



Geological Society of Connecticut

Board of Directors Meeting

April 11, 2012 Dinosaur State Park

MINUTES

Call to order by J. Stone @ 4:40pm

Attendance: Ralph Lewis, Mark Lewis, Randy Steinen, Janet Stone, Margaret Thomas, Meg Enkler

Minutes Review: M.Thomas previously emailed minutes to the Board. Approval of Minutes from previous BOD meeting- R. Lewis moved to approve the minutes as presented; R. Steinen seconded; unanimously approved. C. Fontanella and M. Wizevich previously corresponded with the board with their approval of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: R. Steinen previously emailed Treasurer's report to the Board. He noted a minor edit in a calculation was needed. R. Lewis motioned that the treasurer's report be approved as amended. M. Enkler seconded; motion carried. Steinen will submit the amended treasurer's report for the records.

Old Business

NE GSA meeting: The NE GSA meeting in Hartford was a huge success. The Society table earned \$400 from memberships; \$85 in guidebooks sold. Additional guidebooks (GSC Guidebook #1) were ordered by the Friends of Dinosaur State Park after the meeting. The meeting news and membership basket prize winner announcement will be submitted to the newsletter.

New Address: The Society address will be moving with the transition of duties to the new treasurer. R. Lewis will secure a new PO Box, and send the info to P. LeTourneau. J. Stone will prepare a field trip announcement for distribution email/newsletter/website.

Committee Reports

Events: The Spring Fieldtrip is June 16th (rain date June 23rd). The topic is *Terroir* the interplay of rock and soil, as it relates to vineyards, and the effect of geology on wine. J. Stone, R. Lewis, and R. Steinen will continue to develop the fieldtrip plan. Society member Howard Bursen, master winemaker and vineyard consultant has agreed to be the vineyard guide. Harvey Luce, emeritus professor of soil science University of Connecticut, will lead the discussion of the vineyard soils. Eastern CT vineyards will be featured for this first of 2 planned Terroir trips. Details of transportation and food are to be finalized. The estimated cost is \$50 for members; \$70 for non-members. The focus of the after trip gathering will be locally grown food.

The Annual Meeting in the Fall may be held at Eastern CT State University. Program Committee will bring recommendations to the board.

Membership: There was a marked increase in membership as a result of the Society table at the NE GSA meeting. The board suggested that a membership list be sent out with a renewal notice. Members have expressed confusion about their renewal status. R. Steinen stated that a renewal notice should be sent out 30 days prior to membership being due, which is by Dec 2nd. There was general agreement that announcement of the Spring fieldtrip would be an opportunity to remind members to renew.

Communication and Education Committee / Newsletter: P. LeTourneau's email reports that news items are needed from membership committee; NE GSA. C. Fontanella has forwarded a news item for NE GSA. M. Enkler will forward a photo for use with the article. M. Lewis will send a membership summary to P. LeTourneau. There was discussion about the complications of transferring the domain name. M. Thomas will try to get the authorization code to P. LeTourneau to enable the domain transfer. There was general discussion about the concept of having committee chairs update web content in their area of responsibility. There is a recognized need to keep the website up to date, and board members should be responsible for the content. If this proves to be unworkable, the board will revisit options for maintenance of the Society website.

New Business:

Society Award- Establishment of a Society award to recognize an individual or organization's outstanding contribution to the CT Geological community was discussed. R. Lewis motioned that the award be named the Joe Webb Peoples award. M. Enkler seconded. It was unanimously approved. M. Wizevich previously nominated Jean Crespi for a Society award through email communication to the board. Discussion ensued and it was unanimously approved that Jean Crespi be awarded the first Joe Webb Peoples Award of the Society, for her extraordinary work as general chair of the NE GSA meeting in Hartford March 17-20. The award will be announced at the Spring fieldtrip, and physically awarded at the annual meeting. A committee was formed to establish the guidelines and criteria for future awards. R. Lewis and M. Enkler, in consultation with M. Wizevich, will formulate the details of the award program for recommendation to the board. M. Wizevich is asked to summarize Dr. Crespi's accomplishments as a news announcement of the Society award.

Budget for Next Year: R. Steinen previously emailed the projected budget for next year to the board. There was general agreement that the budget plan was reasonable.

Correspondence: none

Adjourn 6:40pm

Next Meeting Wed, June 6th @ 4:30pm, Dinosaur State Park.