



# GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT

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## BOD Meeting Minutes – approved

July 14, 2020

[ZOOM](#)

4:30-6:00 pm

### Refreshments [BYOB]

Present: PR, JS, MT, RL, NH, SP, MW, FM, CG, DV

### Minutes

#### 05/05/2020 [DH] (2 min)

- Approved as revised. DH will send to CG and post on society Google drive.

#### Treasury Report [FM] (5 min)

- Received and appended.

#### Correspondence [RL] (3 min)

- Limited activity. Some identification requests, one piece of mail
- RL commented that there has been little P.O. box activity for a while. In discussion, MT commented that as a nonprofit the P.O. box address is needed as a physical address.

#### Committee Reports – What can/should we do during the pandemic?

- PR encouraged subcommittees to meet outside of regular BOD meetings, report on society business, and reinvigorate activity.
- Subcommittees will meet to discuss events and education/outreach efforts.

#### Event Committee [MT, FM, JS, RL] (30 min)

##### Fall field trip(s)

- PR commented on limitations placed on some universities including no off-campus activities and limiting van transport to the driver plus one student. This could influence the use of vans for society events in the upcoming year.
- FM led discussion of the status of the Old Mine field trip. This has been on hold for a variety of reasons. This was viewed as possibly a good site for an informal meetup.
- MT indicated that the map is now available online which would be of interest to members. There was some discussion of sharing this map with the membership.

- Several C19-safe activities were discussed including:
  - Short informed geo-walks, ≈ 1 hour on sites of geologic interest. Less formal than a field trip, at sites suitable for interested members to drive to on their own (with ample safe parking).
  - This could facilitate donations for the scholarship fund.
  - Short field trips that safely bring people together with a bag-lunch. RL volunteered to lead a trip at sites he knows of.
- PR requested that BOD members develop and submit brief proposals for these activities prior to our September meeting. This will be a discussion item at our next meeting.
- Considerable discussion followed on ways in which society activities could be of use to the membership and the geological community. Ideas brought forth include:
  - Video vignette competition for members to describe sites of geologic interest
  - YouTube postings of similar videos
  - A contest would ease selecting a subset of videos, which would ensure quality.
  - Requesting that past student scholarship awardees prepare a brief video or web-appropriate summary of their work
  - RL commented on success in his geology class for UCONN on having students' present podcasts rather than in-person presentations. A podcast submission/contest could be developed.
  - Similarly, MW described his efforts with students presenting posters on geologic sites of their choosing.
  - Specifics on managing (if necessary), posting, and linking video to the society website would need to be resolved.
- RL will receive submissions on short geo-walks to bring back to the society for discussion at our next meeting.
- PR requested that the events committee meet separately to consider these ideas for discussion at our next meeting.

## **2020 Annual meeting**

- The fall meeting will be virtual, and the board will need to formalize plans on such an event. Several ideas were discussed including:
  - Approaching Maureen Long on providing a virtual keynote (PR will contact her)
  - Hosting, perhaps with zoom, sharing business reports from appropriate BOD members
  - The society needs to determine who is up for reelection. This should be in the google.
  - PR will chair a meeting to organize a virtual annual meeting. MW and NH volunteered to help.

## **Communication & Education [CG, NH, FM, MW] (20 min)**

### **2020 DL, Academic Advisory Committee**

- Bob W. is the 2020 distinguished speaker. Would he be willing to do this virtually?
- Academic advisory meeting discussion:
  - This could be a zoom meeting.
  - Several ideas discussed considered ways that the GSC could support geologic programs.
  - In addition to ideas identified earlier in the minutes, it may be helpful to develop a brief list of sites and information that would be of use to the geologic community. A prompt sent to the AAC and perhaps the membership might solicit feedback for the GSC to post/share relevant information.
  - DH will prepare a draft document for revision to organize solicitations for information on such a listing (this will be sent to the BOD via email over the next week). Ideas raised included known

outcrop sites, associated parking, useful online resources (*e.g.* 3D geologic samples, other web resources), good YouTube videos, geo-hiking sites, etc.).

- MT emailed after draft minutes were posted commenting that the State Survey has content that would be useful for possible walk/video series. In addition to their garnet trail web/story map sites there are Earthcache sites described online. The website is undergoing a transition, but may be accessed from <https://www.depdata.ct.gov/maps/earthcache/earthcachemap.htm>
- The Connecticut Garnet Trail will be republished online soon.

### **Web page**

- Web page is very important to the society. It will be important to provide updates as appropriate
- Michael Ross from DSP may have content that could be linked to on the website. Several agreed that he should be invited to a future BOD meeting to introduce himself.
- DH will reach out to Michael.
- PR and CG will create a zoom meeting on the website. MW, CG, RL, PR, DH will be included.

### **Social Media**

- Tabled.

### **Membership [JS, MT, SP] (2 min)**

- GSC activities are needed to engage the membership.
- The guidebook for Mine Park could be provided to the membership as a pdf, with a less formal field trip.
- FM will talk with MT.
- In the past, the GSC did vote to provide past guidebooks for sale as prints and pdfs.

### **NEGSA 2021 [MW, CG, MT, DH, PR] (10 min)**

#### **Meeting is going ahead**

- GSC discussed sponsoring the event. This was viewed positively although the level of commitment needs to be clarified.
- Sponsorship would provide exposure for the society. Logo, business meeting, filler slides, student videos, cut to the next business item.
- MW will discuss with Mark Evans what would be involved if the society were to sponsor the event.
- MT commented that several short courses are proposed. MW and CG are also involved with sessions an DH with exhibits. 4 are proposed as well as some field trips.

### **NEIGC [NH, PR] (5 min)**

- Postponed until the fall of 2021 due to C19. The timing in October 2021 will need to avoid conflicting with national GSA in Portland Oregon.
- A committee will need to form to start recruiting trips. Activity on this will likely begin in the winter of 2021.

**End of Meeting:** 6:00 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Early September – date finalized by email.



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### GSC TREASURER'S REPORT 5/5/2020 through 7/13/2020

#### CASH FLOW - ALL ACCOUNTS

##### INCOME

Membership (regular)	40.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>40.00</b>

##### EXPENSES

Wild Apricot (3 months)	180.00
Paypal & transaction fees	2.96
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>182.96</b>

**NET CHANGE** -142.96

##### ACCOUNT BALANCES

	5/4/2020	7/13/2020	Net
Paypal	1451.29	1308.33	-142.96
Checking	1316.56	1316.56	0.00
Cash	718.07	718.07	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3485.92</b>	<b>3342.96</b>	<b>-142.96</b>

##### STUDENT GRANT FUND

Balance as of 5/4/2020 253.33