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Annual Meeting Minutes November 19, 2021 Virtual on Zoom

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 5:07 (PR)

In attendance: PR, MT, NH, CG, SP, JC, RL, MM, JS, MW and up to 26 members

Welcome by GSC President

and brief introduction to agenda (PR)

Breakout Rooms to Discuss Future Activities

Field Trips

Old Lyme Park: fieldtrip guide and map almost complete

Bill Burton proposes trip to W. CT to discuss new findings / interpretations

Paul Olson volunteers for CT Valley trip, including Dinosaur SP

Joop Varenkamp suggests wetland-related field trip

Gary Robbins suggests glacial geology / groundwater-related trip, but admits, there might be "little to see" as everything happens underground

Meetings

Overall preference for in-person meetings

Slight preference for academic rather than private settings

Central meeting locations (CCSU, Trinity, UCONN, Yale) preferred to reduce travel distances

student attendance in academic / private sites – which setting draws more students?

Smaller events may boost sales of GSC swag to bolster student research fund

Suggestion to add more student-centered activities (e.g., mentoring)

Other possible activities:

picnics well-received, "pop-up" micro-field trips (one site, almost no travel),

geological jeopardy night, science on tap informal gatherings

Student Activities

Short courses (e.g., LIDAR)

Include student representative on BoD / acad. advisory committee

Young professionals group / student group, might start by connecting existing geo clubs, MM offered to coordinate existing clubs

Business Meeting

Moment of silence for Patrick Getty who had recently passed away

Presentation of treasurer's report (attached) (SP)

Overall reduced income / expenses due to Covid

Society made small net profit (~\$200), supported three students through student research fund

B. Wintsch suggests establishment of rainy day fund, BoD points out that we generally carry over significant sum from year to year (de facto rainy day fund)

Membership (PR)

Currently 86 regular, 27 student members

introduction of proposed membership directory to general membership

opt-out e-mail will follow

Proposed changes to bylaws (PR)

include mostly house-keeping changes to align bylaws with actual activities

e-mail message describing changes will be sent to members

3 week voting period for members

Student Research Fund (PR)

presented three awards to David Ahumada (UCONN), Rebekah Kennedy (Wesleyan), and Zachary Klang (Wesleyan) for research conducted in Connecticut

BoD membership (PR)

Thanked James (Drew) Hyatt and Harold (Fritz) Moritz for years of service

Welcomed Jean Crespi and Melissa Mostowy as new board members

Joe Webb Peoples Award (PR)

Awarded to Mark Evans (CCSU)

Keynote Lecture

The LIDAR Revolution in Earth Surface Mapping - Will Ouimet and Janet Stone

Meeting ended shortly after 7PM (PR)