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## BOD Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2024

Concentric, Portland, CT

4:30-6:00 pm

Refreshments [Concentric!]

NH, MM, MS, JS, RL, PD, PR, JC; Remote: SP; Absent: CI, CG

Start: 16:41 [NH]

### Minutes [MM]

7/1/2024 Board Meeting - Approved with edits [RL, JS]

### Treasury Report [SP]

- 13 people registered for field trip (more expected)
- There were some complications related to membership payment through PayPal. SP will try to reconcile
- “Merch Payout” fee needs to be investigated (possibly from Yeti mugs)
- 7/1/2024-9/4/2024 - Approved as distributed [RL, PR]

### Correspondence [RL]

- Hebron resident contacted regarding a sinkhole. Referred to building office
- Received post office fee notification

### Website/Google Drive/Google Workspace update [PR]

#### Google for Nonprofits updates?

- MS mentioned that archives should be updated. Last update was 2014.  
*Discussion details related to website noted in Membership committee section*

### Standing Committee Reports

#### Program Committee [RL, JS, CG, NH]

##### September 14<sup>th</sup> Field Trip by Paul Olsen/BBQ

- Applicable permits are being coordinated with DSP
- Registration deadline is Wednesday 9/11 (there is option to register for just the picnic, just the field trip, or both)
- CG and MS corresponding with Paul Olsen
  - MS indicated that Longview Cider House is likely the lunch spot during the field trip
- CG offered to bring a grill (others encouraged to bring charcoal if wanted)
- MM offer for grill still stands. Can coordinate as needed

### Board of Directors 2024

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- PD, JS, PR to also coordinate with CG for BBQ logistics
- Name tags can be distributed as “write your own” stickers

## Annual Meeting plans

### Location, Speaker, JWP award, pricing

- Action item - PR to order JWP award
  - NH to obtain image
- Owenego Inn is still the planned venue. NH coordinating with venue staff
- NH also inquired about catering logistics
  - Selected vendor (Café George) includes tablecloths, additional cutlery items, staff, etc.
  - Price is approximately \$70-75 per head (if considering 75 paid members attending)
  - Appetizers (per caterer specifications) will add approximately \$5 per head
    - NH to inquire about self-serve appetizers (cheese and cracker table) for possible lower pricing
  - There is a cash bar included with the venue fee. Drink prices to be further researched
  - This is a little more expensive (but similar to Heritage Village in price) compared to previous years
- Confirmed that there is a podium and microphone, but no projector. NH to bring projector from office
- JWP award to be ordered by PR
- Student pricing
  - Last year, students received free membership with \$25 meeting registration
- **Motion:** Members will be charged \$70, non-members will be charged \$90, and students will be charged \$25 with free membership. **Approved - [PD, RL]**
- Schedule (Note we have venue until 9:00 PM)
  - Happy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
  - Dinner, business meeting, raffle 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
  - Talk starts at 7:30 PM
- **Raffle prize solicitation**
  - Blurb about raffle prize donation can be included adjacent to Student Research Grant section of News Blast. This will be sent in October News Blast

## **Membership [PR, MS]**

### **GSC membership pitch for EPOC members**

- Committee to draft an email or flyer to Seth for distribution to EPOC members
- (Part of Annual Meeting discussion) – JS indicated that EPOC has been reaching out to her about another field trip. There was a request for a LiDAR related trip. NH can help JS coordinate

### **Wild Apricot update**

- Switch over can be done the second half of September to align with Annual Meeting renewals
- Website migration task can be coordinated by this committee
- Website should be updated in order to better reflect society events, information, etc. to attract new members
  - Committee go through website and update obsolete information
  - At least Home page and Events page should be updated with images of recent events

### **Membership levels and renewal cycle**

- SP confirmed that payment method is still PayPal
- Duplicate accounts will continue to be cleaned up
- The system seems to charge people membership fees for years in which they had not renewed. For example, SP renewed membership for 2024, but was also charged for 2023

## **Communication & Education [JC, PD, MM, CI]**

### **News Blasts**

- Anyone with *good* photos should be sent to Jean. PR to send Jean a link to the Google Drive photo library
- Annual Meeting sign up will be live in October News Blast
  - Need image from Joop to advertise talk
  - Registration deadline is noon Friday 10/25
    - Reminder will be sent one week before and day before deadline
- Future content (so far)
  - October
    - Repeat AIPG information with more speaker information
    - Raffle prize solicitation
  - There will be no November News Blast
  - December

- Picnic recap
- January/February
  - Annual Meeting recap
- Geology quiz
  - Want to avoid discouraging those who submitted a wrong answer. Suggestions to help address this are accepted
  - Getting harder to write, and ideas are wanted
    - So far, we have an October quiz lined up
    - Board members are encouraged to provide images and question suggestions
      - Suggestions for quiz will be an added discussion item for future meetings

### **Scholarship outreach updates**

- Attempting targeted communication with applicable points of contact at the universities
  - Communication includes grant award advertisement, and inquiring about potential applicant pool
- MM to include a slide about the grant in presentation to CCSU on 9/27. Will share slide with Board for distribution

### **AAC meeting in the winter?**

- Not discussed

### **Nomination Committee [PR]**

#### **2024 slate**

- Nomination committee established – JS, PD, RL volunteered
- September 1 News Blast included call for nomination
- October 1 is deadline to recruit someone to be nominated
  - Committee will review list of potential nominees
    - JC set up ballot, so final nominees should be sent to her when ready
- PR will verify the number of vacancies and what positions need to be filled (information is on Google Drive)
- Officer election is two-year term and regular board member election is a three year-term. This timing causes confusion and will be reconciled in the future
- CI resigned as a board member, and her position needs to be re-filled

### **Other Business and Ideas for 2024 not otherwise discussed in Committee Reports?**

#### **Geologic Survey Update**

- EA II position – someone has accepted the role, and they will start mid-October

- Their role will involve mapping (field and GIS)
- EA III position – in the works for hiring
  - Ideally the position will be someone with a background in mapping
- LiDAR
  - 2023 LiDAR will be coming out soon but trying to figure out server logistics. With this set up, there will be new LiDAR every single year
  - Earth MRI survey will be flown spring 2025. Will be a good potential for research
- When staffing is in place, there will be more opportunities for projects, grants, etc.

**NE-AIPG meeting**

- Information has been distributed in September News Blast

**Dinosaur State Park updates:**

**Store collaboration [MM]** - No update

**DSP Day August 3<sup>rd</sup> debrief [NH]**

- Overall went well
- One mineral kit was sold. More can be sold at Annual Meeting
- For next year, we will inquire about participating in DSP Day BINGO card to encourage more visits to the table

**Thank-you gifts for departing BoD members (for last 2 years?)**

- MM collaborated with SP to order GSC logo Yeti mugs
- PR to check list of departed members to verify who received a mug (list is on Google Drive)
- MM delivered Mike Wizevich's mug (he says thank you!)

**Next BoD meeting = January? (unless need one leading up to Annual Meeting in November?)**

**Adjourn: 18:29 [RL, PD]**

**Edits incorporated:**

NH – 10/5/2024