Annual Meeting – Approved Minutes - November 9, 2018

Trinity College

Hamlin Hall & McCook Auditorium 4:00-8:30 pm

Order of Business

Trinity Welcome [CG]
• Greetings and welcome were provided from CG with additional remarks from Dr. Tim Cresswell, Dean of Faculty

Presidents Greeting & BOD Roll Call [MT]
• MT introduced board members, and summarized the evening’s agenda.
• MT also shared GSC outcomes from the past year and indicated plans for future activities

Treasury Report [HM]
• HM presented the society treasurer’s report (see attached business meeting slides), reporting that the GSC is in sound financial shape.
• He noted that donations and raffle outcomes support the student scholarship fund.

Membership [JS]
• JS summarized membership totals and indicating that the society is moving towards a new membership management software.
• She reminded members that there will be an electronic invitation to renew membership coming in the new year.

AAC Acknowledgement & Invitation [PR]
• PR reported on a meeting of the academic advisory committee in the fall describing points of discussion and new initiatives.
**Student Research Fund Program** [RL]

- RL announced recent student research grant recipients including:
  - Ryan Ordung, Univ. of Connecticut. Microbial tracers in groundwater flow. (supervisor: Dr. Gary Robbins)
  - Mark Higgins, Univ. of Connecticut. Farm related sources of Arsenic in GW; using DNA gene sequencing. (supervisor: Dr. Gary Robbins)
  - Andrew Michel, Univ. of Cincinnati. Geochronology of Stamford and Pound Ridge Granites. (supervisor: Dr. Craig Dietsch)
  - Alexis Zanger & Sam March, Trinity College. Pyrrhotite Content in Metamorphic Rocks, Northeastern CT. (supervisor: Dr. Christoph Geiss)

**Elections** [DH]

- DH reported on the nomination process and results for new board members
- The BOD had put forth a roster of 4 candidates. No additional nominations were received and accordingly the following individuals were elected to the board:
  - Janet Stone, Retired Geologist, USGS
  - Phil Resor, Professor, Wesleyan University
  - Ralph Lewis, Retired, Former State Geologist, DEEP
  - Drew Hyatt, Professor, Eastern CT. State University
  - Harold Fritz Moritz, Retired Environmental Consultant

**Joe Webb Peoples Award** [MT]

- MT introduced this year’s Joe Webb Peoples award recipient, Dr. Robert Wintsch, noting his many contributions to the understanding of the bedrock Geology of Connecticut.
- Dr. Wintsch accepted the award and offered remarks.

**Keynote Address** [PEO]

- The audience moved to the presentation hall to conduct a raffle with proceeds going to the student research award. Following the raffle,
- MT introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Paul Olsen, Storke Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Columbia University, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory.
- Dr. Olsen delivered his address entitled “Arctic Ice and the Ecological Rise of Dinosaurs.”