

Executive Meeting Minutes

Saskatchewan Geological Society

Thursday, December 10, 2015, Noon,

Room 237.1, College West, 12 to 1:30 pm

Present: Ralf Maxeiner, Michelle Hanson, Jason Cosford, Jared Noll, Ryan Morelli, Monica Cliveti, Dave MacDougall and Maria Velez

Regrets: Kate MacLachlan, Colin Card, Bernadette Knox, Murray Rogers

1. Approval of Agenda;
Agenda approved unanimously
2. Approval of Minutes of last executive meeting on Nov 3, 2015.;
motion to approve by Michelle Hanson, seconded by Ralf Maxeiner; all in favour; yes
3. New business
 - a. Annual General Meeting preparation (Dave, Ralf)
room has been booked, confirmed for Feb. 6th, menu chosen (Caribbean?) and wine chosen (same as last year) (attached booking).
 - i. Scheduling of events, format of meeting
Motion proposed by J. Cosford to change the format of the meeting to have the social event first and then the business meeting. R. Morelli seconded. All in favor, M. Hanson abstained.
 - ii. Ticket sales
Dave MacDougall said that there is no reason to increase the price of the tickets; he will take care of printing the tickets.
 - iii. Student Awards
M. Cliveti and M. Rogers are taking care of that, M. Rogers has asked already department chairs to provide list of best students. M. Cliveti said that it will be most likely in January after marks are submitted.
 - iv. Honour Roll Committee Report, Nominations (Dave)
Glen Caldwell was the name suggested by Don Kent. Don Kent will contact Glen. D. MacDougall suggested that Tom Sibbald could be another candidate. **Action Dave and Honour Roll committee: Decision on who to nominate needs to be made by the end of December.**
 - v. Other
Certificates can be done, Murray will provide template. Cannot be framed, Ralf suggested getting a photograph. **D. MacDougall will work on that.** Slide Show: **Action for all to send R. Maxeiner pictures of geological trips to be displayed during the AGM social. Ralf to put on a USB stick**

- b. Executive Nominations

R. Maxeiner: executive nominations will be out next week. We need volunteers, the only fixed positions are the ones from M. Hanson and B. Knox. Ralf will be past president, R. Morelli asked if any member could be president. R. Maxeiner answered that the first choice should be somebody from the current executive for continuity. R. Morelli does not want to be president but he is willing to. Jason, was asked but he prefers R. Morelli to be. To recruit other members, **J. Cosford will ask Anna Gagnon (J.D. Mollard)** if she wants to be on the executive, she is in several committees already but J. Cosford will ask. M. Cliveti was asked if she wanted to remain in the Exec. And she said “yes and no”, as she already knows her job. It was decided to put a call for nominations, and if nobody comes forward we should recruit people.

Action Ralf: include call for nominations in next newsletter.
 - c. AGM Report, set deadlines

R. Maxeiner suggested to have a deadline for the report and suggested January 15th. Part of that document is the budget so M. Hanson will have it ready before that date so it can be circulated.

Action all Exec: Create individual reports for inclusion in AGM report by January 15.

Action Ralf: circulate previous AGM report to executive members to serve as example/template
 - d. Museum, Provincial Fossil Poll (Dave)

D. MacDougall: The Museum is having a poll to select a provincial fossil. They have a display of the contenders. M. Hanson, was asked about the possibility of having the poll card for the AGM. The polling will be online and will be introduced in Jan/Feb. **Action Ralf: suggested that it should be announced in the newsletter.**
 - e. Picture for APEGS magazine to Dave (Dave)

Action: R. Maxeiner has access to many of these pictures and will pass them on to D. MacDougall
 - f. Content of next newsletter (Ralf)

Content of the next newsletter; Ralf reminds everybody that anybody can create or suggest content for the newsletter.

Action M. Hanson will write a summary of the public lecture from the Open House.

Action R. Maxeiner will find out the list of students that participated in the poster session (he will ask M. Rogers); include in newsletter.
4. Ongoing business
- a. Memberships update (Ryan)

R. Morelli had to leave so we advanced with this before he left. This is the report: 2015: Active (76), Student (66) and Corporate (20); 2016 (to date): Active (10), Student (84), Corporate (1)
 - b. Update of talk schedule, Open House public lecture review (Jason, Maria)

see attachment on last page of minutes; J. Cosford provided the list of the coming talks (attached).

Action for J. Cosford to confirm the date of the talk by W. McKinnon so Maria can start with the booking of the UofR Education Auditorium.

