

AGS Board Meeting – March, 15, 2011

Board Members present (minimum 7 for quorum):

Anchorage

Tom Morahan	President
Ken Helmold	President-Elect
Al Hunter	Treasurer
Chad Hults	Secretary
Dick Garrard	Director
Kirk Sherwood	Director
Tom Homza	Director

Fairbanks

Marwan Wartes	Director
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Committee Chairs, Delegates, and Members

Robert Blodgett	Scholarship Committee Chair
Sunny Foster	Fundraising
Sue Karl	Bylaws
Art Benet	Nominating Committee

Call to Order 11:30 am.

1. Approve minutes: Chad motioned to approve minutes, Al 2nd; motion passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report (Al)

- Scholarship checks written and sent; used \$1500 from the Richter Scholarship and \$5500 for the AGS General Scholarship.

3. Luncheon Report (Ken)

- Smaller attendance predicted for the next talk by Scott Arko from the AK Satellite Facility at the UAF Geophysical Institute.
- Next two month's speakers are in line and have been contacted:
 - April – Erik Hulm – Heavy Oil
 - May – Bob Swenson – DGGS, Energy development in AK
- Discussion about advertizing talks for our lunch and circulating talks to members
 - Chad asked if it is desired by the board to circulate notices of talks happening on the USGS campus.
 - Spurred discussion about how to keep all members informed about geology talks. Possible posting of talks on website? Develop geology talk listserv on website?
 - All agreed that it is OK to forward E-mail notices of outside talks to board members.

- Tom H. said he would contact UAA to have them post our talks on their bulletin board.

4. PS-AAPG (Tom M.)

- Tom M. is attending conference coordination meetings.
- 20 more abstracts submitted after extending the deadline.
- 79 total abstracts submitted.
- Only 39 registered so far.
- Sue asked if anyone knew who was paying for guidebook printing.
 - Suggested she talk to Peter Johnson or Tom Plawman, fieldtrip delegates
 - It is understood that AGS is responsible for all fieldtrip costs and materials
- Need volunteers for judging and timers for sessions.
- Sunny said silent auction is moving forward.
 - Donations include: Darkhorse gift basket, quilt, coral fossils, ammonite fossils, galena Chrystal.
 - Should contact Ken Papp at AK Geologic Materials Repository for interesting core or samples.
 - All money will go to AGS.

5. Science Fair

- Sue is signed up for judging the science fair March 18th but can't make it so is looking for volunteers.
- AGS gives out a \$100 prize to the best geology project.
- Jena said that there was a \$1000 anonymous donor for science fair prizes and is wondering how to handle it. Al will contact her.

6. Scholarships (Robert)

- 7 applications, 5 awarded awards:
 - Hirotsugu Mori PhD candidate at UAF, \$2000
 - Migration of the Late Cretaceous Arctic Hadrosaurs of North Slope, Alaska
 - Jake Mongrain PhD candidate at UAF, \$500
 - Sedimentological, Stratigraphic and Paleoclimatic Investigations of a Tertiary Nonmarine Forearc Basin
 - Amy Dethlefs MS candidate at APU, \$1000
 - Nutrient Limitation of the Snow Algae "Chlamydomonas nivilas" and its role in surface melt on the Harding Ice Field, Alaska
 - Erin Donaghy BS candidate at Bucknell University, \$1000
 - Sedimentology, Depositional Age, and Provenance of Sedimentary and Volcanic Rocks exposed along Willow Creek, Eastern Susitna Basin, South Central, Alaska
 - NOTE: Also Richter Scholarship award
 - Brian Kramp BS candidate at APU, \$1000
 - Processes Governing the Temporal and Spatial Patterns of Oxygen Isotopes in Winter Precipitation in South Central, Alaska
- (Sue) 5 applications, 1 \$1500 award to Erin Donaghy

- (Sue) Miss-communication about passing on candidates not chosen for the Richter Scholarship to the AGS General Scholarship committee.
 - It was her understanding that that was the way it worked in the past. In fact, she schedules the Richter Scholarship Committee meeting before the AGS General Scholarship committee so that she can pass on names of students not awarded. However, this year Robert said he didn't want to consider students that only applied to the Richter Scholarship and did not apply to the AGS General Scholarship. The expectations need to be clarified so that we do not disenfranchise students.
 - Much discussion about the topic and all generally agreed that we need to make a statement of clarification when advertizing the scholarships that students need to apply for both if they want to be considered. We also agreed to clarify the Bylaws so that future scholarship committees have clear expectations of how to handle applications.

VOTE: Vote to add clarification wording to bylaws. Original vote was later modified by post-meeting E-mails. Tom H. motioned (by E-mail) to change the bylaws to include the following text in ARTICLE XII (Scholarships) Paragraph 1; inserted before the last line of the paragraph:

Eligible students may apply for any number of scholarship programs in a given year, but must submit separate applications for each scholarship program.

- Motion approved by E-mail by the majority of board members, with no dissent.
- This Bylaw modification will also have to be approved by the membership, so it will be added to the Annual election ballot.
- Discussion about having two scholarship committees yet the Bylaws state there is only one Scholarship Committee.

7. Odds

- Nomination Committee (Art) – Two members have volunteered for positions
 - David Schroderbek – Director
 - Steve Wright – President Elect
 - Al and Chad offered to continue on in current positions.
 - Need to get three new directors.
- Sunny is working on fundraising letter.
- Al is checking into Pick-Click-Give application requirements to see if we can apply this year.

1:05 pm Adjourn: Chad motioned to adjourn, Ken 2nd, passed unanimously.

Next Meeting April 19, at the DOG house 11:30.