



Geological Society of Connecticut

Board of Directors Meeting

December 5, 2012 Dinosaur State Park

Call to order by J. Stone @ 4:30pm

Attendance: Meg Enkler, Ralph Lewis, Margaret Thomas, Janet Stone, Mark Lewis, Mike Wizevich, Peter LeTourneau, James (Drew) Hyatt, Harold (Fritz) Moritz.

Minutes: M. Thomas previously emailed minutes from the 09/12/12 meeting to the Board. R. Lewis moved to approve the minutes as submitted; M. Enkler seconded; unanimously approved. Annual Meeting (11/16/12) summary was previously emailed to the Board. R. Lewis moved to approve the annual meeting summary as submitted, F. Moritz seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: R. Lewis presented a treasurer's report based on information available. He reported the cost of the annual meeting was \$2462. Funds received for the meeting registration were \$2400. This is a good outcome, as the goal was to 'break even'. Expenses this year were a bit higher due to bar costs required by ECSU. There was general agreement that University related responsibility for the bar was desirable and reduced the risk of liability exposure for the Society. The cost of the People's Award was \$277. The current balance in the Society bank account is \$4366. M. Enkler motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented. M. Thomas seconded; treasurer's report unanimously approved.

Annual Meeting: D. Hyatt expressed appreciation for the opportunity to have the Environmental Earth Science Dept. of ECSU host the annual meeting. R. Lewis pointed out that high attendance at the meeting showed the Board that member willingness to travel is not the issue some had previously thought. The video recording of J. Stone's talk will be excerpted for various educational outlets (youtube, iTunesU, etc...) pending approval by the USGS.

Officers: The Board needs to elect new officers next month. As G. Batchelder is unable to serve as treasurer, we will refill the office of Treasurer. All offices are available as open seats (except Past President). R. Lewis mentioned we should be thinking ahead about Society members to nominate for Board positions for 2014. M. Thomas reported that Hugo Thomas has volunteered to assist on the membership committee.

J. Stone mentioned that the president not only presides at Society meetings, but also orchestrates the meetings, providing the agenda, venue, etc. She also stated that as president, she has recruited speakers for the annual meeting and fieldtrips.

P. LeTourneau brought up the possibility of 'Co-Officers,' where the responsibility of the office would be shared by 2 individuals. It was generally agreed that this would be helpful, but should be informal. The Officer can seek assistance from others but there should be 1 individual holding the office.

There was a reading of the *Duties of Officers* from the Society Bylaws by the Secretary, M. Thomas. J. Stone called for volunteers, yielding the following slates of candidates:

President- R. Lewis / M. Lewis / P. leTourneau

Vice President- R. Lewis / P. LeTourneau / M. Lewis

Secretary- D. Hyatt / M. Thomas

Treasurer- R. Lewis / M. Thomas

As G. Batchelder and C. Fontanella were not present, J. Stone will contact them to invite them to be on the slate of consideration for these offices.

Committee Assignments:

Communication & Education

J. Stone suggested that the Communication and Education committee be divided into 2 committees. The Communications Committee could be responsible for the website, and the Education Committee could be responsible for publications, such as the newsletter. M. Wizevich disagreed, stating that the website should be an educational resource for all; and there should be a better definition of the committee roles. P. Letourneau stated there is a constant need for website content. F. Moritz volunteered to assist with the website. R. Lewis suggested that the committee put together a proposal for the Board.

Membership

As stated at the annual meeting, there is confusion among the members regarding their membership status. J. Stone suggested we bill the members who have not paid for 2013. R. Lewis suggested that we have a deadline for annual renewal. Annual renewal notices should go out this month, with a reminder email in January.

New committee chair assignments will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Adjourned 6:00pm

Next Meeting Wed, Jan 9th, 2013 @ 4:30pm, Dinosaur State Park.