



SGS Meeting Minutes – February 07, 2015

Minutes of the Saskatchewan
Geological Society Annual
General Meeting
And
Awards Dinner

Saturday, February 07, 2015

Travelodge Hotel

4177 Albert Street South Regina, Saskatchewan, S4S 3R6





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Meeting Agenda

1. Cocktails (6:00 pm)
2. Dinner (7:00 pm)
3. Student Awards (8:30 pm)

President's Award (best undergraduate student poster at the Saskatchewan Geological Open House)

Lazlo Fuzesy Award (best graduate student poster at the Saskatchewan Geological Open House)

Robert Milner Award (outstanding 4th year geology student at University of Regina)

Walter Kupsch Award (outstanding 4th year geology student at University of Saskatchewan)

4. Saskatchewan Geological Society Geoscience Honour Roll Awards
5. Induction of Lifetime Emeritus Memembers
6. Annual General Business Meeting –Call to Order
7. Approval of Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting
8. Approval of Executive Reports for 2014





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Minutes recorded by Bernadette Knox, incoming secretary

Colin Card chairing the Meeting

Thanks extended to:

Don Kent Consulting for sponsoring the wine at the tables; and the staff of the Travel Lodge.

Announcements:

Welcomes to distinguished guests:

1. Andrew Loken (APEGs President) and his wife Flaviana
2. Margaret Anne Hodges (APEGs President Elect)
3. Dennis Paddock, (APEGs Executive Director and Registrar) and His wife Wendy
4. Tina Maki (APEGs Director of Registration)
5. Pam Schwann (SMA Executive Director)
6. Dr. Guoxiang Chi, Head University of Regina Geology Department
7. Jason Cosford, J.D. Mollard and Associates
8. Shayna Glass, President of D.M. Kent Geology Club, University of Regina
9. Jason Berenyi and Bill Slimmon, Saskatchewan Geological Survey

Executive in attendance:

Colin Card (President), Ralf Maxeiner (Vice President), Lynn Kelly (Past President), Murray Rogers/Jason Cosford (Program Chairs), Michelle Hanson (Treasurer), Kate MacLachlan (Business Manager).

Regrets: Dan Kohlruss (Secretary).

3) Student Awards

Murray Rogers leads student awards presentation.

This year there are four student awards to be presented. In addition to the awards each student will receive a cheque for \$250 and a recently published book titled "Four Billion Years and Counting, Canada's Geological Heritage."

Special thanks to our judges Camille Partin (University of Saskatchewan), Jeanette Roelofsen (University of Regina), and Brian McEwan (Geological Consultant) for judging the 16 graduate student posters and Kate MacLachlan (APEGs) for judging the 8 undergraduate student posters.



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Murray Rogers (Program Chair) with Sean Hillacre (right), who received the Walter Kupsch award. Sean also received the President's award.

nature of ore-forming fluids.

Second place graduate poster was awarded to Sara Worsham (not in attendance) of the University of Saskatchewan for her poster titled: Using a novel magnesium isotope tracer to investigate the dolomitization of the Upper Ordovician strata in the Williston Basin. Sara received a cheque for \$100 and a copy of the book.



Amanda Palaniuk receiving the Robert Milner Award from Dr. Chi.

President's Award was presented by Kate MacLachlan to Sean Hillacre of the University of Saskatchewan for his undergraduate poster titled:

Preliminary stereonet interpretation and structural analysis of the Arrow uranium discovery, Athabasca Basin, Saskatchewan.

Kate MacLachlan presented the **Lazlo Fuzesy Award** to Erin Adlakha (not in attendance) of the University of Ottawa

tourmaline in Ottawa U for her graduate poster titled: *The occurrence and chemistry of tourmaline associated with the McArthur River uranium deposit: implication for the*

Dr. Chi was honored to present **Robert Milner Award** to Amanda Palaniuk, the top graduating undergraduate geology student at the University of Regina with an outstanding GPA of 89.2%.

Murray Rogers presented the **Walter Kupsch Award** to Sean Hillacre, the top graduating undergraduate geology student at the University of Saskatchewan, in recognition of his 85% GPA.



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Dr, Ken Ashton giving his acceptance speech after having been included on the SGS Honour Roll.

4) SGS Geoscience Honour Roll Award & Special Mentions

Dave MacDougall presented the Geoscience Honour Roll Award to Dr. Kenneth Ashton of the Saskatchewan Geological Survey. Ken graciously accepted the award and had the crowd in fits of laughter.



