

**BOD Meeting – Approved
Minutes: January 23, 2018
Wesleyan University, Exley Science Center
4:30-6:00pm**

- **Present:** Fritz Moritz (FM), Margaret Thomas (MT), Ralph Lewis (RL), Janet Stone (JS), Christoph Geiss (CG), Nicholas Hastings (NH), Phil Resor (PR), Mike Wizevich (MW), Drew Hyatt (DH), Shawn Poff (SP), Peter Drzewiecki (guest, advisory board member)
- 4:35 meeting called to order

Welcome & Overview of 2018 Goals [MT]

- MT encouraged BOD members to invigorate subcommittee work outside the BOD meetings.
- Committees include a standing BOD member as a liaison person, but could include membership by others outside the BOD (this could broaden involvement of the membership in committee work)

Order of Business

1. Minutes of Annual Meeting [DH]

- Tabled until the next meeting

2. Treasury Report [FM]

- Student fund is in good shape.
- Tablecloths (\$250) and drink tickets for the annual meeting were donated by JS
- Treasurer Report appended (Appendix A)
- Treasurer's Report was accepted and approved

3. Correspondence (RL)

- Dues for renewal are being received. Bounced emails also coming in.
- Wethersfield men's garden club would like a speaker
- A person with "meteorite" is looking for help
- MT commented that other requests for speakers have been received (e.g. the Sierra Club)

4. Committee Reports

Membership (JS/MT)

- The previous membership list was reduced ≈300 to 275 by removing inactive student members > 2 years old

- 13 members have renewed since the society email was sent to the revised members list including 3 new members
- The current paid total membership is 74
- JS reported on analysis of membership. Efforts have taken place to seek new members to pay dues in a timely manner
- JS described proposed changes for membership categories that include:
 - Regular membership (annual dues \$20)
 - Student membership (\$10)
 - Family membership (\$40, 2 adults and children under 18)
 - Lifetime membership (one-time dues \$500)
 - Corporate membership (\$200, 6 memberships)
 - ⊖ Corporate sponsorship (\$300, includes 6 memberships and ability to post logo to the society website)
- New membership categories were proposed and accepted. Details will be communicated to the membership
- Questions were raised as to how the website will handle these new membership categories. This will be investigated further

Communication and Education (CG/FM)

- FM invited submissions for GeoConnections
- NH will send a report on the annual meeting.
- Updates from academic institutions are desired for GeoConnections
- DH will discuss with the chair of EES at Eastern about an update

Annual Meeting (Nov. 2018) MT/CG

- CG reported on initial efforts for booking rooms at Trinity for the annual meeting next year. The working date is for Friday Nov. 16, although that is not yet finalized
- MT indicated that Paul Olsen has accepted our invitation to be the Keynote speaker

5. RE-Establish Standing Committees: 2018-2020

Membership Committee

- JS is willing to chair the membership committee, MT will help, DH informally assisting through role as secretary

Communication & Education [newsletter/website/guidebooks]

- PR will serve as chair, MW, PD, SP indicated interest.
- Others wishing to serve on this committee should email PR

Program Committee [events: field trips/annual meeting]

- NH will chair this committee. Others: CG (for the coming year), JS, RL, and FM for the upcoming mineral field trip.

Nomination and Election Committee [BOD nominations and elections] – set by the bylaws

- RL and invited participants

6. OLD Business

Scholarship Fund – New Application; New Review Committee

- New guidelines were emailed to the group by MT prior to the meeting
- Once approved, guidelines, application forms, and list of past winners should be posted on the website.
- RL will chair the review committee
- Anyone directly involved cannot serve
- No member should evaluate an application from their home institution
- NH volunteered to be on the committee
- Discussion followed on the timing of submissions. For this year the submissions to the society email will be extended to Friday March 30
- Notifications for winners will be made by May 1, including notification to student supervisors
- Discussion followed on the ideal date. This will be revisited in subcommittee for recommendation to the BOD.

Web Site / Annual Meeting Photos / JWP page

- Website updates will be discussed in subcommittee, and revisions will be made, including changes to membership notification and registration.
- Membership management software to be considered

Academic Advisory Committee

- The academic advisory committee has been a good idea but not effectively utilized
- Initial plans were to have this group provide updates (perhaps through GeoConnections) on new CT research, changes in departments, etc.
- PR, RL, and DV have agreed to formalize guidelines for the Academic Advisory Committee.

GSC Distinguished Lecturer

- Briefly discussed but with no new developments.
- Issue tabled until proposal brought to the BOD

7. NEW Business

Fieldtrip Plans & Proposed Date [Apr 21st?] [FM]

- The spring FT will follow up on the annual meeting mineral theme.
- FM gave an overview of efforts to date and described 3 locations that will be visited
- Parking is likely to be very limited, and efforts to car pool will be essential.
- There may need to be a limit on participants.
- Considerable discussion followed on the likely date for the field trip.
- MT will follow up with a doodle pool to identify desirable dates.

Branding: GSC 'Swag': travel mugs & T-shirts [MT/JS]

- MT showed a GSC logo travel mug made as a gift for student volunteers
- Discussion on swag or other items that raise funds for the society will be continued

BOD Calendar [MT]

- Tuesday meetings seemed to be the most conflict-free days to meet
- MT will send around a doodle pool to identify future meeting dates
- JS – requested people consider running for election to serve as officers (vice chair, chair, past chair) or member at large for the NEGSA

Appendix A: Treasurer's Report

GSC TREASURER'S REPORT 10/4/2017 through 1/23/2018

CASH FLOW - ALL ACCOUNTS

INCOME

2017 Annual Meeting Register:Member	3,200.00
2017 Annual Meeting Register:Nonmember	70.00
2017 Annual Meeting Register:Student	415.00
Membership (regular)	920.00
Membership (student)	105.00
Other Inc (drink ticket sales, beer/wine reimb.)	465.00
Publication Sales	563.00
Rebate (Paypal debit card)	10.13
Student Grant Fund Donation	203.00
TOTAL INCOME	5,951.13

EXPENSES

2016 Annual Meeting (new Bakker check)	2,000.00
2017 Annual Meeting	3,878.54
Fees & Charges (Conn. Dept of State)	50.00
Fees & Charges (cert. mail, stop check)	31.00
Fees & Charges (Paypal - all deposits)	181.73
Web site hosting	469.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,610.27

NET CHANGE

-659.14

SUMMARIES

2018 ANNUAL MEETING

Registrations	3,685.00
Alcohol	465.00
Total income	4,150.00
Insurance	438.00
Café George	2,971.75
Taylor rental	128.79
Beer/wine	340.00
Total expenses*	3,878.54
Net change	271.46

*Not including Paypal fees

STUDENT GRANT FUND

Starting 10/3/2017	426.33
Publication sales	563.00
Donations	203.00
Ending 01/23/2018	1,192.33

ACCOUNT BALANCES

	10/3/2017	1/23/2018	Net
Paypal	5,409.93	3,669.79	-1,740.14
Checking	2,423.15	3,538.15	1,115.00
Cash	175.00	141.00	-34.00
TOTAL	8,008.08	7,348.94	-659.14