

AGS Board Meeting – November 11, 2014

Board Members present (minimum 7 for quorum):

Anchorage

Keith Torrance	President
Al Hunter	Treasurer
Eric Cannon	Secretary
Chad Hults	Director
Tom Morahan	Director

Committee Chairs, Delegates, and Members

Ken Helmold	Memberships, Newsletter Editor
Sue Karl	Bylaws, Scholarship

Call to Order 11:33 am (Keith Torrance)

1. Approval of October 2014 Minutes (Eric Cannon)

- Minutes reviewed, quorum not present to approve minutes.

2. Treasurer's Report (Al Hunter)

- Taxes were submitted this week.
- Approximately 70-75 members have paid to date.
- Computer issues with AGS computer.
- Discussion regarding paper versus electronic newsletter. The electronic format would allow for links to be added, and no longer hold the newsletter to 8 or 12 pages due to staple requirements.
- Keith Torrance will e-mail the membership to let AGS members know that AGS is considering going with an electronic newsletter. Consider any changes to be implemented in the 2015-2016 year due to the current advertisers.

3. Luncheon Report (Keith Torrance for Steve Wright)

- December 18th meeting – joint GSA/AGS meeting. Esther Babcock, Ph.D., GeoTek Alaska, “Detecting Oil In and Under Ice and Snow: Ground Penetrating Radar Theory and Applications”. AGS is in charge of this meeting.
- Discussion of BP Energy Center reservation policies, alternative venues.

4. Old Business

Membership E-Mail

- In early November, Keith Torrance sent an e-mail invitation (to join the AGS) to numerous geoscientists named on an e-mail list held by APC Services LLC. We have added 23 new members as of 17 November 2014.

Geological Society of America Cordilleran Section Meeting – May 2015

- No update. Request for abstracts was sent out earlier this month.

University Geology Programs

- UAA Geology Club will hold a meet and greet meeting on Nov. 13, 2014 at Guido's Pizza.

Membership

- Membership cards are now available.

5. New Business

Scholarships (Sue Karl)

- Discussion of Richter and AGS scholarships.
- Discussion of PSAAPG matching grant program options.
- Discussion of using AGS website as a clearinghouse for scholarships. Approximately 30 scholarships are available in Alaska. Sue Karl will develop a list of scholarships, for Board approval to post on the AGS website.
- Keith Torrance supports flexibility to have the Awards Committee decide on how to allocate awards to scholarship applicants.

Advertisement in AAPG Explorer

- The AGS ad will be used to advertise AGS scholarships.

Alaska Professional Design Council (APDC) Membership

- After discussion, Keith Torrance will decline the membership opportunity to APDC.

6. Adjournment 12:37 pm

Next meeting December 16, 2014 at: Hilcorp JL Towers offices, 3800 Centerpoint Dr., Mount Foraker room, 1st floor, at 11:30 am.