



Geological Society of Connecticut

Steering Committee Meeting

February 8th, 2010, Hartford Marriott Rocky Hill, CT

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Janet Stone at 5:00pm

Attendees: Janet Stone; Randy Steinen; Gail Batchelder; Peter LeTourneau;
Margaret Thomas; Mike Wizevich

❖ **Field trip** details were discussed, the target date is still Sat May 1st.

Mike W. can get roadside stop permits from DOT. The fieldtrip may involve 4 stops including the Rte9 outcrops, and the Suzio York Hill Quarry. Fieldtrip program abstracts were discussed.

Margaret will contact Suzio for permission to enter the quarry, explore the possibility of abstract publication through the State Geological Survey, and check into potential printing costs and ISBN# assignment.

Janet offered to compile submitted documents. A booklet similar to State Geological and Natural History Survey Miscellaneous Reports 1 was discussed.

Gail will arrange for CEU credit for participants when the contents of the fieldtrip are finalized. 8 hours of professional development are equivalent to 1 CEU. A Licensed Environmental Professionals board, will meet the 2nd week of April, and review any proposed CEU.

❖ **Constitution** discussion ensued based on the draft document distributed via email by Mike Wizevich.

Membership Categories- There was much debate regarding membership categories. It was voted that all membership categories are to have full voting rights. There will be no 'Associate' members.

Management- The Board of Directors shall consist of 9 Directors, including President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President, as well as the appropriate number of Directors at Large to achieve 9 positions.

Finances- the Fiscal Year is to be July 1-June 30th. The Membership year is defined as the calendar year. Members who have joined during 2009 will also receive credit for the year 2010.

Other suggested wording or phrasing changes to the drafted Constitution are to be submitted to Mike Wizevich for possible inclusion into a new draft.

❖ **Bylaws** discussion ensued based on the draft document distributed via email by Mike Wizevich.

Membership- Associate Members will not be a membership category.

Student Members must be enrolled full time in an academic degree program.

Sponsorship (Sec 2)- Language crafted. Corporate or other sponsorships include up to 6 individual memberships.

Dues- Honorary Members do not pay dues.

Board of Directors- Term limits discussed. (Article III). The term limits will be arranged so as to limit the number of new Board members to no more than half of the Board per ballot.

Elections (Sec 2)- Nomination for elected office can be brought forth from the membership. Language is to be crafted in order to make provisions in the bylaws for officer nominations from the membership. Online voting will be explored.

Bylaws discussion is to be continued at the next steering committee meeting.

- ❖ **NonProfit status and Tax liability**- CAAS letter of engagement confirming the services of John Purtill was presented by Peter. He will distribute the letter to the steering committee for review. Upon committee approval, Peter will sign on behalf of the Society.

The Society needs to respond to Murtha Cullina's letter of engagement. It was proposed that Randy reply to the letter, declining engagement on the basis of cost to the Society.

- ❖ **Minutes**- Motion to accept the draft minutes of the January 11th meeting moved and accepted.

Next Steering Committee Meeting: Mon, Mar 22th, 2010 @ 5:00pm Marriott Rocky Hill.

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:45pm.

Submitted by M.Thomas, 2/23/10
Amended 3/22.