- c. Business Manager Update (Monica)
Curling is booked for March 19th Monica will not be there.
Monica will provide the numbers of attendees; Monica to confirm booking for Dec 18 talk.
- d. Treasury update (Michelle)
Michelle apologized for not having the update. She needed approval for \$10,871.47 CAD this is related to open house Hub City Display (unanimously approved). She also needed approval for for printing of the abstract volumes for Open House. Ralf thinks we don't pay for it. As a government publication it should come from the government funds. Ralf is right. Gary is paying for that.
- e. Field Trip Expenses; procedures template (Michelle; Ryan)
R. Morelli circulated the template for the public to request funds from SGS for field trips. It was determined that the PDF will go on the website.
Action R. Maxeiner: will post it on the website.
- f. Kent Club report (Jared)
Trip to Esterhazy mining on, Nov. 23, seven students went, three from the executive and the rest from the UofR undergraduates. David Vaugh and Chanelle Joubert toured them around and also gave them a presentation. Stayed the night in Estevan the club covered all expenses.

Boston pizza fund raising and the Christmas party went well. 30 students will be sent to WIUGC, hotels will be covered, 2nd and 3rd year students are going; several students are also presenting. 80% covered for 40 students to go to PDAC; 3 students are presenting.

The students will be attending the following conferences WIUGC, PDAC (14 students) and Round up (7 students).

Selling clothing, D. MacDougall asked if the clothing could be sold at the AGM.

Action to J. Noll, to send to Ralf the names of the students that present in the conferences.

- g. Open House Committee post-mortem incl Short Course (Colin)
Colin is not here R. Maxeiner will speak. The open house went over at the begging of December. A lot of executive members were there. Short summary will go in the newsletter, as SGS is a co-host with the government. Two things: Grant Zazula's talk was great, so that we will maybe bring him back to Regina. Ralf wrote a letter to his employer to congratulate him. There was an SGS booth with banners and calendars to sell. A short course by J.D. Mollard, was well attended, not full capacity. Short course: it was an SGS event, Colin and Shawn were in the Core Lab the day after. M. Hanson, in terms of finances, the profit is around \$2,000. Another amount will come from the short course. R. Maxeiner: the Society will get \$1,000 stipends.
- h. Calendar Committee; sales; discussion needed re left-over calendars; ?BC Round-up (Ralf; Dave's suggested distribution)
R. Maxeiner: one of the reasons why we asked for a booth at Open House was to sell the calendar, but unfortunately sales were slow. We sold about 20-30 calendars, particularly after the talk.
Discussion on the calendar, do we do it again?
R. Maxeiner left 10 calendars at the airport. Other ideas to sell the remaining calendars are:

To send some to BC Geological Survey, Jason Berenyi is he is willing to take some (for small fee or free) to take to BC Round up conference.

Dave had suggested distribute some to schools. M. Hanson suggested to talk to the science consultant, and to ask him to distribute. M. Hanson suggests to wait until the New Year and then decide to send it the schools. All agreed that what calendars are left over in January should be distributed to schools so teachers can hang up in classrooms. It is in keeping with the mandate of the Society.

M. Hanson will follow up with K. MacLachlan to find out when the mail out to schools occurs so we are ready on time to send calendars.

- i. Other business
None
5. Unfinished Business
 - a. Delayed 'til Dec: Spreadsheet of Publications and Organizing files at Lab (Bernie's lead)
When B. Knox gets back it will be in the agenda.
 - b. Geological Highway Map (Re-profiling through Website and SaskTourism; Reprint) (Ralf)
6. Next meeting: week of Jan 11th
7. Adjourn

Attachments:

Upcoming Speakers

1. Ralf Maxeiner (Montana Field Trip)
Dec 18th
2. Dr. Julia Wellner - University of Houston
AAPG Distinguished Lecturer
Antarctica's sedimentary archives of past glacial history: tools for understanding climate change.
Monday 25th, January.

Abstract: Antarctica's sedimentary archives of past glacial history: Tools for understanding climate change

During times of past extensive glaciations, the Antarctic ice sheet extended from its current position, reaching across the continental shelf. As the ice sheet retreated to its modern extent, the shrinking ice sheet left behind seawater, rather than ancient ice, leaving behind a sedimentary signature of deglacial history. Marine geophysical survey data, including 3.5 kHz profiles and multibeam swath bathymetry, combined with sediment cores, are used to map the extent of past ice, estimate the speed at which it was flowing, and understand the style of retreat. Radiometric dating gives ages of retreat and allows comparison to other global archives. Past periods of glacial retreat, which tend to be diachronous, are compared to the modern day retreat, which is happening across large areas in a short period of time. Ongoing work is targeting records from times of past high CO₂ conditions, like those predicted in our future.

Biography

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Ph.D., Rice University, 2001

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3. Luc Chabanole
Bakken Jan 21st?
4. Dr. Joyce McBeth – U of Sask:
Environmental microbiology of mine sites
February 15-19