

AGS Board Meeting – May 7, 2015

Board Members present (minimum 7 for quorum):

Anchorage

Keith Torrance	President
Monte Mabry	President-Elect
Al Hunter	Treasurer
Eric Cannon	Secretary
Chad Hults	Director
Tom Morahan	Director
Kirk Sherwood	Director

Committee Chairs, Delegates, and Members

Ken Helmold	Newsletter Editor
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Call to Order 11:27 am (Monte Mabry)

1. Approval of April 2015 Minutes (Eric Cannon)

- Discussion of amending April 2015 minutes.
- April 2015 minutes taken as amended.

2. Treasurer's Report (Al Hunter)

- Several large expenses have been incurred over the last month.
- The education account has been closed and funds moved over to the general savings account. The reason is funds have dropped below a threshold level for the education account, and AGS was incurring a monthly charge.
- Silver Salmon Lodge has been paid for the June 2015 AGS field trip.
- (96) "Geology of Alaska" books, and T-shirts have been ordered for the GSA Cordilleran meeting to sell (\$25/T-shirts, \$20/book).
- The March 2014 Pick, Click, Give deadline was missed. AGS can file again next year.
- Taxes can be filed this summer, after July 1.

3. Luncheon Report (Monte Mabry)

- Luncheon schedule for 2015-2016 set at BP Energy Center.
- For AGS Board meetings, meeting options include BP Energy Center "Living Room", DOG, PRA, Hilcorp, Umiq.
- Need to line up speakers for 2015-2016. Discussion of ideas includes: AAPG Distinguished Lecturers, UAA and UAF professors, professors from the Lower 48, and energy companies.
- Discussion of concept of AGS participation at the September 2015 AIPG meeting.

4. Old Business

Geological Society of America Cordilleran Section Meeting – May 2015

- Books, T-shirts, and stickers for sale at AGS table, in addition to Matanuska Valley AGS/GSA/USGS guidebook.
- Discussion of ordering 75 lunches for sale at the Tuesday AGS luncheon with Ray Troll, as lunch facilities are limited at UAA. Keith Torrance will inquire with Chris Waythomas on conference plans for lunch.

5. New Business

Elections

- Ken Helmold will bring ballots to the May Tuesday luncheon.
- New officers start July 1.

Newsletter

- Starting in September 2015, the AGS newsletter will be in PDF form only, with more of a free form, rather than being limited to certain page numbers due to mailing constraints. Provide Ken Helmold comments on the new PDF format.
- Discussion of adding meeting and luncheon schedules to the newsletter.
- Discussion of the concept that in September 2015, newsletter PDFs will be e-mailed out to members that have a paid up 2014-2015 membership. Warning e-mails will go out for a few months to those that have not paid 2014-2015 membership with a message that they need to renew their membership in order to receive a PDF newsletter.
- Keith Torrance will write up an article about the GSA Cordilleran meeting for the September 2015 newsletter.

PSAAPG Meeting – Early May 2017

- Keith Torrance has communicated that AGS is interested in the meeting.
- Need a committee and Chair to coordinate AGS involvement.
- Discussion regarding the benefits of hiring an event coordinator.

Miscellaneous

- Most cost-effective luncheon is the option of a basket of sandwiches.
- Discussion of running a future AGS field trip similar to the “Stratigraphy and Sedimentology of Neogene Coal-Bearing Strata on the Kenai Peninsula” field trip that did not occur at the 2015 GSA Cordilleran meeting. See Ken Helmold for more details.
- Discussion of having the AGS Tech Conference in Fairbanks in 2016. Need an organizer in Fairbanks to take the lead.

6. Adjournment

- Motion for adjournment by Al Hunter, 2nd by Kirk Sherwood, VOTE unanimous, meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Next meeting TBD.