motion passed unanimously. Tom will draft letter.

- PSAAPG is looking for nominations for awards by Dec. 20. Previous AGS member awards:
 - Arlen Ehm – Honorary Life Member Award
 - Dave Hite – Honorary Life Member Award
 - Kirk Sherwood – Distinguished Service Award

1:10 pm Adjourn: Lisa motioned to adjourn, Ken 2nd, passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Dec. 7 at the DOG house 11:30.