Outgoing President Colin Card (left) congratulates Dave MacDougall on receiving a lifetime emeritus membership.

5) Induction of Lifetime Emeritus Members:

A **Lifetime Emeritus Membership** was presented by Murray Rogers to David MacDougall. Dave was in attendance to accept. Dave has thoroughly enjoyed all that he has done and the wonderful people he has had a chance to work with.

Colin awarded the door prize of "The Great Saskatchewan Bucket List" to Benji Hazen.

6) Annual General Business Meeting – Call to order at 9:35 pm

7) Approval of Minutes of the AGM held February 1, 2014:

Approval of the February 1, 2014 AGM minutes moved by Ralf Maxeiner, seconded by Lynn Kelly.

Motion carried.



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8) Approval of the 2013 Executive Reports

a) Presidents report – Colin reports that it has been a successful and exciting year. Some changes to how the Society operates in a more business like environment and that it has become more accountable.

b) Vice president Report – Colin mentions that the SGS now has a proper Access database in which memberships are tracked through the years. Memberships were up this year. Executive has moved to storing pertinent files on a secure dropbox site on the internet, so they are accessible to all Executive members.

c) Treasurer Report

Michelle Hanson explained that we now charge GST on commercial activities and get a credit for GST that we pay on commercial activities. Colin Card wanted to make it clear that the accounts are available for review if wanted especially in respect Review Engagement Report.

Membership was asked if a financial audit should be performed in 2015.

Brian Brunskill suggested it be done when the Treasurer changes. Pam Schwann suggested it should be done more frequently, especially when a Treasurer is in for longer periods of time. This will help to make sure everything is kept in good shape.

Motion of not completing an audit in the upcoming year by Kim Kreis, Don Kent seconds. Unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

Michelle Hanson mentions a Financial Review needs to be done if the membership requests it as it is one of the obligations of a non-profit organization according to the Provincial Corporation Act. Lynn Kelly wonders how much a review costs and Colin Card informs us it is \$4000 and may be potentially less if we are able to shop around. Don Kent suggests putting some money aside each year so that there will be a fund available to pay for audits/financial reviews. Consensus that this is an excellent idea.

Deirdre O'Donohoe motions to not do a financial audit in the upcoming year, Janis Dale seconds. Unanimous vote in favour of the motion.

d) Business Managers report –no comments

e) Program Chair report –A general thanks to Murray Rogers and Jason Cosford for bringing in such an excellent group of speakers covering a wide range of topics. In addition it was discussed that the Open House Public Lecture was once again a huge success.

Don Kent raises business from the floor to continue operating the Core Conference at the Williston Basin Petroleum as it brings in a significant amount of money to the society allowing for these high quality speakers. Hairuo Qing motions that the Core Conference continue, and Janis Dale seconds. There is a unanimous vote in favor of this motion.



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Educational report –Don Kent has mentioned that we get more children out to the school lectures if we are willing to pay for students to be bussed to the lecture. There is a cost associated with this but the expense is considered worthwhile.

f) Open House Report –Jason Berenyi reports that Open House had an attendance of over 750 people this year. Colin Card would like to say that the conference is excellently organized. Jason Berenyi, Deirdre O’Donohoe, Dustin Zmetana are all thanked for their hard work and innovative ideas. Colin Card compliments the great geoscience content at this conference, student poster awards, public lecture, and short course (fully attended). Floor opened to questions from the membership. No comments on the report.

g) Website Committee Report –Colin Card indicates the website has migrated over to a new format. Bernadette Knox asks how people most want to receive information about Society activity. Deirdre O’Donohoe suggested that a Twitter account and more frequent Facebook updates would be ways to reach new membership. Fran Haidl mentions that emails about upcoming lectures and events is how much of the current active membership receive their information, and she would like to see it continue. It was felt by everyone in attendance that it is vital for emails of upcoming events to continue.

Approval of the Committee Reports was moved by Ryan Morelli, seconded by Murray Rogers. Unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

9) Proposed revisions to the Society By-laws

2. INTERPRETATION

In these Bylaws:

- (a) "the Act" means Saskatchewan Corporation Act";
- (b) when any provision of the Act is referred to, the reference is to that provision as modified by any statute for the time being in force; and
- (c) "the Society" means the "Saskatchewan Geological Society".

10. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

B. The Vice-President shall:

- (a) in the absence of the President exercise all functions and be vested with all the powers of that office,
- (b) be responsible for all aspects of Membership, and may appoint a Membership Committee at their discretion,
- (c) be responsible for recruiting new Members and soliciting Corporate Sponsorships,
- (d) cause a record of Members to be kept showing the details of membership type, mailing address if provided, email address, current membership status, etc., and shall see that notice of any changes therein are given the interested Committees,
- (e) maintain an internet-based account to store digital files such as the membership database, bylaws, financial records, etc. pertinent to the business of the Society, and Remove issue membership cards upon request,



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(f) send Society newsletters and other notices provided by Executive members by email and where necessary by mail to the membership.

E. The Business Manager shall:

(a) assume the duties of the Secretary or Treasurer in their absence,
(b) coordinate the three main social events of the Society: the Annual General Meeting, the Curling Bonspiel, and the Golf Tournament/BBQ. Duties would include soliciting volunteers to help to work on organizing the event and at the event, booking the venue, assigning tasks, oversight on all aspects of the event including the schedule, food, awards, prizes, tickets, invitations, audio-visual, etc. where appropriate, and report to the Executive on the status of these events,

Add the following

(c) be responsible for the audio-visual requirements for the luncheon talks, public lectures, and the annual general meeting (to be planned with the Program Chairperson), and

(d) be responsible for the student awards presented at the annual general meeting including contacting the recipients and coordinating their attendance, having the awards engraved, preparing the certificates, and ensuring the associated prizes are available.

F. The Program Chairperson and Assistant Program Chairperson shall:

(a) arrange for speakers and all technical programs for meetings and upon request the field trips, (b) prepare notices of all meetings and field trips, and

(c) be principally responsible for logistical support (e.g., accommodation, remove audio-visual, meeting rooms, and entertainment) of visiting speakers.

There is no longer producing membership cards

10) Floor opened up for discussion.

Colin Card opened up the meeting to business from the floor.

Don Kent asked that he should remain the first person contacted when there will be additions to the Honour Roll. Pam Schwann informs us that by-laws significantly bind society/society member to the duties and that we may want to carefully consider adding bylaws in the future. Murray Rogers mentions that this is the way it has always been done. Dave MacDougall mentions that they duties have always changed and evolved and there is also handing around of duties to different members. Colin Card suggests a review the legislation to see how detailed to make the by-laws. Benji Hazen says that roles and responsibilities do not have to be part of the bylaws. Kim Kris and Pam Schwann says that we all agree there needs to be a set of duties but perhaps it does not need to be as formal. Agreement that this should be discussed by the Executive.

Approval of the proposed revisions to the by-laws moved by Kim Kreis, Mike Kelly seconds. The motion was carried.

Michelle Hanson has provided a 2015 budget for review and there are several on each table. They were emailed out to membership in advance of the meeting.

Approval of the 2015 budget is moved by Ralf Maxeiner, seconded by Brian Brunskill. Unanimous vote in favor of the motion.



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Brian Brunskill asks about the balance of money the SGS currently has. Michelle Hanson outlines the values and the certain amounts that are restricted and non-restricted. Colin Card indicates that each year we have additional expenses that we need to budget for and that bringing in speakers becomes more expensive each year.

Brian Brunskill asks about the status of Geoscape. Michelle Hanson gives information about the program and the one time grant given to the SGS for use in bring in a public lecturer. Geoscape website has also been migrated over to a new Content Management System. Fran Haidl says the website is in desperate need of an update. Many of the links are broken and also need to be updated. Pam Schwann says that educational information is also being generated through APEGS and an open conversation between these two organizations is essential. Fran Haidl indicates that her and Kate MacLachlan are in full conversation.

11) New 2013 Executive Introduced

Colin Card announces the 2015 SGS Executive after the membership approved the continuation of Michelle Hanson (5th year 1st year of 3rd term).

Moved by Deirdre O'Donohoe, seconded by Hairuo Qing. Approved.

Ralf Maxeiner as the new President, Ryan Morelli as Vice President, Colin Card as the Past-President, Jason Cosford as the Program Chair, Maria Velez as new Assistant Program Chair, Monica Cliveti as Business Manager, and Bernadette Knox as Secretary.

12) Outgoing President presented with thank you gift

Colin Card passes the President position over to Ralf Maxeiner. Ralf Maxeiner presents Colin Card with the traditional engraved hammer in recognition of his service.

13) Presentation by outgoing President

Colin Card presented "How field geology can help you see Saskatchewan Bucket List locations"

14) Adjournment

SGS Annual General Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 pm